

## ORDINANCES

## PROVIDING FOR MORE PERFECT SECURITY OF PROPERTY FROM FIRE.

*ORDINANCE No. 233—as amended by Ordinance No. 279—fixing the Fire Limits of the City and providing for the appointment of Fire Wardens.*

The People of the City of San Francisco do ordain as follows :

SECTION 1. The fire limits of the City of San Francisco shall be within the following boundaries, viz : Beginning at the Bay and running through Union street, to its intersection with Powell street; thence along Powell street to its intersection with Post street; thence along Post street to its intersection with Second street; thence along Second street to its intersection with Folsom street; thence along Folsom street to the waters of the Bay; thence along the water, front of the city, to the place of beginning. These limits shall be sub-divided into four districts, as follows : The first district shall embrace that portion lying between Union and Jackson streets. The second district shall embrace that portion lying between Jackson and Clay streets. The third district shall embrace that portion lying between Clay and California streets. The fourth district shall embrace that portion lying between California and Folsom streets.

SECTION 2. The first, second and third Assistant Engineers, and the Secretary of the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department shall be, and are hereby constituted "Fire Wardens." Immediately after they are elected by the Fire Department as Engineers, they shall be sworn in as Fire Wardens by the Mayor, and receive from him a certificate of office, which shall vest them with all the powers of policemen, and be their authority for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.

The First Assistant Engineer shall be Fire Warden for the First District, Second Assistant Engineer for the Second District, the Third Assistant Engineer for the Third District, and the Secretary of the Board of Delegates for the Fourth District.

Each Fire Warden shall reside in the District for which he is appointed, and shall be paid for such services one hundred and fifty dollars per month, payable out of the Fire Department Fund.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Fire Wardens to examine as often of twice each month, all buildings or places where fires are or may be used, within their respective districts, for the purpose of discovering any violation of this or any other Ordinance that may hereafter be adopted for the prevention of fires.

SECTION 4. If in the opinion of any Fire Warden, there is any danger to be apprehended from the construction of any fire-place, stove, stove-pipe, chimney, or in any other manner, from fire, to direct the danger to be corrected, and if the direction is not complied with, within a reasonable time, the parties so offending shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, at the discretion of the Recorder.

SECTION 5. No person shall make or cause to be made, any fire in any street, lane, open lot or public square within the fire limits, unless he or they first obtain the written permission of the Mayor or Fire Warden, under the penalty of not less than ten, nor more than fifty dollars for each offence, at the discretion of the Recorder.

SECTION 6. No owner or occupant of any stable or other place, where combustibles are exposed, shall use therein a lighted candle or lamp of any description, except the same shall be securely kept within a lantern, under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each offence.

SECTION 7. No hay or other dangerous material shall be stored in any lot within the fire limits, unless under secure cover, under a penalty of not less than twenty-five, nor more than one hundred dollars, at the discretion of the Recorder.

SECTION 8. No cloth covered or tent building, shall be permitted within the fire limits, and a refusal to remove the same, shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, at the discretion of the Recorder.

SECTION 9. The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shall be, by virtue of his office, Fire Warden, and as such have a general supervision of the Fire Wardens and Fire Districts, and he is hereby vested with all the powers of a policeman; but he shall receive no compensation for such services.