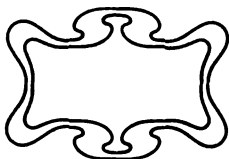


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OF THE

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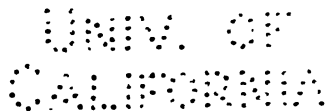
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SEC. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval and publication.

Passed and approved this 13th day of July, 1896.

A. BERDING, President.

L. H. MINER, Clerk.

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ORDINANCE NO. 52.

ESTABLISHING A FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF FERNDALE.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Ferndale do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. A Fire Department of the Town of Ferndale is hereby created which shall be known as the Ferndale Fire Department and which shall consist of a Chief, one Assistant Chief, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and all such regularly organized fire companies now or hereafter organized in the said town, as shall be admitted to said Fire Department by the Board of Trustees of said town, on recommendation of the Board of Control of the Fire Department, and which shall comply with the provisions and requirements of this Ordinance, and other Ordinances which may hereafter be passed by this Board; provided, that there shall not be more than four companies in the town. Not more than sixty-five members shall be allowed to any engine company, or hook-and-ladder company and not more than twenty-five members to any hose company.

SEC. 2. The Chief, Assistant Chief, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected on the first Thursday in February of each year by the members of the Fire Department, and confirmed by the Board of Trustees, and shall hold office only at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 3. The Fire Department shall be governed by a "Board of Control." Said Board shall consist of the duly elected and qualified Chief and Assistant Chief, together with the duly elected and qualified Foremen of the several fire companies, elected by the respective companies comprised in the department. The Board of Control shall have exclusive charge and control of all matters appertaining to the government of said department, and shall have power to adopt such rules and regulations for the government of the same as shall not conflict with this ordinance.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall issue certificates of active membership and of exemption to all members of the Fire Department who may be entitled to receive the same, and shall perform such other duties as may be provided in this Ordinance or in the rules and regulations of the Department.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of and receipt for all moneys of the Fire Department and Board of Control, and shall perform such other duties as may be provided by the rules and regulations of the Department.

SEC. 6. The Chief, Assistant Chief, Secretary and Treasurer, on receiving their certificates of election or appointment, shall take and subscribe to the constitutional oath of office, before an officer authorized to administer oaths, which shall be endorsed upon or attached to his certificate and filed with the Town Clerk in his office. The Chief and Assistant Chief herein provided for must have been active members of the Fire Department of said town for at least one year previous to such election.

SEC. 7. The Board of Control of said Fire Department may, for good cause shown and entered on its minutes, and after fair and just hearing and trial had, remove any officer appointed, or any member of this department. At least five days'

notice of the charges preferred and the time fixed for trial shall be given through the Secretary of the Board to the accused officer or member before the trial shall be had

SEC. 8. No liability shall be incurred against the town on account of the Fire Department, except such as shall be ordered or approved by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 9. Every fire company in the town shall, within thirty days after the taking effect of this ordinance, make and deliver to the Secretary of the Board of Control a certificate showing: First, the date of its organization; second, the names of its officers, and when and for how long a time they are elected or appointed; third, the time of its regular meetings and regular elections; fourth, the names of all its active members in good standing. Every fire company hereafter organized shall, before it is admitted to the department, file with said Secretary a like certificate. A like certificate shall be made and filed annually with said Secretary, not less than thirty days before the annual election. Such certificate shall be signed by the Foreman and Secretary of each company.

SEC. 10. The Chief, if present, shall have control and command of all operations of the department at fires. If the Chief is not present at any fire, the Assistant Chief shall have control and command; and if neither the Chief nor the Assistant Chief be present, then the first Foreman who causes water to be thrown on the fire shall have such charge and command. All the members of the Fire Department shall obey the orders of the officer in charge at any fire, and it shall be the duty of all companies in the department, with their apparatus, and of all the members of the companies to turn out at any fire unless otherwise directed.

SEC. 11. The Chief shall have charge, subject to the orders of the Board of Trustees, of all property of the Department.

SEC. 12. The Chief shall report to the Board of Trustees annually, on the first Monday in March, the number, location and condition of all cisterns, hydrants and fire apparatus, and the state of the fire company houses, and of all property of the town in keeping of said department. Also, all accidents by fire which have taken place, with the causes thereof, and a description of the property destroyed or injured, with the names of the owners of the same and the amount of loss and insurance; also, such other information and such recommendations as he may deem proper. He shall, furthermore, inquire into the cause of all fires.

SEC. 13. The Chief shall be notified at once of any necessary repairs to houses, apparatus, etc., and all communications to the Board of Trustees in reference to such matters shall pass through his hands, for approval or disapproval, prior to coming before this Board.

SEC. 14. All fire companies and all members thereof shall be subject to the rules and regulations in this ordinance contained, or which may hereafter be established by said Board of Trustees.

SEC. 15. No person shall be a member of said Fire Department, or of any company of said department, who is not at least eighteen years of age.

SEC. 16. None of the fire apparatus of said department shall be taken out of the town without the consent of the Board of Trustees, except in case of fire, and then only by order of the officer in charge.

SEC. 17. Within twenty days after the passage of this ordinance the Chief, Assistant Chief and the Foremen of the various fire companies of this town shall meet at the Town Hall and proceed with the organization of said Board of Control, and elect a Secretary and a Treasurer.

SEC. 18. Any person aggrieved at any act or determination of any company

belonging to said department may appeal therefrom to the Board of Control by filing a statement of the grounds of appeal with the Secretary of said Board and serving a copy thereof on the Secretary of the company appealed from; whereupon it shall be the duty of said Board to appoint a time for hearing and to hear and finally determine said appeal.

SEC. 19. Any person interested may contest the election of any officer of said department by filing a statement in writing, setting forth the grounds of contest, with the Clerk of said town, and serving a copy thereof upon the person whose election is contested, within thirty days after the election contested; whereupon the Board of Trustees will, upon notice, hear and determine the matter.

SEC. 20. All fire companies organized and now existing in this town are incorporated and admitted in the department hereby established, under their present management and officers, without further formality.

SEC. 21. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Passed and approved this 15th day of March, 1897.

A. BERDING, President.

L. H. MINER, Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 53.

EXTENDING SIDEWALK LIMIT, ETC.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Ferndale do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That the sidewalk limits on Main street are hereby extended to the residence of Charles Rackliffe.

SEC. 2. That a wooden sidewalk, six feet in width, in conformity with Ordinance No. 26 of the Town of Ferndale, be constructed on Main street, from a point in front of L. M. Smith's residence to a point in front of Charles Rackliffe's residence.

SEC. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Passed and approved this 15th day of March, 1897.

A. BERDING, President.

L. H. MINER, Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 54.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Ferndale do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Every demand against the town must be made out on blanks furnished by the town for the purpose, giving all items of the claim, duly verified by the affidavit of the person making the demand or by some person in his behalf, as to its correctness and that the amount is justly due. Every claim and demand against the town shall, before being heard or considered by the Board of Trustees, first be audited by a committee of two members of the Board, appointed by the President of the Board, to whom shall be referred all claims against the town. Said committee shall recommend the approval or rejection of the claims presented. Said