

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FIRE HAZARDS IN THE
CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS,

That: -

Section 1. FIRE HAZARDS UNLAWFUL: It shall be unlawful in the City of Urbana, Illinois to own, control, occupy, use, or permit to be used for business, commercial, professional, or industrial purposes, any building, house, office, structure, or premises containing a fire hazard.

Section 2. FIRE HAZARD DEFINED: A fire hazard is any dangerous condition of the premises, or substance, material, thing, or object thereon or therein which might interfere with efforts of the fire department to extinguish or control a fire, or which might cause spontaneous combustion, or which might cause a fire to be ignited.

Section 3. ANNUAL INSPECTION: It shall be the duty of the Fire Marshall of the City of Urbana to cause each of the premises mentioned in section 1 to be inspected by an officer or fireman of the Urbana Fire Department, at least once each year and to issue to the persons in control of said premises, a certificate of safety where no fire hazards are found on said premises. If one or more fire hazards are found, the Fire Marshall shall either deliver or send by registered mail to the owner or person in control of the premises, a written notice describing the fire hazards discovered on the premises and order the removal or elimination of such hazards within ten days after receipt^{of}/the notice. The owner or person in control of the premises, shall eliminate or remove such hazards within such ten day period or shall within such period, make an appeal to the Department of Public Safety of the State of Illinois, for an investigation and review of the order and shall notify the Fire Marshall of the City of Urbana by registered mail, of such appeal. If no notice of appeal is received by the Fire Marshall during the ten day period, the premises containing the fire hazards shall thereafter be reinspected by an officer or fireman and if the hazard or hazards have been removed or eliminated, a certificate of safety shall then be issued. If any such hazard has not been removed or eliminated at the time of the reinspection, the Fire Marshall shall then cause the owner or person in control of the premises to be prosecuted for violation of this ordinance.

Section 4. FEEES FOR INSPECTION: Whenever a certificate of safety is issued by the Fire Marshall, or by any officer or fireman of the Urbana Fire Department, the owner or person in control of the premises shall pay an annual inspection fee in the amount of \$5 to the officer or fireman issuing such certificate. All inspection fees collected by the Fire Department shall be delivered to the City Clerk for deposit in the general fund of the City. All certificates of safety shall expire on the 30th day of April following the date of issuance. One duplicate copy of each certificate of safety shall be kept on file at the Fire Department. Premises for which a certificate of safety has been issued may be reinspected from time to time by the Fire Department but only one inspection fee shall be charged for any one premises during the fiscal year of the City.

Section 5. ACCESS TO PREMISES: The owner or person in control of all such premises mentioned in section 1 hereof, shall permit any officer or fireman of the Urbana Fire Department to have access to his premises at all reasonable times for inspection purposes.

Section 6. VIOLATIONS: Any person, firm, or corporation willfully violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 for each offense and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the City Council this 16th day of April, A. D. 1951.


CITY CLERK

Approved by the Mayor this 17th day of April, A. D. 1951.


MAYOR