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## CHAPTER LVI.

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### **An Ordinance Providing for the Organization of the Fire Department and Prescribing Rules and Regulations for its Government.**

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*Be it Ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Mary, Mo., as follows:*

SEC. 361. (1) There is hereby established in the city of St. Mary, a department to be known as the "Fire Department of the City of St. Mary, Mo.," which shall consist of a fire chief and assistant fire chief, and such other men as may from time to time become members of the fire company of this city; That the members of the Fire Company shall at the date this ordinance takes effect consist of eight men exclusive of the chief and assistant chief, provided however, that such membership may be increased by the Board of Aldermen when deemed necessary.

SEC. 362. (1) The mayor, with the approval of the Board of Aldermen shall annually in April appoint a chief for the Fire Company, who shall hold his office for the term of one year and until his successor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed for cause. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties said chief shall first be sworn to well and truly perform the duties of his said office. The chief shall choose an assistant chief and eight members of the Fire Company, if possible four members from each ward of the city. Said chief shall have the power to summarily dismiss the assistant chief or any or all members of the Fire Company at any time when in his opinion the same will be for the best interests of the fire department; he shall immediately after a dismissal or resignation of any or all members, proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

SEC. 363. (3) The chief may be removed from office by resolution of the Board of Aldermen at any time for incompetency, inefficiency, neglect of duty or when it may appear to the Board to be to the best of the department. In case of vacancy in chief, the mayor shall immediately call a meeting of the Board of Aldermen for the purpose of filling such a

vacancy.

SEC. 364. (4) The chief shall be commander of the fire department, subject only to the orders of the mayor, and all his orders shall be strictly obeyed, and he may also order, by and with the advice and consent of the mayor, and procure all such repairing as may be necessary to the efficiency of the department.

SEC. 365. (5) The assistant chief shall assist the fire chief, obey his orders, and, in his absence act in his stead.

SEC. 366. (6) The firemen shall be divided into companies of engine men, hose men, and hook and ladder men, and it shall be their duty to attend and keep in proper order the engines and other fire apparatus committed to their charge, and the buildings wherein the same are kept, and all fires and property, care for apparatus after fires.

SEC. 367. (7) Upon an alarm of fire the different companies shall under the direction of their officers repair as rapidly as possible to the scene of the fire with the fire apparatus and the machinery and hose under their care, and there work and manage the same under the direction of their fire chief and his assistant until the fire is extinguished. If any member shall without the permission of the fire chief or person acting as such, leave the place of fire before the same is extinguished, he shall be fined not less than one dollar, nor more than one hundred dollars.

SEC. 368. (8) The department may adopt a constitution, by-laws and regulations for government of same. They shall meet at regular monthly meetings. The December meeting to be the annual meeting. There shall be a general review of the Fire Department at least once a year during the month of June.

SEC. 469. (9) The fire chief or other officer in command at any fire, may order the removal of any building, erection or fence for the purpose of checking the progress on any fire and with the advice of the mayor and two members of the Board of Aldermen, shall have power to blow up, or cause to be blown up with powder or other substance any building or erection for the purpose of extinguishing or checking a fire.

SEC. 370. (10) During the prevalence of a fire the services of any person not a firemen may be required by the fire chief or his assistant in helping to convey the apparatus to the fire, the removal and protection

of property and extinguishing the fire, and said fire chief or assistant may require the assistance of any teamster or drayman with his team or other teams or conveyances, or the aid of any by-standers, and any person refusing such assistance shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than one hundred dollars, and cost of prosecution and stand committed to the city prison until such fine and costs are paid; and the above named officers shall have the power to arrest any person refusing, or any person who shall steal any property during progress of the fire and hold them in custody until they can be delivered over to the state or city authorities to be dealt with according to law.

SEC. 371. (11) It shall be unlawful for any person to pass over any hose, when necessarily laid across any street, alley or other highway, with any wagon, hack, buggy or other vehicle, and any person doing so shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than one hundred dollars.

SEC. 372. (12) Whoever shall in any manner willfully injure, deface or destroy any engine, hose-carriage or reel, hose or other fire apparatus, or property belonging to the fire department shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one dollar, nor more than one hundred dollars.

SEC. 373. (13) Any officer or member of the Fire Company who shall be found in a state of intoxication at any fire, or any officer or member of the Fire Company who shall use or permit the use of any intoxicating liquor in or about the engine house or fire station shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one dollar, nor more than one hundred dollars; and thereafter shall be ineligible to be an officer or member of the Fire Company.

SEC. 374. (14) The chief of the Fire Company shall receive one dollar for each regular meeting and every member who shall attend a regular meeting of the Fire Department shall receive the sum of twenty-five cents each regular meeting, and one dollar for actual work at each fire when fire engine is used. To receive this compensation the member must be present at roll call and remain present during entire meeting. Said compensation to be paid quarterly.

SEC. 375. (15) All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Passed and approved January 2nd, 1908.

JULES R. ROZIER, Mayor.

Attest: CHAS. R. BARTELS, City Clerk.

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