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ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION  
AND OPERATION OF MOVING PICTURE MACHINES

the Board of Trustees of the City of San Antonio  
obtain as follows:

Section 1. It is and shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association, either as owner, lessee, or operator, to use or operate any moving picture machine, in the City of San Antonio, without first complying with the specifications in this Ordinance provided.

ENCLOSURE.

Section 2. The moving picture machine must be placed in an enclosure, house, or booth, made of suitable fireproof material, thoroughly ventilated and large enough for operator to work freely on either side of or back of machine. It must not be used or any thing not used in connection with the operation of the machine. All openings into said enclosure, house, or booth, must be arranged so as to be entirely closed by doors or shutters constructed of good fire-resisting material as the booth itself. Doors or covers must be arranged so as to be held normally closed by spring hinges or equivalent devices.

Section 3. The moving picture machine must be placed in either a metallic or metal lined booth.

METALLIC BOOTH.

Section 4. The metallic booth must be constructed as follows:

- (a) The framework to be of 1 1/2 x 1/2 inch angle iron, properly braced to secure rigidity and securely bolted at joints.
- (b) The size of booth to be not less than 6 feet deep, 5 feet wide, 6 feet 6 inches high.
- (c) The sheathing to be sheet iron not less than No. 22 B & S gauge. No part of sheathing to be more than 18 inches from angle iron frame, and sheathing to be securely riveted or bolted thereto.
- (d) Floor to be No. 22 B & S gauge sheet iron riveted or bolted to angle iron frame. Floor may be covered with a rubber or cork matting.
- (e) Floor to be 2 1/2 feet above ground level.

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booth, with angle iron straps. Doors to be flanged and arranged to close automatically either by means of a heavy spiral spring placed in exterior of door or by a metal rope and weight attachment on inside of booth.

(f) Openings for picture and operators view to be not larger than 12X12 inches and must have gravity doors made of No. 14 B & S gauge sheet iron arranged to drop freely in heavy metal grooves on inside of booth. Doors to be held in position (open) by fusible links placed in series with a single strand of cord, so arranged that cord will be suspended directly above film when in place in machine, so that in case of ignition of film the link will fuse or cord will burn and allow gravity doors to drop and close openings.

(g) Openings for ventilation cut where desired, flanged to carry standard conductor pipe not smaller than 6 inch diameter. Conductor pipe must extend through wall or roof of building or may be connected to a brick or terra cotta chimney.

(h) Platform or stand for machine to be made of angle iron or iron pipe, sufficiently strong to hold machine and suitably braced to prevent vibration of machine and to have metal top.

(i) Shelves (if any) to be made of sheet metal of suitable thickness and fastened to wall of booth by angle iron or metal brackets.

(j) A clear space of at least 3 inches must be maintained between sides and top of booth and any woodwork.

#### METAL LINED BOOTH.

Section 5. The metal lined booth must be constructed as follows:

(e) Sheathing walls and ceiling to be of well seasoned non-resinous wood at least 3/4 inch thick, all joints as closely fitted as possible, tongue and groove preferred. Inside of room should present flat surfaces, all studding braces, etc., to be on outside.

(f) Lining to be of either No. 22 B & S gauge galvanized sheet iron or tin of equal thickness, so applied that during exposure to fire it will present the greatest resistance.

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resistance to bulging & opening up at the seams. Sheets to be set flat against wood as possible to avoid air spaces.

(e) Joints to be locked with full 1/2 inch lock and nailed under seams. Nails to be not more than 5 inches apart, and to be placed in the center of the joint so that they will not be easily torn out through the edges of the plates by stretching & bulging when exposed to fire. No solder to be used in joints.

(f) Floor to be covered in the same manner and with the same material as the rest of the enclosure.

(g) Door to be 2x6 feet and inside lined in same manner and with same material as the rest of the enclosure. The lining should extend around edges of door & be fastened to outside. Locking device to be arranged to close same as for metal booth.

(h) Openings for pictures and operator's view to be not larger than 12x12 inches and must have gravity doors. The doors of No. 14 B. & S. gauge sheet iron or of wood completely covered with the same material with which the booth is lined. Gravity doors to be same as for metal booth.

(i) Opening for ventilation same as for metal booth. Lining of booth must extend through wood sheathing and into vent pipe.

(j) Platform or stand for machine same as for metal booth.

(k) Stools to be constructed as in metal booth and must be completely covered with same material with which booth is lined.

(l) The same space must be maintained between sides of booth as for wood work as for metallic booth.

APPLIANCES.

Section 2. The following appliances must be carefully observed:

(a) Arc lamps used as a part of moving picture machines.

(b) Must be constructed entirely of metal except when the use of approved insulating material is necessary.

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2. Must be substantially constructed and so designed as to provide for proper ventilation and to prevent sparks being emitted from lamps when in operation; and mica must be used for frame insulation.

3. All stranded connections in lamp must be provided with approved lugs.

(b) Rheostats must be entirely of non-combustible material and be of approved design. Must be placed on a metal shelf or be securely fastened to side of booth by metal brackets in such a manner that no part of the rheostat will be nearer than 3 inches to the metal of the booth. Rheostat must be placed within the booth. All stranded connections at rheostat must be provided with approved lugs.

(c) Top reel must be encased in a steel box with hole at the bottom only large enough for film to pass through, and cover so arranged that this hole can be instantly closed. No solder to be used in the construction of this box.

(d) A steel box must be used for receiving the film after being shown, with a hole in the top only large enough for the film to pass through freely, with cover so arranged that this hole can be instantly closed. An opening may be placed at the side of the box to take the film out, with a door hung at the top, so arranged that it cannot be entirely opened, and provided with spring catch to lock it closed. No solder to be used in the construction of this box.

(e) The handle or crank used in operating the machine must be secured to the spindle or shaft, so that there will be no liability of its coming off and allowing the film to stop in front of lamp.

(f) A shutter must be placed in front of the condenser, arranged so as to be readily closed.

(g) Extra films must be kept in metal box with tight fitting cover.

(h) Machines must be operated by hand (motor-driven will not be permitted.)

(i) wiring: current for arc lamp used as a part of moving picture machine must be supplied by an independent

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circuit of wire not less than No. 6 B & S gauge. There must be a double pole fusible cut-out where connection is made to main supply wires. There must also be a double pole fusible cut-out and switch either in the booth or immediately outside of same so that machine may be entirely disconnected from the circuit when not in use.

All wire, fuse blocks, fuses, switches and other appliances must be of approved design and constructed and installed in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Code.

All wire inside of booth for whatever purposes must be approved metal conduit.

No flexible cord will be permitted within the booth unless the same is pertinent to a proper connection to the lantern itself.

Fuses and switches for lighting circuits must not be placed within the booth.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately.

Passed and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1914, by the following vote:

- Ayes: *Trustees Gagon, Schrader, Whitaker, Stratford & Jones.*
- Noes: *None.*
- Absent: *None.*

*W.E. Jones*  
President of the Board of Directors of the Town of San Anselmo.

Attest:

*A.A. Moore*  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Town of San Anselmo.

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I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1914.

*W.E. Jones*  
President of the Board of Trustees of the Town of San Anselmo.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF MARIN,  
TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO.

ss.

I, A. A. MOORE, Town Clerk of the Town of San Anselmo and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees of said Town, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance regular and duly passed at a regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of said Town not less than five days after the date of its introduction.

That the said ordinance was numbered 80 and entitled Providing specifications for the installation and operation of moving picture machines.

That the said ordinance was thereafter duly posted in accordance with law and the order of said Board of Trustees in three conspicuous places in said Town.

In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the Town of San Anselmo, at my office in said Town, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1914.

*A.A. Moore*

CLERK OF THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO.