

CHAPTER IV

FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION

Article 1

ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

104.0101 ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby created and established a volunteer fire department, and if already created, such department is hereby continued, consisting of a chief, and such other members of said fire department as may from time to time be provided for by the governing body. Members shall be appointed in the manner provided by law.

104.0102 SUPERVISION

The fire chief shall have the control, subject to the order and direction of the governing body, of the fire department and all fire apparatus belonging to the city; whenever any fire apparatus needs repairing said fire chief shall cause the same to be done without delay.

104.0103 DUTIES

The fire chief shall have the following duties and powers:

1. To keep records. The chief of the department shall cause to be kept, in books for that purpose, a full and complete record of the organization of the department, its membership, the respective positions held by the firemen in the department, vacancies, appointments and dismissals, and of all notices issued by the department, and of all its transactions, of all fires occurring in the city, and the cause thereof when ascertainable, of the time lost by firemen, and of all property placed in his charge, and all expenditures made by his order and shall keep such other books and records as shall be required in the department, and such books shall always be open to the inspection of any member of the governing body.
2. To command and control. It shall be the duty of the chief of the department to preserve order and discipline at all times in the department, and to require and force a strict compliance with the ordinances of the city relating to his department and the rules and regulations pertaining thereto. At all fires he shall have sole and absolute control and command over all persons connected with the fire department of the city.
3. To make reports. The chief of the fire department shall report at the end of each six months with one report at the end of the fiscal year. He shall report upon the condition of the fire department, the

number of fires that have occurred in the city since his last report, and during the year in his annual report, and the cause of the same, so far as can be ascertained, the number of buildings destroyed or injured, the names of the owners or occupants of the same as nearly as can be ascertained, and the amount of loss upon the buildings, and other property so destroyed or injured, which report shall be filed in the office of the city auditor.

4. To make annual inventory. The chief of the fire department shall make a complete itemized list and report of all property under his charge and belonging to the city, stating its condition. He shall also report as to such new apparatus or supplies as in his judgment may be needed to properly maintain his department.
5. To prepare a budget. To prepare a budget of the whole cost and expense of providing for and maintaining the fire department of the city during the succeeding fiscal year.
6. To keep property in good condition. To keep property in good condition to see that all apparatus and property committed to his care and the several buildings or portions thereof, are kept clean and in good sanitary condition.
7. To have charge of alarm system. To have charge of alarm system of the city.
8. To control crowds at fires. The chief of the fire department may prescribe limits in the vicinity of any fire within which no persons, except those who reside therein, firemen and policemen, and those admitted by his order.
9. To order removal of property, when. To order the removal of property, whenever it shall become necessary for the preservation of such property from fire or to prevent the spreading of fire, or to protect adjoining property.
10. To command assistance. To command assistance from persons in attendance at any fire, not members of the fire department, for the extinguishing of fires.
11. To prescribe badge and uniform. To prescribe badge and uniform to be worn by the officers and men of the department.

104.0104 POLICE POWERS

All members of the fire department of the city, while on active duty, shall have the powers of policemen on duty and are authorized to arrest any person or persons who shall interfere or attempt to interfere with or to hinder any member of the department in the performance of his duty.

104.0105 UNLAWFUL TO HINDER DEPARTMENT

It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent, interfere with, or in any manner hinder the fire department, or any member thereof, while engaged in the

discharge of duty at a fire, or to disobey any lawful command of the chief or acting chief of the department.

104.0106 RIGHT-OF-WAY

Any engine, truck or apparatus belonging to the fire department shall, going to or returning from a fire, have the right-of-way in all streets, alleys and public places over any wagon, street car, automobile or other vehicle of any kind whatever, and any person in charge of any such vehicle must stop the same when necessary to permit any engine, truck or apparatus of the fire department to pass without hindrance or delay.

104.0107 DRIVING OVER FIRE HOSES

No person shall drive any team, wagon, cart, street car, railroad car, steam engine, automobile, or other vehicle of any kind whatever, upon or over any hose belonging to the fire department while the same is laid in the streets and alleys of the city.

104.0108 FALSE ALARMS

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire, or to give or cause to be given, while a fire is in progress, a second or general alarm for the same fire, or tamper with or set off any fire alarm or signal box with like intent; or tamper, meddle, or interfere with any such fire alarm box, or intentionally cut, break, deface or remove any such box, or any of the wires or supports thereof, connected with the fire alarm system; or intentionally interfere with or injure any property of any kind belonging to or used by the fire department; or hinder or delay any apparatus or equipment or vehicle belonging to the fire department.

104.0109 TAKING FIRE EQUIPMENT

No person shall take, receive or attempt to receive or take from the possession and control of any member of the fire department, any of the apparatus, tools or property belonging to said department, without the written consent of the chief of the fire department.

104.0110 ENTERING FIRE DEPARTMENT

No person shall occupy any rooms in any building which are used exclusively by the fire department, or enter such rooms or handle any apparatus used by the fire department without permission.

104.0111 SERVICE OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS

Members of the fire department are authorized to go outside the corporate limits of the city for the purpose of rendering aid to other fire departments, or of extinguishing fires or rendering aid in the case of accidents.

Article 2
FIRE LIMITS

104.0201 FIRE LIMITS

All that portion of the city of Taylor bounded by the following streets, avenues, alleys and lines is hereby defined and shall be known as and constitute the fire limits of the city of Taylor.

All area within the South half of ^{Bl}lot 33, South half of ^{Bl}lot 34 and South half of ^{Bl}lot 36, all of ^{Bl}lot 35.

104.0202 EXTERIOR COVERING

It shall be unlawful to construct any building or structure within the fire limits unless the exterior walls and roof thereof are covered with or constructed of noninflammable material.

104.0203 REPAIRS

It shall be unlawful to repair any existing frame building within the fire limits after the same has been damaged by any cause to fifty (50) percent of its value. Any existing frame building in the fire limits may be brick veneered. Any frame building damaged by fire or otherwise over 50% of its value shall be torn down and removed.

Article 3
FIRES IN PUBLIC PLACES

104.0301 SMOKING

Any person who, by smoking or attempting to light or to smoke cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or tobacco in any manner, in which lighters or matches are employed who shall in any careless, negligent or reckless manner whatsoever, whether willfully or wantonly or not, set fire to any furniture, curtains, drapes, household fittings or furnishings whatsoever in any hotel, public rooming house, tenement house, or any public building, so as to endanger life or property in any way or to any extent shall be guilty of violating this article.

104.0302 NOTICE

A plainly printed notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each sleeping room of all hotels, public rooming houses, lodging houses and other places of public assemblage within the city of Taylor, advising tenants of the provisions of this chapter.

104.0303 REPORTS

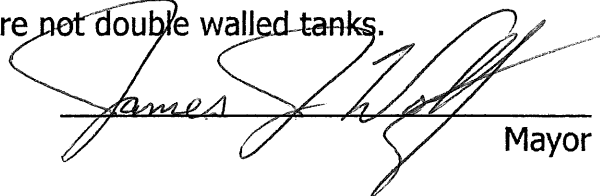
Every fire of any kind and from whatever source, occurring in or about any hotel, rooming house, lodging house or apartment hotel in the city of Taylor shall be reported immediately to the fire department.

Article 4

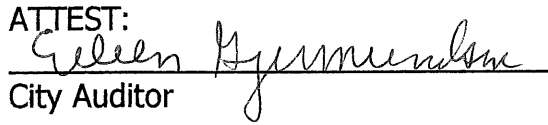
FIRE PREVENTION

104.0401 STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

Legal fuel tanks shall be permitted on Outlot E and also from Main Street north to the alley in Blocks 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40. Tanks must be purchased from a fuel tank supplier, must be approved by a City Council member and must be installed with a 12" high dike around the tanks if they are not double walled tanks.



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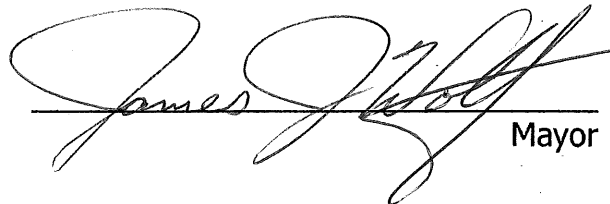
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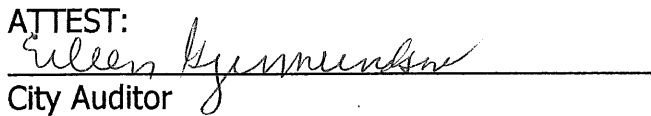
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104.0402 STORAGE OF LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM

Storage of liquified petroleum (propane) shall be permitted within the city limits. LPG tanks must be installed in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Article 58 and must meet all required setbacks from structures, property lines, sources of ignition and public ways.



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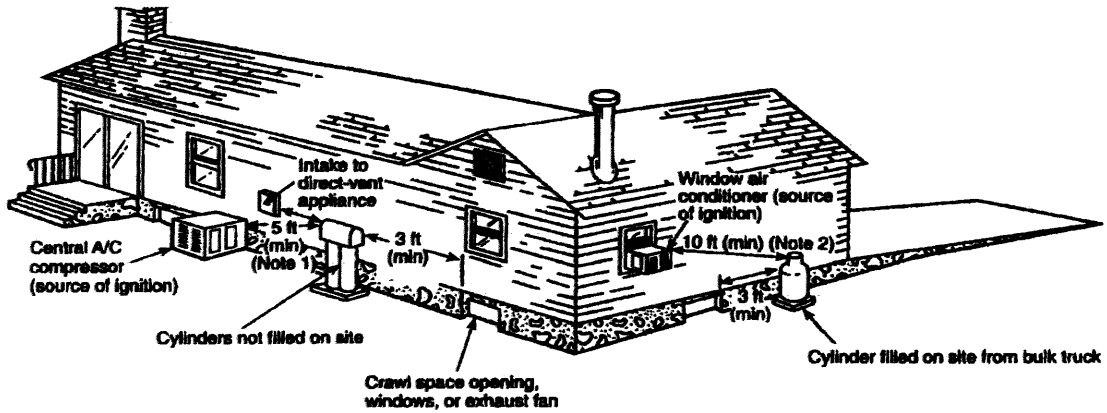
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Cylinders

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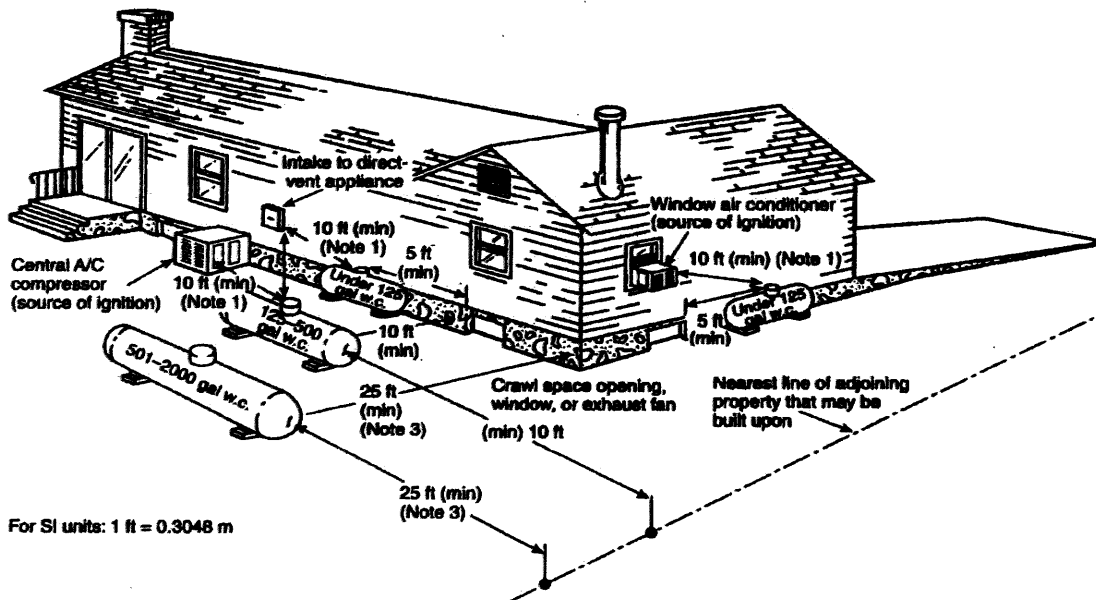
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Note 1: 5-ft minimum from relief valve in any direction away from any exterior source of ignition, openings into direct-vent appliances, or mechanical ventilation air intakes.

Note 2: If the cylinder is filled on site from a bulk truck, the filling connection and vent valve must be at least 10 ft from any exterior source of ignition, openings into direct-vent appliances, or mechanical ventilation air intakes.

Above Ground ASME Containers

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Note 1: Regardless of its size, any ASME container filled on site must be located so that the filling connection and fixed maximum liquid level gauge are at least 10 ft from any external source of ignition (e.g., open flame, window A/C, compressor), intake to direct-vented gas appliance, or intake to a mechanical ventilation system.

Note 3: This distance may be reduced to no less than 10 ft for a single container of 1200 gal (4.5 m³) water capacity or less, provided such container is at least 25 ft from any other LP-Gas container of more than 125 gal (0.5 m³) water capacity.