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LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE, HANDLING, TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF ANY FORM OF MANUFACTURED OR LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES; FIXING INSPECTION FEES; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DE LEON, TEXAS;

Section 1. That all persons, firms, or corporations who may, form and after the effective date of this ordinance, install or equip any residence, business house or apartment house, or any other building located and situated within the corporate limits of the City of De Leon with any installation or equipment designed to use as a fuel any form of manufactured or liquefied petroleum gases, shall use in any such installation, whether for domestic or industrial use, only a standard grade of pipe or piping, and all appliances used in connection with any such installation shall be a standard grade and type of equipment. Any system which uses any form of manufactured or liquefied petroleum gases must bear the label of approval or listing of the Underwriter's Laboratories. The storage of any liquefied petroleum gases in any individual customer size of container, either above ground or underground, is prohibited inside of or underneath any building in the corporate limits; and no equipment using liquefied petroleum gases shall be permitted within the fire limits; and no equipment used for the purpose of storing wholesale quantities of such gases shall be permitted within the corporate limits of the city.

Section 2. The term "Standard Grade" as used herein shall mean that grade of article which is accepted by dealers in such equipment and recognized as complying with all fire law regulations.

Section 3. Any such equipment as provided for shall be installed, or repaired, in a workmanlike manner which shall comply with all laws and the regulations of the City, the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the regulations recommended by the National Fire Protection Association.

Section 4. When any such equipment is installed as herein provided, same shall not be placed in operation or used unless and until said installation has been approved, as complying with this ordinance, by the City Electric and Plumbing Inspector.

Section 5. Any person, firm or corporation installing any such equipment as herein provided shall secure the approval of same as complying with the requirements of this ordinance by the City Electric and Plumbing Inspector, as herein provided for, and shall, upon requesting such inspection for approval, pay an inspection fee of \$1.00 for each piece of equipment, to cover cost of inspection.

Section 6. All tank trucks and tank trailers used for the transportation of liquefied petroleum gases within the City shall be so constructed and operated as to comply with the regulations for the design, construction and operation of automobile tank trucks and tank trailers for the transportation of liquefied petroleum gases as approved by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the National Fire Protection Association. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall operate or cause to be operated any tank truck or tank trailer used for the purpose of transporting liquefied petroleum gas within the corporate limits of City shall keep any such equipment in good condition at all times, and upon the development any defect that would create a hazard to persons or property, said tank truck or tank trailer shall be removed from the streets of the City until such defects have been repaired, or faulty equipment replaced; and any such tank trucks and tank trailers shall be subject to inspection by the proper authorities at any time. No tank truck or tank trailer shall be parked, stored or operated upon any street within the Business District of the City of De Leon, Texas, as hereafter defined; nor shall they be stored or repaired inside or outside of any building within the said Business District as defined by this ordinance.

Section 6A. Blocks numbered 18, 19, 24, 25, 30, and 31 of the Original Townsite of De Leon, Comanche County, Texas and the streets and alleys running through and adjacent to said block ~~5~~ as shown by map and plat of said City Recorded in the Deed Records of Comanche County, Texas shall hereafter constitute for all lawful purposes the Business District of the City of De Leon, Texas.

Section 7. All liquefied petroleum gas sold within the City shall be treated with a malodorant in such quantities as required by State Law to create an order easily detected in case of leaks in piping or equipment.

Section 8. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction for violation thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and each day of use or operation of any such equipment shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 9. In the event any section or part of section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the valid portions hereof, which shall be enforceable regardless of such holding.

Section 10. The fact that there does not now exist any rule or ordinance regulating and controlling the installation or use of manufactured or liquefied petroleum gases within the corporate limits of the City of De Leon, which said gases are highly volatile and inflammable and if not properly controlled and regulated constitute a dangerous and hazardous condition affecting life and property, creates an emergency and imperative necessity for the immediate preservation of the public welfare and safety, which necessitates the suspension rule requiring ordinances to be read on two separate days before the final passage thereof; wherefore such rules are hereby suspended and this ordinance shall be effective from and after the expiration of the necessary publication period, and it is so ordained. Said ordinance shall be published in 2 successive issues of the De Leon Free Press, covering a period of not less than ten (10) days from the date of first publication. The City Secretary shall note on this ordinance the effective date of same.

Passed and approved this the 24th day of August, A.D. 1948.

ATTEST:

Rohi Upshaw
City Secretary

APPROVED:

J. J. Danick
Mayor

Enforcement: The effective date of this ordinance shall be Monday
September 6, 1948 in accordance with the provisions of the City
Charter, Article 7, Section 16.

Rohi Upshaw
City Secretary