

ORDINANCE NO. 137

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF CLARK FORK, AND PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS THEREOF; THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, THE EQUIPMENT TO BE USED AND THE CARE THEREOF, AND PRESCRIBING VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW CONCERNING THE CARE AND OPERATION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH DUTIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARK FORK, IDAHO, THAT A DEPARTMENT TO BE HEREAFTER KNOWN AS THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE OBJECT OF WHICH SHALL BE THE PREVENTION OF FIRE AND THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARK FORK, WHICH ARE HEREBY CREATED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. OFFICERS

Article 1. The Department shall consist of a Chief, and two assistant Chiefs and other officers as the Chief and Board may deem necessary for the effective operation of the Department.

Article 2. The Chief shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees for an indefinite period of time, and his tenure of office shall depend upon his good conduct and efficiency. He shall be removed only for just cause and after a public hearing before the Board of Trustees.

Article 3. The Chief shall be held accountable to the Board only, and shall make written and verbal reports thereto as the Board may require. All other Department and company officers shall be accountable to the Chief only.

Article 4. The assistant Chiefs and all other Department and company officers shall be appointed by the Chief. Such officers shall be accountable only to the Chief, and subject to removal by him. Appointment of officers are to be approved by the Board of Trustees, and dismissed officers may appeal for a hearing as may be prescribed by the rules and regulations.

Section 2. DUTIES OF THE CHIEF

Article 1. The Chief shall formulate a set of rules and regulations to govern the Department, and shall be responsible to the Board for the personnel, morale and general efficiency of the Department.

Article 2. The Chief shall at least once a month conduct suitable drills or instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, first aid and rescue work, salvage, a study of building in the village, fire prevention, water supplies, and all other matters generally considered essential to good firemanship and safety of life and property from fire.

Article 3. The Chief is hereby required to assist the proper authorities in suppressing the crime of arson by investigating or causing to be investigated the cause, origin, and circumstances of all fires.

Article 4. The Chief is hereby empowered to enter any and all buildings and premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of making inspections and to serve written notice upon the owner or occupant to abate, within a specified time, and any and all fire hazards that may be found.

Article 5. Any person so served with a notice to abate any fire hazard or hazards, shall comply therewith and promptly notify the Chief.

Article 6. The Chief shall see that complete records are kept of all fires, inspections, apparatus and minor equipment, personnel and other information about the work of the Department.

### Section 3. MEMBERSHIP

Article 1. The membership of the Department shall be limited to 15 and not under the age of 17 years and shall consist of such persons as may be appointed by the Chief and shall be able bodied male citizens residing within the Village of Clark Fork. Determination of whether candidates for appointment are able bodied shall be made by the Chief after a medical and physical questionnaire has been submitted by the candidates. All members, officers and the Chief shall receive compensation for drills and fire calls as shall be specified by resolution of the Board of Trustees .

Article 2. Any member of the Department may be suspended or discharged from the Department by the Chief at any time he may deem such action necessary for the good of the Department. On written request of such member to the Board he shall be given a public hearing.

### Section 4. EQUIPMENT

Article 1. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person wilfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the Department.

Article 2. No person shall enter any place where fire apparatus is housed or handle any apparatus or equipment belonging to the Department unless accompanied by, or having the special permission of, an officer or authorized member of the Department.



Article 3. No apparatus shall be hired out or permitted to leave the village limits.

Section 5. GENERAL

Article 1. All motor equipment and all personal cars of Department members shall have right of way over all traffic when responding to an alarm.

Article 2. Each member of the Department driving a car shall be issued a suitable insignia to be attached to car.

Article 3. No person shall drive any vehicle over fire hose except upon specific orders from the Chief or other officer in charge where the hose is used.

Article 4. No person shall park any vehicle or otherwise cause any obstruction to be placed within 10 feet of the entrance to any fire station or other place where fire apparatus is stored, or within ten feet of any fire hydrant or cistern.

Article 5. No unauthorized person with any vehicle shall follow within six hundred feet of any apparatus belonging to the Department nor park any vehicle within three hundred feet of a fire.

Article 6. No person shall maliciously turn in or cause to be turned in a false alarm.

Section 6. ENFORCEMENT

Article 1. Any person violating the provisions of Section 2, Article 6; Section 4, Article 1, and 2; and Section 5, Articles 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 shall, upon conviction in police court of this village, or before the justice of the peace, pay a fine of not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars or more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for each offense.

Article 2. All regularly appointed members of the Department are hereby given the necessary special police powers for the purpose of enforcement the provisions of this ordinance.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in one issue of the Sandpoint News Bulletin, a newspaper of general circulation in the Village of Clark Fork, which is hereby designated

as the official newspaper of the village for the publication of this Ordinance.

Passed under suspension of the statutes and rules, and duly enacted as an Ordinance of the Village of Clark Fork at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clark Fork, held on the 17th day of November, 1958.

Ellen C. Jeffers  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk

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