

ORDINANCE 1960-CHAPTER III

REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF ELSINORE CONCERNING FIRE CONTROL

3-1 FIRE CHIEF. THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE OFFICE OF FIRE CHIEF, THE FOLDER OF WHICH OFFICE SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CONTROL AND EXTINGUISHMENT DEPARTMENT AND ACTIVITIES OF THE TOWN. HE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE TOWN PRESIDENT BY AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. UNTIL A FIRE CHIEF IS APPOINTED, THE TOWN PRESIDENT SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO OF THE FIRE CHIEF.

3-2. AUTHORITY TO REMOVE POLES, WIRES AND BUILDINGS. LIMITATIONS. WHEN A FIRE IS IN PROGRESS AND IN CASE OF URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY, THE CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT, OR IN HIS ABSENCE THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, MAY ORDER ANY TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE, ECLECTIC LIGHT WIRE OR POLES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SAID FIRE TO BE TOWN DOWN OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF, AND HE MAY LIKEWISE ORDER ANY BUILDING OR BUILDINGS, IN CLOSE PROXIMITY THERETO, TO BE TOWN DOWN OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHECKING THE CONFLAGRATION, BUT NEITHER THE CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT NOR ANY OTHER OFFICER OR MEMBER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL UNNECESSARILY OR RECKLESSLY DESTROY OR INJURE ANY BUILDING OR OTHER PROPERTY.

3-3. FIRE DEPARTMENT MAY BLOCKADE STREET. WHENEVER A FIRE SHALL OCCUR IT SHALL BE LAWFUL FOR THE CHIEF, OR THE OFFICER IN COMMAND, TO BLOCKADE ANY STREET, AVENUE, ALLEY, SIDEWALK OR OTHER PLACE IF IN THIS JUDGMENT IT IS NECESSARY TO SECURE THE EFFICIENT WORKING OF THE MEN, HOSE, ENGINES, OR HOOK AND LADDER APPARATUS UNDER HIS COMMAND AND TO PROTECT THE HOSE OF SAID DEPARTMENT FROM INJURY. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO BREAK THROUGH SAID BLOCKADE.

3-4. LIMITS AT FIRE. THE MARSHAL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRE OFFICER IN CHARGE, MAY PRESCRIBE THE LIMITS IN THE VICINITY OF THE FIRE WITHIN WHICH NO PERSON, EXCEPT MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, MARSHAL AND POLICE OR THOSE ADMITTED BY ORDER OF THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, SHALL BE PERMITTED TO COME.

3-5. DISOBEDIENCE OF BY-STANDERS. PENALTY. THE MARSHAL, CHIEF, FOREMAN, OR ANY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE THE AID OF EVERY CITIZEN, INHABITANT OR BY-STANDER IN DRAWING ANY ENGINE, CART OR OTHER FIRE APPARATUS TO THE FIRE, AND, UPON THE REFUSAL OR NEGLECT OF ANY SUCH PERSON IMMEDIATELY TO COMPLY WITH SUCH REQUIREMENTS, THE OFFENDER SHALL UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, BE LIABLE TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE (25.00) DOLLARS. ALL OFFICERS AUTHORIZED TO COMMAND THE AID OR ASSISTANCE OF ANY CITIZEN, INHABITANT OR BYSTANDER ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED LIKEWISE TO ARREST SUCH CITIZEN, INHABITANT OR BYSTANDER FOR REFUSAL TO OBEY ANY REASONABLE DIRECTIONS FOR THE EXTINGUISHING OF FIRE OR THEY PROTECTION OF PROPERTY.

3-6. UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCES WITH OFFICERS, APPARATUS, WATER, ETC. PENALTY. ANY PERSON WHO SHALL WILLFULLY HINDER ANY OFFICER OR FOREMAN IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTY AT A FIRE, OR IN ANY MANNER INJURE, DEFACE OR DESTROY ANY ENGINE, HOSE OR OTHER FIRE APPARATUS BELONGING TO THE TOWN OR WHOSE SHALL INTERFERE WITH ANY FIRE COMPANY OR PERSON, OR WHO SHALL WILLFULLY BREAK OR INJURE ANY WATER PIPE, OR IN ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH THE WATER OR ITS SOURCE OF SUPPLY, SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND ON CONVICTION THEREOF SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE TO EXCEED ONE