

CHAPTER 7

FIRE REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. FIRES

7-101 FIRES; PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY. The Fire Chief or any officer in charge of the Fire Department shall have the authority and power to cause the removal of property whenever it shall become necessary for the preservation of more valuable property, the protection of human life or to prevent the spreading of fire to adjoining property. The Fire Chief may direct the Municipal Firemen to remove any building, structure or fence for the purpose of checking the progress of any fire. The Fire Chief shall have the authority to blow up or cause to be blown up with explosives any building or structure during the progress of the same.

7-102 FIRES; DISORDERLY SPECTATOR. It shall be unlawful for any person during the time of a fire and for a period of thirty-six (36) hours after its extinguishment to hinder, resist or refuse to obey the Municipal Fire Chief, or to act in a noisy or disorderly manner. The Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief shall have the power and authority during such time to arrest or command any such person to assist them in the performance of their official duties. (Ref. 29-908 RS Neb.)

7-103 FIRES; EQUIPMENT. It shall be unlawful for any person to molest, destroy, handle or in any other way to interfere with the use and storage of any of the fire trucks and other apparatus belonging to the Municipality.

7-104 FIRES; INTERFERENCE. It shall be unlawful for any person to hinder or obstruct the municipal Fire Chief or the members of the Fire Department in the performance of their duty. (Ref. 29-908 RS Neb.)

7-105 FIRES; OBSTRUCTION. It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct the use of a fire hydrant or have or place any material within fifteen (15) feet of the said hydrant. Any vehicle or material found as an obstruction may be immediately removed by the Fire Chief or any member of the Fire Department at the risk, cost and expense of the owner or claimant. (Reg. 39-672 RS Neb.)

7-106 FIRES; ASSISTANCE. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse, after the command of the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief, to aid in extinguishing a fire or to assist in the removal and protection of property.

7-107 FIRES; DRIVING OVER HOSE. It shall be unlawful for any person, without the consent of the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief to drive any vehicle over unprotected hose of the Fire Department. (Ref. 39-682 RS Neb.)

7-108 FIRES; FALSE ALARM. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally and without good and reasonable cause raise any false alarm of fire. (Ref. 28-907 RS Neb.)

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ARTICLE 2. FIRE PREVENTION

7-201 FIRE PREVENTION; FIRE PREVENTION CODE. The rules and regulations promulgated by the office of the State Fire Marshal of the State of Nebraska relating to fire prevention are incorporated by reference into this code and made a part of this Article as though spread at large herein together with all subsequent amendments thereto. Three (3) copies of the Fire Prevention Code shall be on file with the Municipal Clerk and shall be available for public inspection at any reasonable time. (Ref. 18-132, 19-902, 81-502 RS Neb.)

7-202 FIRE PREVENTION; FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT. It shall be the duty of all Municipal officials to enforce the incorporated fire code provisions and all infractions shall be immediately brought to the attention of the Fire Chief.

7-203 FIRE PREVENTION; FIRE PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any person to set out a fire on the pavement or near any curb now built or hereafter to be built within the Municipality.

7-204 FIRE PREVENTION; OPEN BURNING BAN. It shall be unlawful to build or set out any bonfires, outdoor rubbish fires and fires for the purpose of clearing land. The Fire Chief of the Fire Department or his designee may waive the open burning ban for an area under his jurisdiction by issuing an open burning permit to a person requesting permission to conduct open burning. The permit issued by the Fire Chief to a person desiring to conduct open burning shall be in writing, signed by the Fire Chief and on a form prescribed by the State Fire Marshall. The State Fire Marshall shall provide local fire departments with the forms. The Fire Chief or his designee may waive the open burning ban in his district when conditions are acceptable to the Chief. Anyone burning in such district when the open burning ban has been waived must notify the Fire Department of his intention to burn. It shall be unlawful for any person to set fire to, burn or cause to be burned any garbage, animal matter or vegetable matter. Fires set while in possession of a burning permit or at a time the open burning ban has been waived shall at all times be attended by the person setting the fire and said fire shall be located at least twenty (20) feet from any building. (Ref. 81-520.01 RS Neb.)

7-205 FIRE PREVENTION; FIRE LIMITS, ALL OF BLOCK 14 AND ALL OF BLOCK 15 IN THE ORIGINAL VILLAGE OF MADRID, NEBRASKA, SHALL BE THE FIRE DISTRICT IN SAID VILLAGE. It shall be unlawful for any person to build, re-build or remodel, upon any lot mentioned above a building or buildings except the same shall be constructed of fire proof material, i.e. brick, stone, cement, steel or a material approved by the State Fire Marshall.

No building shall be erected within the Fire Limits of the Village of Madrid until an application for a permit has been made to the Village Board of Trustees and the permit granted.

Wooden buildings shall not be repaired to the extent of a new roof, foundation or undersills and no repairs of any kind shall be made on any such building without the consent of the Village Board of Trustees.

No wooden building shall be moved into the Fire Limits or moved from one (1) lot to another within the Fire Limits.