

CITY OF SAN ANSELMO

ORDINANCE NO. 684

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 1973 EDITION, PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE OR EXPLOSION, AND ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION AND PROVIDING OFFICERS THEREFOR AND DEFINING THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES

The City Council of the City of San Anselmo does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 8 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. A new Article 8 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 is hereby added to the San Anselmo Municipal Code to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8 - UNIFORM FIRE CODE

Section 3-3.801. Adoption of Uniform Fire Code.

The Uniform Fire Code published by the International Conference of Building Officials and the Western Fire Chiefs Association, 1973 Edition, is hereby adopted by reference thereto, subject to any amendments, deletions, or additions set forth in this article.

Section 3-3.802. Establishment and Duties of Bureau of Fire Prevention.

(a) The Uniform Fire Code shall be enforced by the Bureau of Fire Prevention in the Fire Department of the City of San Anselmo which is hereby established and which shall be operated under the supervision of the Chief of the Fire Department.

(b) The Chief in charge of the Bureau of Fire Prevention shall be appointed by the Fire Chief on the basis of examination to determine his qualifications.

(c) The Chief of the Fire Department may detail such members of the Fire Department as inspectors as shall from time to time be necessary. The Chief of the Fire Department shall recommend to the City Council the employment of technical inspectors, who, when such authorization is made, shall be selected through an examination to determine their fitness for the position. The examination shall be open to members and nonmembers of the Fire Department, and appointments made after examination shall be for an indefinite term with removal only for cause.

Section 3-3.803. Definitions.

(a) Wherever the word "jurisdiction" is used in the Uniform Fire Code, it shall mean the City of San Anselmo.

(b) Wherever the term "Corporation Counsel" is used in the Uniform Fire Code, it shall mean the City Attorney for the City of San Anselmo.

Section 3-3.804. Storage of Flammable or Combustible Liquids In Outside Above-Ground Tanks.

(a) The limits referred to in Section 15.201 of the Uniform Fire Code in which storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside, above-ground tanks is prohibited, are hereby established as follows: prohibited throughout the entire City of San Anselmo.

(b) The limits referred to in Section 15.601 of the Uniform Fire Code, in which new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited, are hereby established as follows: prohibited throughout the entire City of San Anselmo.

Section 3-3.805. Bulk Storage of Liquefied Petroleum Gases are Prohibited.

The limits referred to in Section 20.105(a) of the Uniform Fire Code, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby established as follows: prohibited throughout the entire City of San Anselmo.

Section 3-3.806. Storage of Explosives and Blasting Agents Prohibited.

The limits referred to in Section 11.106(b) of the Uniform Fire Code, in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby established as follows: prohibited throughout the entire City of San Anselmo.

Section 3-3.807. Amendments to Uniform Fire Code, 1973 Edition

(a) The expression "registered mail" referred to in Section 1.211 shall mean "certified mail."

(b) Electrical Code referred to in Section 1.407 shall mean the current edition of the National Electrical Code as adopted by the City of San Anselmo.

(c) The following definitions are added to Section 1.408 of the Uniform Fire Code:

Firebreak shall mean a continuous strip of land upon which all rubbish, weeds, grass, or other growth that could be expected to burn when dry, has been abated or otherwise removed in order to prevent the surface extension of fire from one area to another.

Fire trail shall mean a graded firebreak of sufficient width, surface and design to provide access for men and equipment to suppress and to assist in preventing the surface extension of fires.

Fuelbreak shall mean a wide firebreak or fire trail of sufficient width to prevent airborne and radiated as well as surface extension of fire.

(e) The Uniform Building Code, the Uniform Mechanical Code, and the Uniform Plumbing Code referred to in Section 1.423 shall mean in each instance the current edition of said codes as adopted by the City of San Anselmo.

(f) The language appearing in 11.201 of the Uniform Fire Code shall be replaced as follows:

There shall be no storage of explosives or blasting agents within the city limits of San Anselmo, except as follows:

- a. small arms ammunition at wholesale and retail stores;
- b. explosive bolt rivets and cartridges for explosive activated power tools;
- c. Wholesale and retail storage of black powder limited to 5 pounds and smokeless powder limited to 20 pounds.

(g) Added to 13.307 of the Uniform Fire Code is a new subparagraph (e) to read as follows:

(e) All fire alarm systems not connected to the Fire Department shall have a sign reading: "Local Fire Alarm Only. This alarm does not call the Fire Department."

(h) Added to Section 13.311 of the Uniform Fire Code is a new subsection (c)10 to read as follows:

(c)10 Fire Department Connections. All fire department connections, wet, dry or sprinkler systems, shall be located by the Fire Chief.

(i) Section 13.208 of the Uniform Fire Code is deleted.

(j) Section 13.301(c) of the Uniform Fire Code is revised to conform to the 1973-74 Annual Report of the Uniform Fire Code Committee published in Building Standards, May-June, 1974, Part III and shall read as follows:

Section 13.301(c)

(c) An approved water supply capable of supplying required fire flow for fire protection shall be provided to all premises upon which buildings or portions of buildings are hereafter constructed. When any portion of the building protected is in excess of 150 feet from a water supply on a public street, there shall be provided, when required by the Chief, on-site fire hydrants and mains capable of supplying the required fire flow.

Water supply may consist of reservoirs, pressure tanks, elevator tanks, water mains, or other fixed system capable of supplying their required fire flow. In setting the requirements for fire flow, the Chief may be guided by the standard published by the Insurance Services Office, "Guide for Determination of Required Fire Flow."

The location, number, and type of fire hydrants connected to a water supply capable of delivering the required fire flow shall be provided on the public street or on the site of the premises to be protected as required and approved by the Chief. All hydrants shall be accessible to the fire department apparatus by roadways meeting the requirements of Section 13.208.

Reason: An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow for fire protection should be mandated when any portion of the protected building is in excess of 150 feet from the water supply on a public street. The proposal includes reference to the "Guide for Determination of Required Fire Flow" to be used for setting requirements for fire flow. Revisions are for clarification.

(k) A new Subsection (d) is hereby added to Section 13.301 of the Uniform Fire Code:

Section 13.301(d): Adequate Water Supply.

Compliance with the publication "Guide for Determination of Required Fire Flow" as published by the Insurance Services

(1) Where water supplies available for fire protection do not meet the above requirements, buildings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system, or dwellings and any accessory buildings thereto located at least twenty (20) feet from a property line, need not comply with the provisions of this section.

(2) Buildings in excess of three (3) stories or thirty-five (35) feet in height or that require a fire flow in excess of two thousand (2,000) gallons per minute shall be equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system. For the purpose of this subsection, dwellings with exterior walls protected in accordance with the provisions of the adopted Uniform Building Code need not comply.

(l) A New Subsection (e) is added to Section 13.301 of the Uniform Fire Code to read as follows:

Section 13.301(e): Availability of Supply.

Hydrants shall be taken into account in determining whether

an adequate water supply exists with reference to a given building. Other water sources may be counted as contributing to said supply, if, in the judgment of the Fire Chief, said source is dependable, readily accessible, adaptable to use, and within reasonable working distance of the building or portion thereof to be served by said source. No source on private land adjoining the land to be developed shall be considered to be readily accessible unless there shall be obtained the irrevocable and unobstructed right to use the same upon such terms as may be approved by the Chief.

(m) Subsection (f) is hereby added to Section 13.301 of the Uniform Fire Code to read as follows:

Section 13.301(f): Access for Fire Fighting Equipment.

Whenever any hydrant or other appurtenance for use by the Fire Department is required to be installed under the provisions of this section or whenever all or a substantial part of any building or structure is or becomes in excess of one hundred fifty (150) feet from a safe and adequate access road, there shall be provided adequate provisions for access to and from every such building, hydrant and appurtenance by fire fighting equipment. Said access shall be in the form of an improved permanently maintained roadway or of an open paved area, or any combination thereof, designed, constructed and at all times maintained in such a manner that there shall be an access way kept clear and unobstructed at such grades and having sufficient width and height clearance to permit ingress and egress by fire fighting equipment.

(n) Subsection (g) is hereby added to Section 13.301 of the Uniform Fire Code to read as follows:

Section 13.301(g): Final Inspection.

No final inspection as to all or any portion of a development shall be deemed completed until the installation of the required facilities and accessways have been completed and approved.

(o) Subsection (h) is hereby added to Section 13.301 of the Uniform Fire Code to read as follows:

Section 13.301(h): Operation or Modification of Facilities.

Fire protection facilities, whether installed before or after the effective date of this article may be altered or repaired, provided that such alteration or repairs shall be carried out in conformity with the provisions of this article.

(p) Subsection (i) is hereby added to Section 13.301 of the Uniform Fire Code to read as follows:

Section 13.301(i): Access to Facilities to be Kept Open.

Whenever any on-site fire protection facilities or accessways have been installed as provided in this article, either pursuant hereto or prior to the effective date hereof, the following provisions shall be applicable:

(1) Hydrants - Parking Prohibited. With respect to hydrants located along private accessways where curbs exist, said curbs shall be painted red or otherwise appropriately marked by the owner, lessee or other person in charge of the premises to prohibit parking for a distance of fifteen (15) feet in either direction from any such hydrant. In such cases where curbs do not exist, there shall be appropriate markings painted on the pavement, or signs erected, or both, giving notice that parking is prohibited for a distance of fifteen (15) feet from any such hydrant. When such areas are signed or marked as provided herein, no person shall park or leave standing a vehicle within fifteen (15) feet of any such fire hydrant.

(2) Access - Obstruction Prohibited. No owner or lessee of the land, or proprietor, partner, officer, director, manager or agent of any business or other activity carried on upon the land, shall, after receiving notice thereof, permit, or otherwise allow, and no person shall cause any activity, practice, or condition to occur or exist or continue to exist upon said land which shall lessen or obstruct or impair the access required to be maintained under Section 13.301(f) as provided above.

(3) Access - Parking May Be Prohibited. If in the judgment of the Fire Chief it is necessary to prohibit vehicular parking along private accessways in order to keep them clear and unobstructed, he may require the owner, lessee or other person in charge of the premises to paint the curbs red or install signs or give other appropriate notice to the effect that parking is prohibited. It shall thereafter be unlawful for any such owner, lessee or other person in charge to fail to install and maintain in good condition the form of notice so prescribed. When such areas are marked or signed as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave standing a vehicle adjacent to any such curb marking or contrary to such sign.

(q) Subsection (j) is hereby added to Section 13.301 of the Uniform Fire Code to read as follows:

Section 13.301(j): Facilities to be Provided During Construction.

When it is deemed that fire fighting facilities are required by this article, such facilities as may be required by the Fire Chief shall be installed and made serviceable prior to and during construction. Alternate methods of protection may also be approved by the Fire Chief.

(r) The language appearing in Section 13.307 of the Uniform Fire Code shall be replaced with the following:

Section 13.307: Fire Alarm & Detection System.

An approved fire detection system, such as heat, rate of rise, smoke, and products of combustion, shall be installed and maintained in accordance with current National Fire Protection Association standards. In all new or existing occupancies A through H, where the Fire Chief determines a special hazard exists, these appliances shall be required to activate simultaneously a local alarm and a signal sent directly to the San Anselmo fire alarm headquarters.

(s) A new Subsection (4) is hereby added to Section 13.309 of the Uniform Fire Code to read as follows:

Section 13.309.4:

When an approved automatic sprinkler system is installed, a water flow device shall be installed to activate a local alarm and simultaneously transmit a signal directly to the San Anselmo fire alarm headquarters.

(t) Section 13.315 is hereby added to the Uniform Fire Code to read as follows:

Section 13.315: Automatic Range Hood Fire Protection

Automatic range hood fire protection shall be required in all new, repaired, or remodeled occupancies containing restaurant cooking appliances, ranges, deep-fat fryers, grill, broiler, etc., and serving the general public.

- (1) System shall be listed as approved by nationally recognized testing agent.
- (2) Installation and maintenance shall conform to National Fire Protection Association standards 10, 11, 12, 15, 17 and 96.
- (3) System shall be installed by a licensed contractor certified by the manufacturer.
- (4) The extinguishing system will be serviced by a certified agent not less than once in twelve months.
- (5) Hoods, ducts, and fan housing shall be cleaned at sufficient intervals, but not less than once each thirty (30) days to prevent the accumulation of grease therein.
- (6) The Fire Chief will have final approval on all installations.

(u) Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 15.402 are amended to read as follows:

(a) Flammable or combustible liquids shall not be stored (including stock for sale) near exits, stairways or areas normally used for the egress of people. All storage of flammable liquids shall be in approved metal containers only.

(b) The storage of flammable and combustible liquids enclosed (approved metal) containers shall comply with the following occupancy schedule except that the Chief may impose a quantity limitation or require greater protection where, in his opinion, unusual hazard to life or property is involved or he may authorize increase of these amounts where the type of construction, fire protection provided, or other factors substantially reduce the hazard.

(v) Subsection (a) of Section 27.101 of the Uniform Fire Code is replaced with the following:

Section 27.101(a): Bonfires and Outdoor Rubbish Fires.

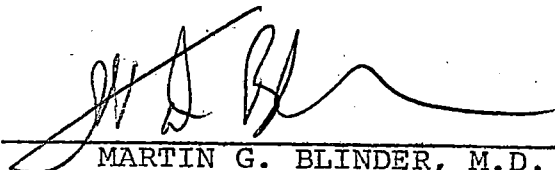
(a) No burning shall be done in violation of any regulation of the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District.

(w) A new paragraph is added to Section 27.410 of the Uniform Fire Code to read as follows:

Section 27.410: Torches or Flame-Producing Devices for Removing Paint.

Any person using a torch or other flame-producing device for sweating pipe joints in any building or structure shall have available in the immediate vicinity where the sweating is done one approved fire extinguisher or water hose connected to a water supply. Combustible material in the close proximity of flame shall be protected against ignition by shielding, wetting, or other approved means. In all cases a fire watch shall be maintained in the vicinity of the sweating operation for one-half hour after the torch or flame-producing device has been used.

Dated: January 28, 1975.


MARTIN G. BLINDER, M.D.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Libby Hanson
Deputy City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was read and introduced at a regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held on January 14, , 1975, and was thereafter at a regular meeting of the City Council held on January 28, , 1975, duly passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Anderson, Capurro, Colteaux, Toal, Blinder
NOES: Councilmen None
ABSENT: Councilmen None

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