

CITY OF JEANNETTE

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BILL NO. 82-13

ORD. # 82-14

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF FIRE CONTROL MEASURES AND REGULATIONS.

There is hereby adopted by the City of Jeannette the fire control measures and regulations as herein set forth for the purposes of controlling conditions which could impede or interfere with fire suppression forces.

SECTION 11. AUTHORITY AT FIRES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.

The fire official or duly authorized representatives, as may be in charge at the scene of a fire or other emergency involving the protection of life and/or property, is empowered to direct such operations as may be necessary to extinguish or control any suspected or reported fires, gas leaks, or other hazardous conditions or situations or of taking any other actions necessary in the reasonable performance of their duty. The Fire Official may prohibit any person, vehicle or object from approaching the scene and may remove or cause to be removed from the scene any person, vehicle or object which may impede or interfere with the operations of the fire department. The Fire Official may remove or cause to be removed any person, vehicle or object from hazard areas. All persons ordered to leave a hazardous area shall do so immediately and shall not re-enter the area until authorized to do so by the Fire Official.

SECTION 111. INTERFERENCE WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS.

It shall be unlawful to interfere with, attempt to interfere with, conspire to interfere with, obstruct or restrict the mobility of, or block the path of travel of any fire department emergency vehicle in any way, or to interfere with, attempt to interfere, conspire to interfere with, obstruct or hamper any fire department operation.

SECTION 1V. COMPLIANCE WITH ORDERS.

A person shall not wilfully or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of the fire official or to interfere with the compliance attempts of another individual.

SECTION V. VEHICLES CROSSING FIRE HOSE.

A vehicle shall not be driven or propelled over any unprotected fire hose of the fire department when laid down on any street, alley-way, private drive or any other vehicular roadway without the consent of the fire official in command of said operation.

SECTION VI. DEFINITION OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

Authorized emergency vehicles shall be restricted to those which are defined and authorized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

SECTION VII. OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON APPROACH OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

Upon the approach of any authorized emergency vehicle, giving audible and visual signal, the operator of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right-hand edge or curb of the street or roadway, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle or vehicles shall have passed, unless otherwise directed by the fire official or a police officer.

SECTION VIII. VEHICLES FOLLOWING FIRE APPARATUS.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle, other than one on official business, to follow closer than 300 feet from any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm, or to drive any vehicle within the block or immediate area where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

SECTION IX. UNLAWFUL BOARDING OR TAMPERING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT.

A person shall not without proper authorization from the fire official in charge of said fire department emergency equipment, cling to, attach himself to, climb upon or into, board or swing upon any fire department emergency vehicle, whether the same is in motion or at rest, or sound the siren, horn, bell or other sound - producing device thereon, or to manipulate or tamper with, or attempt to manipulate or tamper with any leavers, valves, switches, starting devices, brakes, pumps, or any equipment or protective clothing on, or a part of, any fire department, emergency vehicle.

SECTION X. DAMAGE, INJURY-FIRE DEPARTMENT-EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL.

It shall be unlawful for any person to damage or deface, or attempt, or conspire to damage or deface any fire department emergency vehicle at any time, or to injure, or attempt to injure, or to conspire to injure fire department personnel while performing departmental duties.

SECTION XI. EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATION.

The driver of any emergency vehicle, as defined in Section V. of this Ordinance, shall not sound the siren thereon or have the front red lights on or disobey any existing traffic regulation, except when said vehicle is responding to an emergency call or when responding to, but not upon returning from a fire. Tactical strategies such as, but not restricted to, "move-ups" do not constitute an emergency call. The driver of an emergency vehicle may"

- (a) park or stand irrespective of the provisions of existing traffic regulations;
- (b) proceed pass a red or stop signal or other sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation:
- (c) exceed the prima facie speed limit so long as the action does not endanger life or property:
- (d) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions:
- (e) the exemptions herein granted to an emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary, and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of such vehicle.

SECTION XII. BLOCKING FIRE HYDRANTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS.

It shall be unlawful to obscure from you, damage, deface, obstruct or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or any fire department connection for the pressurization of fire suppression systems, including fire hydrants and fire department connections that are located on a public or private streets and access lanes, or on private property.

If upon the expiration of the time mentioned in a notice of violation obstructions or encroachments are not removed, the fire official shall proceed to remove the same. Cost incurred in the performance of necessary work shall be paid from the Municipal treasury on certificate of the Fire Official and with the approval of the Chief administrative official; and the legal authority of the Municipality shall institute appropriate action for the recovery of such cost.

SECTION XIII. HYDRANT USE APPROVAL.

A person shall not use or operate any fire hydrant intended for use of the Fire Department for fire suppression purposes unless such person first secures a permit for such use from the Fire Official and the Water Company having jurisdiction. This section shall not apply to the use of such hydrants by a person employed by, and authorized to make such use by, the Water Company having jurisdiction.

SECTION XIV. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY.

The Fire Official shall recommend to the Chief Administrative Official of the Municipality the location or relocation of new or existing Fire Hydrants and the placement or replacement of inadequate water mains located upon public properties and deem necessary to provide an adequate fire flow and distribution pattern. A Fire Hydrant shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the Fire Official.

SECTION XV. YARD SYSTEMS.

All new and existing shipyards, oil storage plants, lumber yards, amusement or exhibition parks and educational or institutional complexes and similar occupancies and uses involving high fire or life hazards, and which are located more than one hundred and fifty feet from a public street or which require quantities of water beyond the capabilities of the public water distribution system shall be provided with properly placed fire hydrants. Such fire hydrants shall be capable of supplying fire flows as required by the fire official and shall be connected to a water system in accordance with accepted engineering practices. The Fire Official shall designate and approve the number and location of fire hydrants. The Fire Official may require the installation of sufficient fire hose and equipment housed in accordance with the approved rules and may require the establishment of a trained fire brigade when the hazard involved requires such measures. Private hydrants shall no be placed into or removed from service until approved by the Fire Official.

SECTION XVI. MAINTENANCE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT.

A person shall not obstruct, remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant or fire appliance required to be installed or maintained under the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code except for the purpose of extinguishing fire, training or testing purposes, recharging, or making necessary repairs, or when permitted by the Fire Official. Whenever a fire appliance is removed as herein permitted, it shall be replaced or re-installed as soon as the purpose for which it was removed has been accomplished. Defective and non-approved fire appliances or equipment shall be replaced or repaired as directed by the Fire Official.

SECTION XVII. SALE OF DEFECTIVE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

A person shall not sell, trade, loan or give away any form, type or kind of fire extinguisher which is not approved by the Fire Official, or which is not in proper working order, or the contents of which do not meet the requirements of the Fire Official.

The requirements of this section shall not apply to the sale, trade or exchange of obsolete or damaged equipment for junk when said units are permanently disfigured or marked with a permanent sign identifying the unit as junk.

SECTION XVIII. STREET OBSTRUCTIONS.

A person or persons shall not erect, construct, place, or maintain any bumps, fences, gates, chains, bars, pipes, wood or metal horses or any other type of obstruction in or on any street, within the boundaries of the Municipality.

The word STREET as used in the Ordinance shall mean any roadway accessible to the public for vehicular traffic, including, but not limited to, private streets or access lanes, as well as all but public streets and highways within the boundaries of the Municipality.


SECTION XIX. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SECTION XX. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage.

PASSED this 20TH date of OCTOBER, 19 82.


MICHAEL J. SALVATORE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RICHARD S. LASKEY, CITY CLERK