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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA
 ORDINANCE NO. 98

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND PROVIDING
 FOR PREVENTION OF FIRE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 60.

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA, ORDAINS:

Any ordinance heretofore enacted adopting a Fire Prevention Code is hereby repealed.

Section 1. Incorporation of Fire Laws, Rules and Regulations of State; Offense.

All laws of the State of Alaska, and any rule or regulation adopted by any duly authorized agency of the State of Alaska, pertaining to fire, fire hazards, fire prevention, or fire waste, and explosives are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance and made a part hereof by reference; and the violation of any such law, rule, or regulation shall constitute an offense under this ordinance.

Section 2. Adoption of Fire Prevention Code.

There is hereby adopted by the City the fire prevention code, edition of 1956, recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations relating to fire prevention and fire protection, a copy of which code is on file in the office of the City Clerk, and the same is hereby incorporated as if fully set out at length herein. From and after the date this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling and the regulations for fire prevention and fire protection.

Section 3. Compliance with Orders of Fire Chief Required.

No person shall fail to comply forthwith with the orders of the Fire Chief or his authorized representative in carrying out any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Acts Prohibited Generally; Permits Required.

(a) No person shall burn trash, lumber, leaves, straw, or any other combustible material within the City, without permit from the Fire Chief.

(b) No person shall turn in, sound, or cause to be communicated to the fire department a false alarm of fire; or molest any fire fighting apparatus or equipment, or anything pertaining to the fire alarm system; or make, or have in his possession an impression or duplicate of any key belonging to the fire department, without the express permission of the Fire Chief.

(c) No person shall place any building material or any other obstruction whatever, nor shall any person responsible for such material or obstruction, permit the same to remain within fifteen feet of any fire hydrant or fire plug.

(d) No person, except members of the fire department or of the street and water departments, shall use any fire plug except in case of emergency, without first securing permission from the Fire Chief and street and water departments for such use, and the paying or agreeing to pay for the water to be used. In no case shall any wrench or tool be used on any fire plug other than a regulation fire department hydrant wrench.

(e) No person shall kindle or start a stove or furnace fire or a fire in any other thing, except oil burners, by means of the use of inflammable liquids.

(f) No person shall use blow torches or other types of equipment utilizing an open flame for the purpose of thawing pipes or sewer lines. All thawing equipment shall be of a type approved in writing by the Fire Chief.

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND PROVIDING
FOR PREVENTION OF FIRE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 60.

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repealer. Ordinance No. 60 is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Incorporation of Fire Laws, Rules and Regulations of State; Offense. All laws of the State of Alaska, and any rule or regulation adopted by any duly authorized agency of the State of Alaska, pertaining to fire, fire hazards, fire prevention, or fire waste, and explosives, are hereby incorporated into this ordinance and made a part hereof by reference; and the violation of any such law, rule, or regulation shall constitute an offense under this ordinance.

Section 3. Adoption of Fire Prevention Code. There is hereby adopted by the City of Palmer, Alaska, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain code known as the FIRE PREVENTION CODE, Abbreviated Edition, recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, being particularly the 1956 edition thereof and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended, of which code not less than three (3) copies have been and now are filed in the office of the Clerk of the City of Palmer, Alaska, and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, from the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, and the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of the City of Palmer, Alaska. Any permit issued under this code shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance.

Section 4. Enforcement. The code hereby adopted shall be enforced by the Chief of the Fire Department.

Section 5. Definition. Wherever the word "municipality" is used in the code hereby adopted, it shall be held to mean the City of Palmer, Alaska.

Section 6. Establishment of Limits of Districts in which Storage of Flammable Liquids in Outside Aboveground Tanks and Bulk Storage of Liquefied Petroleum Gases is to be Restricted. The limits referred to in Section 904a of the Code hereby adopted in which storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited, and the limits referred to in Section 1104 of the code hereby adopted, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby established as follows: The corporate limits of the City of Palmer, Alaska.

Section 7. Modifications. The Chief of the Fire Department shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the code hereby adopted upon application in writing by the owner or lessee, or his duly authorized agent, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such modification when granted or allowed and the decision of the Chief of the Fire Department thereon shall be entered upon the records of the department and a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant.

Section 8. Appeals. Whenever the Chief of the Fire Department shall disapprove an application or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the Chief of the Fire Department to the City Council for the City of Palmer, Alaska, within thirty days from the date of the decision appealed.

Section 9. Compliance with Orders of Fire Chief Required. No person shall fail to comply forthwith with the orders of the Fire Chief or his authorized representative in carrying out any of the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 10. Acts Prohibited Generally; Permits Required.

(a) No person shall burn trash, lumber, leaves, straw, or any other combustible material within the City, without permit from the Fire Chief.

(b) No person shall turn in, sound, or cause to be communicated to the Fire Department a false alarm of fire; or molest any fire fighting apparatus or equipment, or anything pertaining to the fire alarm system; or make, or have in his possession, an impression or duplicate of any key belonging to the Fire Department, without the express permission of the Fire Chief.

(c) No person shall place any building material or any other obstruction whatever, nor shall any person responsible for such material or obstruction, permit the same to remain within fifteen feet (15') of any fire hydrant or fire plug.

(d) No person, except members of the Fire Department or of the Engineering Department, shall use any fire plug except in case of emergency, without first securing permission from the Fire Chief and Engineering Department for such use, and the paying or agreeing to pay for the water to be used. In no case shall any wrench or tool be used on any fire plug other than a regulation Fire Department hydrant wrench.

(e) No person shall kindle or start a stove or furnace fire or a fire in any other thing, except oil burners, by means of the use of flammable liquids.

(f) No person shall use blowtorches or other types of equipment utilizing an open flame for the purpose of thawing pipes or sewer lines. All thawing equipment shall be of a type approved in writing by the Fire Chief.

(g) The Fire Chief is authorized to prohibit smoking in theatres, public auditoriums, dance halls, and like places where the safety of the public may be endangered, either in the whole or in the part of said building, after posting such premises with "No Smoking" signs. No person shall smoke in such building where such signs are so posted.

Section 11. Validity. It is hereby declared that should any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this ordinance or of the code hereby adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is intended that all of the other portions of this ordinance would have been passed independent of the elimination of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

Section 12. Penalty.

(a) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the code hereby adopted or fail to comply therewith, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who shall fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the City Council for the City of Palmer, Alaska, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any violation of this ordinance shall be treated in the same manner. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

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Section 13. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, approval and publication. Publication of this ordinance shall be by posting a copy hereof on the City Hall bulletin board for a period of ten days following its passage and approval.

First Reading: January 24, 1961
Second Reading: February 14, 1961
Third Reading (in full): March 28, 1961

Passed and approved by the City Council for the City of Palmer, Alaska, this 28th day of March, 1961.

Charles E. Logsdon
Charles E. Logsdon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emilie St. Pierre
Emilie St. Pierre, City Clerk

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