

AN ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A CITY FIRE CHIEF, DELEGATING TO HIM CERTAIN POWERS AND AUTHORITIES TO ORGANIZE A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON OR PERSONS OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF DELEON SHALL NOT DRIVE OR OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE CLOSER TO THE FIRE TRUCK THAN 100 FEET WHILE SUCH FIRE TRUCK IS IN MOTION ANSWERING A FIRE CALL; PROVIDING FURTHER THAT NO CAR OR OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE, WHETHER BELONGING TO A MEMBER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER PERSON SHALL PARK ON ANY STREET, SIDE STREET OR IN ANY ALLEY CLOSER THAN 300 FEET TO THE FIRE TRUCK TO WHICH THE FIRE HOSE SHALL BE ATTACHED, OR TO THE FIRE ITSELF; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, in this time of emergency, while our Country is engaged in War involving the welfare and freedom of our people, if not their lives, it is deemed imperative by the City council of the City of DeLeon that all precautionary measures be taken to guard against fire by sabotage, air raids and other acts of our enemies and enemy aliens in our midst, and

WHEREAS, in order to adequately provide protection for the inhabitants of the City of DeLeon and protection of property, it is deemed necessary that a Fire fighting department be organized to the best of the city's ability and within its financial means and Citizen personnel, and

WHEREAS, the city council has determined that T.H. Williams is a fitting and proper person and the most suitable person to head said Fire department as its Fire Chief, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed best to vest in said Fire Chief certain powers and authority for the organization of such department, and the command of its personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DELEON, TEXAS.

1.

At a regular meeting held on this day, there is hereby created a volunteer fire department; such fire department shall consist of a Fire Chief and such other personnel as the Fire Chief shall be able to command.

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T.H. Williams is hereby appointed Fire Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department of the City of DeLeon, Texas. He shall hold office until his successor has been duly appointed by the City Council of the City of DeLeon.

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The Fire Chief is hereby vested with the power and authority to organize a volunteer fire department to receive the voluntary services of the citizens of DeLeon who wish to enroll for such service. He shall have the right to appoint a subordinate or subordinates and ~~and~~ ~~may~~ give to them such rank or designation as may be fitting and proper, provided that such organization shall not be in conflict with the office of Civilian Defense during the period of hostilities now existing. He shall have power and authority to delegate to such subordinates such authority as he deems necessary and expedient under the circumstances of each case. If the Fire chief deems necessary he is hereby given authority to command the services of any male citizen within the corporate limits of the City of DeLeon to assist him in extinguishing any fire or fires, and all persons working under the Fire Chief's command shall obey his instructions with reference to their duties. A failure on the part of any such person or persons to obey such instructions or commands when given by the Fire Chief, shall subject such person or persons to the penalty to be hereinafter presented.

4.

From and after the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to park a car or other motor vehicle on a street, side street, alley, lot or other space closer than 300 feet from where the City Fire truck or trucks are parked for the purpose of extinguishing a fire; or closer than 300 feet from the fire plug to which the fire hose is attached, or closer than 300 feet from the fire itself. It shall be the duty of every inhabitant within the corporate limits of the city of DeLeon or other person, whether they be inhabitants of said City or may be temporarily therein, to observe this ordinance strictly in order that firemen may not be hampered in combating

such fire or in the performance of their duties.

or persons, except members of the ⁵Volunteer Fire Department or other duly authorized city officers and/or officials.

No person shall be permitted or allowed to ride on the fire truck or other fire vehicles at any time, whether the same is going to or returning from a fire, and it shall be the duty of every officer within the corporate limits of the City of DeLeon to prevent any such attempt to so ride if the same is called to their attention. Any person or persons so violating the terms of this ordinance shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

6.

When the Fire department is engaged in extinguishing a fire or fires, and a fire hose is across a street, alley or side street, lot or open space, no person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle on, over or across such fire hose. Any person violating such provision of this ordinance shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

7.

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not to exceed \$200.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DELEON, HELD AT THE CITY HALL THIS 22E 10th day of FEBRUARY, A.D. 1942.

Attest:

J. J. Dowell MAYOR

ATTEST:

Roxie Upshaw
CITY SECRETARY, CITY OF
DELEON, TEXAS