

CHAPTER 4

FIRE REGULATIONS

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5-4-1: PUBLIC BUILDINGS; RESPONSIBILITY: The owner, agent, occupant or person charged with the custody of any public building, auditorium, hotel, theater, lodge hall or church, and in the case of school, the President of the Board of Education or the person in charge thereof and owning the same, shall be held liable for the equipment and maintenance of such apparatus as is required in this Chapter for the maintenance of such apparatus as is required in this Chapter for the maintenance and safety of all exits, stairs, doors, windows or passageways. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 542)

5-4-2: ENFORCEMENT: It shall be the duty of the Fire Marshal or his assistants to inspect all apparatus to be installed, and their location, and to make or cause to be made periodic inspections concerning the operation and accessibility of regular and emergency exits in all such public places. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 543)

5-4-3: LOCATION, NUMBER OF APPLIANCES: The location and number of the fire appliances shall be as follows (unless other location shall be more accessible and convenient for protection against fire):

(A) Theaters:

1. Stage, two (2) one quart chemical hand extinguishers, one on each side of the stage; one two and one-half (2 1/2) gallon chemical hand extinguishers, readily accessible; one five (5) gallon hand pump, one fire axe.
2. Foyer: Two (2) one quart chemical hand extinguishers, one at each end.
3. Manager's Office: One two (2) gallon chemical hand extinguisher or five (5) gallon hand pump.

(B) Public Buildings, Auditoriums, Lodge Halls and Hotels: One five (5) gallon hand pump and one fire axe at or near the main entrance on the ground floor; five (5) gallon hand pump at or near the main entrance on the ground floor; five (5) gallon hand pump at or near the foot of all basement stairways; two (2) pails in boiler room unless oil burner is used, then two and one-

half (2½) gallon special chemical hand extinguisher just outside boiler room door; one quarter chemical hand extinguisher on stage, and one quart chemical hand extinguisher in lobby.

(C) Churches: One five (5) gallon pump at or near main entrance on ground floor; one five (5) gallon hand pump and fire axe in boiler room.

(D) Schools: One five (5) gallon hand pump and fire axe at or near main entrance on ground floor, same at head of each stairway; same in boiler room. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 544)

5-4-4: FIRE DRILLS: It shall be the duty of the principal or other person in charge of the pupils in every school in the Village to establish and maintain a good and efficient fire drill which shall be practiced at least twice a month during the time the building is used for school purposes. A written report shall be made by the principal or person in charge of such building of each fire drill held, and of the time elapsed from the first fire signal until the last person was out. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 545)

5-4-5: REMOVAL OF APPARATUS: It shall be unlawful to remove from its proper place any fire apparatus or appliances except for inspection or in case of emergency. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 546)

5-4-6: DOORS: All public buildings which may be or are used for church, school, opera performance, theater, lecture room, hotel, public meeting or similar purposes or which may be or are used for the collection of people for worship, amusement or instruction, and all buildings used for stores leading from the main hall or place of assembly shall open outward; and all means of egress for persons within such buildings shall be by means of doors which shall open outwards from the main hall and from the building. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 547)

5-4-7: EXIT LIGHTS: In all theaters and public meeting halls a red light illuminating the word "EXIT" shall be kept burning over each regular and emergency exit while the theater or hall is occupied by an audience or by patrons. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 548)

5-4-8: BURN OR DEMOLISH BUILDING: It is hereby declared to be unlawful to wilfully burn and/or demolish any building without first obtaining a permit in writing from the Village Clerk and the Fire Marshal after first having received permission from the Village Board.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), upon conviction, and each such person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any such violation as aforementioned of this Section is committed, continued or permitted. (Ord. 282; 4-20-70)

5-4-9: PENALTY: Any person violating any provision of this Chapter, and where no other penalty is provided, shall be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (M.C. 1949; Sec. 549)