

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

ORDINANCE NO. 852

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3 OF THE SAN ANSELMO
MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE AND
THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE STANDARDS 1982 EDITION

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

ARTICLE 8. UNIFORM FIRE CODE

Section 3-3.801. Adoption of the Uniform Fire Code.

The Uniform Fire Code, 1982 Edition, including Appendix Chapters I-A, I-B, II-A, II-B, III-A, III-B, III-C, IV-A, V-A, VI-B, and the Uniform Fire Code Standards published by the Western Fire Chiefs Association and the International Conference of Building Officials, is hereby adopted by reference thereto, subject to the definitions, amendments, deletions and additions set forth in this Article.

Section 3-3.802. ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION.

(a) The Uniform Fire Code shall be enforced by the Bureau of Fire Prevention of the Ross Valley Fire Authority which is hereby established and shall be operated under the supervision of the Chief of the Fire Department.

(Sections (b) and (c) to remain in SAMC as written)

Section 3-3.803. DEFINITIONS

(a) "JURISDICTION" shall mean the Town.

(b) "CORPORATION COUNSEL" shall mean the Town Attorney for the Town.

(c) "CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION" shall mean the Fire Marshal of the fire department having jurisdiction.

(d) "FIRE FLOW" shall mean the rate of flow for fire-fighting purposes to confine a major fire as estimated in accordance with the current edition of the "Guide for Determination of Required Fire Flow" published by the Insurance Services Office.

(Sections (e), (f), and (g) in SAMC to be deleted)

Section 3-3.804. STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS IN OUTSIDE ABOVEGROUND TANKS.

The storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited within the following limits: Town Limits.

(Section (b) in SAMC to be deleted)

Section 3-3.805. BULK STORAGE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES

The limits referred to in Section 82.105(a) of the Uniform Fire Code, in which storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby established as follows: Town Limits.

Section 3-3.806. STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS.

The limits referred to in Section 77.106(b) of the Uniform Fire Code, in which the storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby established as follows: Town Limits.

Section 3-3.807. AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 1982 EDITION.

There are many houses and structures within the Town which were built before the publication of the Uniform Fire Code in a manner particularly susceptible to fire danger and which contain substandard electrical wiring and lack safe means of egress. Present roadways and water distribution systems to many areas are inadequate for firefighting purposes. The topography, climate, and vegetation within the Town create a particularly hazardous fire danger during six (6) months of every year. It is therefore necessary that the following changes, additions, modifications, and amendments to the Uniform Fire Code 1982 Edition, as adopted by Section 3-3.801 of this article, be made:

(a) Section 2.105. The Chief and each member of the department charged with the enforcement of this Code shall have the powers of police officers while performing their duties under this Code.

(b) Section 2.205. The words "registered mail" referred to in Section 1.211 shall mean "certified mail."

(c) Section 3.102. No unauthorized person shall unlock any gate, door, barrier, or lock or trespass on, or into, any building or area which has been duly posted or secured by the Chief or any duly authorized representative for the purpose of investigating arson, the safety of persons or property.

(d) Sections 9.107, 9.123, and 9.115. The Electrical Code referred to in Sections 9.107, the Uniform Building Code referred to in Section 9.123, and the Mechanical Code referred to in Section 9.115 shall mean the current edition as adopted by the Town.

(e) Section 1.205. Subsection (b) is amended to read:

(b) No person, except a public officer acting within the scope of his or her duties, shall trespass upon any road or trail which has been closed or obstructed as provided herein, nor shall any person stop or park any vehicle so as to obstruct the entrance to or the traveled way, or any such road or trail. Any vehicle causing such an obstruction shall be towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

(f) Section 10.210. SUMMARY REMOVAL. The Chief or his authorized representative may summarily order the removal of any material including any vehicle, at the owner's expense, which is in violation of Section 10.205 (Parking or Fire Roads), Section 10.206 (Obstruction of Fire Protection Equipment), or Section 10.207 (Access Roadways for Fire Apparatus) of this Code or when such material or vehicle is by the Chief or his authorized representative determined to be a potential hazard and/or is leaking fuel, butane, propane, or other flammable explosives or toxic substances.

(g) Section 10.211. FALSE ALARMS. When a fire alarm or fire alarm system in a non-residential unit causes frequent fire alarm responses, the Fire Chief may make a determination as to the cause of the false alarms. If it is determined that the system is malfunctioning, the alarm company producing the system shall be responsible. If it is determined the false alarms are due to negligence of the occupants or owners, the owners or occupants shall be responsible. The Chief shall have the authority to impose the costs of responding to the false alarms on the responsible party.

(h) Section 10.301: Subsections (a) and (c) are amended to read:

(a) The Chief shall designate the type and number of fire appliances to be installed and maintained in and upon all buildings, structures, and land within the Town. Such appliances shall be installed in accordance with the probable severity, rapidity, and spread of any

likely fire. Portable fire extinguishers shall be in accordance with Uniform Fire Code Standard No. 10-1.

(c) Water supply for such fire protection, life safety systems, and appliances, will be provided by the Marin Municipal Water District.

(i) Section 10.302. Subsection (c) is added to Section 10.302 to read as follows:

(c) All sprinkler system and wet standpipe system valves shall be sealed in the open and operating position with a readily destructible device. Such device shall be tagged to indicate the valve shall not be closed or the system rendered inoperable without notifying the Chief or his authorized representative.

(j) Section 10.307. Subsections (e), (f), and (g) are added to Section 10.307 to read as follows:

(e) Every new building constructed for nonresidential occupancies less than 5,000 square feet in area shall have installed therein an approved fire detection (products of combustion) system in accordance with the standards established by the National Fire Protection Association. Such system shall be connected to an approved supervised Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. listed central station.

(f) No single-family dwelling or multiple-family occupancy shall be sold, and no structural repair or alteration requiring a permit by the Uniform Building Code of a value in excess of One Thousand and no/100ths (1,000.00) Dollars shall be made thereto unless and until the structure has installed therein an approved products of combustion system which has been approved by the Fire Marshall of the State of California. The detectors that are sensitive only to heat shall not be acceptable. Alarm signaling devices shall be clearly audible in all bedrooms when intervening doors are closed. For the purposes of installation and maintenance, the applicable sections of National Fire Protection Association pamphlet No. 74, "Standard for the Installation, Maintenance, and Use of a Household Fire Warning System," shall be considered acceptable engineering practices.

(g) When a fire alarm or fire alarm system in any nonresidential unit causes frequent false alarm responses, the Fire Chief may make a determination as to the cause of the false alarm. If it is determined that the system is malfunctioning, the alarm company producing the system shall be responsible. If it determined the

the false alarms are due to the negligence of the occupants or the owners, the owners or occupants shall be responsible. The Chief shall have the authority to impose the costs of responding to the false alarms on the responsible party.

(k) Section 10.309. Subsection (a) of Section 10.309 is amended to add the following thereto:

Installation, inspection, and maintenance of automatic systems shall meet the standards of National Fire Protection Association Pamphlet No. 13, and Uniform Building Code Standards 38-1 and 38-2.

No automatic sprinkler system shall be installed without a permit. No occupancy of any building shall be approved until such system has been inspected and accepted as being in compliance with the standards set forth in this subsection.

Automatic sprinkler systems may be omitted, with the approval of the Fire Chief, as follows:

(1) In buildings or areas of buildings that have occupancies with high values, noncombustible contents, or contents highly susceptible to water damage; or

(2) When, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, the contents or processes are of such a particular nature that the installation of a standard automatic sprinkler system would cause damages to those contents or processes.

Those buildings or parts of buildings for which the automatic sprinkler system requirement is excepted pursuant to this subsection shall be equipped with a fire detection system (see Section 10.307) or extinguishing system (see Section 10.308) of a tested and approved design. Installations of these systems shall be in conformance with the standards of the National Fire Protection Association, pamphlets Nos. 11 and 11A for Foam Extinguishing Systems, Nos. 12 and 12A for Carbon Dioxide and Halogenated Extinguishing Systems, No. 17 for Chemical Extinguishing Systems, and Nos. 71, 72A, 72B, 72C, and 72D for Signaling Systems.

Subsection 1 of subsection (b) of Section 10.309 is amended to add subsection E thereto to read as follows:

E. A standard automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout all new nonresidential buildings of 5,000 or more square feet; provided, however, buildings of fewer

than 5,000 square feet falling under the provisions of Chapter 38 of the Uniform Building Code may also be required to install such a system.

(l) Section 10.310. Subsection (b) of Section 110.310 is amended to add the following thereto:

Where the nature of the occupancy, type of construction, physical layout, or geographical conditions warrant, the Chief or his authorized representative may require the installation of standpipes in buildings, structures, or on land other than as provided in Table No. 10.310.

(m) Section 12.101. Section 12.101 is amended to add the following thereto:

Exits serving every building or structure shall be maintained in accordance with Chapter 33 of the Uniform Building Code.

Exits serving every building or structure of the confined area, which is used or intended to be used at any time for human occupancy, shall be maintained in accordance with this section. Buildings or structures without adequate egress shall be subject to the abatement procedures specified in Section 2.201. No exit or part thereof shall be altered in any way without prior approval by the Building Inspector.

Section 3-3.808 is hereby added to read as follows:

Section 3-3.808. APPEALS.

Whenever the chief disapproves an application or refuses 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 apply from the decision of the chief to the Board of Appeals of the Town (Section 2.302 of Uniform Fire Code 1982 Edition) within 30 days from the date of the decision appealed.

Section 3-3.809 is hereby added to read as follows:

Section 3-3.809. NEW MATERIALS, PROCESSES, OR OCCUPANCIES WHICH MAY REQUIRE PERMITS.

The Town Administrator, the chief, and the chief of the bureau of fire prevention shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies for which permits are required in addition

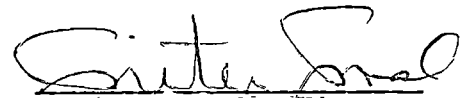
to those now enumerated in said code. The chief of the bureau of fire prevention shall post such list in a conspicuous place in his office, and distribute copies thereof to interested persons.

Section 3-3.810 shall be added as follows:

Section 3-3.810. PENALTIES.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall be prosecuted and punished as provided in Section 1-2.01 of this Code.

Dated: April 17, 1984.



Mayor

ATTEST:

Caroline Foster
Town Clerk

SECTION 2

The foregoing ordinance was read and introduced at a regular meeting of the San Anselmo Town Council held on March 27, 1984, and was thereafter at a regular meeting of the Town Council held on April 17, 1984, duly passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Wooliever, Capurro, Cordingley, Ollinger, Toal

NOES: Councilmembers None

ABSENT: Councilmembers None

Caroline Foster
Town Clerk