

# ORDINANCE NUMBER 12

## CITY OF TOWER, MINNESOTA

An Ordinance providing for fire protection and fire prevention in the City of Tower.

The City of Tower ordains

Section 1. FIRE LIMITS. The following shall be and is hereby declared to be the Fire Limits Area: All that portion of the City of Tower abutting or facing main street and known or described as the business section of said city.

Section 2. PERMITS. No wall, structure, building, or part thereof, shall hereinafter be built, enlarged, or altered until a plan of the proposed work shall have been submitted to the Chief of the Fire Department, who shall if in accordance with the provisions herein contained, issue a permit for the proposed construction. Structures hereafter erected without a permit or not in conformity with this ordinance shall be removed.

Section 3. LIMITATIONS WITHIN FIRE LIMITS. No building or structure of frame wall, or of unprotected metal wall construction or which has a wooden cornice shall hereafter be erected in the fire limits except the following: Buildings of frame construction or of unprotected metal construction occupied exclusively as a private garage or stable, not more than one story in height nor more than three hundred square feet in area, located on the same lot with a dwelling; frame dwellings not exceeding two stories in height and separated by at least five feet from lot line of adjoining property. Buildings of ordinary (wood joist and masonry wall) construction shall not exceed fifty feet in height and 7500 square feet in area.

Section 4. WALLS. The thickness of masonry bearing walls shall not be less than twelve inches except that reinforced concrete walls may have a minimum thickness of 8 inches. Parapets shall be provided on all fire walls, party walls, and exterior walls of masonry or reinforced concrete. Such parapets shall not be less than twelve inches thick for masonry eight inches for reinforced concrete construction and carried not less than eighteen inches above the roof.

Section 5. ROOF COVERING. Every roof hereinafter placed on a building shall be covered with a roofing or brick concrete, tile, slate, metal, asbestos, or built up roofing finished with asphalt, slag, or gravel.

Section 6. CHIMNEYS. All chimneys shall be built of masonry not less than four inches thick. Every such chimney shall be lined with a flue lining and shall be built upon a solid masonry foundation.

Section 7. REMOVAL OR REPAIR OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS. A Building or structure or part thereof declared structurally unsafe or hazardous by duly constituted authority, may be restored to safe condition; provided that if the damage or cost of restoration and re-construction is in excess of fifty per cent of the value of the building or structure, such building or structure, if reconstructed or restored, shall be made to conform to the requirements for buildings and structures contained in this ordinance.

Section 8. INSPECTIONS.

- A) It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department to inspect or cause to be inspected by fire department members not less than four times a year, all buildings and premises, except the interiors of private dwellings for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire.
- B) Whenever the inspector shall find in any building or upon any premises or other place, combustible or explosive matter or dangerous accumulation of rubbish, or any highly flammable materials, and so situated as to endanger property, he shall order the same to be removed or remedied.

Section 9. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS. All electrical wiring apparatus, or appliances for furnishing light, heat, or power shall be in strict conformity with the statutes of the State of Minnesota and with approved methods of construction for safety of life and property. The regulations in the National Electrical Code shall be primary evidence of such approved methods.

Section 10. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION. A person who shall violate a provision of this ordinance or fail to comply therewith, shall severally for each and every such violation and non-compliance, forfeit and pay a penalty not to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars. Such violation shall be remedied within a reasonable time an each ten days that such violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 11. VALIDITY. If any section or part of section or paragraph of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or sections or part of a section or paragraph of this ordinance.

Section 12. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 13. DATE OF EFFECT. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and legal publication.

Introduced by Alderman William Carlon.

Given first reading August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1954.

Given second reading September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1954.

Moved by Alderman Carlon supported by Alderman Axelson that the ordinance be adopted.

Ayes: Aldermen Carlon, Axelson, and Bystrom, and Mayor Hendrickson.

Nays: None.

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R L Hendrickson  
Mayor

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Rose Stefanich  
City Clerk