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ORDINANCE #152

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DEFINING A PUBLIC OR COMMERCIAL GARAGE, MAKING PROVISIONS IN REFERENCE TO THEIR CONSTRUCTION, REQUIRING EQUIPMENT WITH CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH GARAGES, OTHERWISE REGULATING THEM AND PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. For the purposes of this ordinance the term "Public or Commercial Garage" shall mean a building or that portion of a building wherein are kept more than three automobiles or motor cars charged with or containing a volatile inflammable liquid for fuel or power, and where any portion of a building is used for a garage the aforesaid term shall apply to and embrace all of the building not separated from the said garage by proper standard fire walls.

Section 2. All openings in the walls of such garages shall be protected on both sides by standard fire doors, which shall be kept constantly closed except when necessarily temporarily opened for passage.

Section 3. All private garages housing not more than three automobiles, if within fifteen feet of any other building shall be constructed of non-combustible material.

Section 4. For the purposes of this ordinance the term "Volatile Inflammable Liquid" shall mean any liquid that will emit inflammable vapor at a temperature below eighty degrees Fahrenheit.

Section 5. No frame building shall be used as a public or commercial garage, and no building exceeding one story in height shall be used as such garage within the fire limits of this city unless it be of fireproof construction. No basement or cellar shall be allowed under such garage, nor shall any building be used as such garage unless the floor on which automobiles containing volatile inflammable liquid are stored shall be of concrete, or other suitable non-combustible material.

Section 6. No stove, forge, torch, bailer or other furnace, and no flame or fire shall be used or allowed in any garage. All electric dynamos and motors not actually part of the automobile,

except "explosion proof" or fully enclosed motors, shall be located less than five feet above the floor of the building in which located. All incandescent lights so located as to be exposed to mechanical injury shall be protected by approved wire guards, and all arc lamps shall be so located as to be safe from mechanical injury, and shall be of the enclosed type, approved reinforced cord must be used where ~~lamps~~ lamps are used for portable purposes. Movable incandescent lights in a garage shall be protected by approved metal guards and shall be fitted with keyless sockets, and all electric switches and plugs shall be permanently located at least five feet above the floor and enclosed in a fire proof cabinet. The entire electrical equipment shall conform to the rules contained in the latest edition of the National Electric Code.

Section 7. No volatile inflammable liquid shall be kept or carried in open vessels in a garage, and no volatile inflammable liquid shall be drawn except into approved safety cans of a capacity not exceeding five gallons each, and then, with the exception of liquids with flashpoint above thirty degrees, Fahrenheit, only for the purpose of immediately filling the tanks of automobiles contained in a garage. In lieu of the above safety cans, portable filling tanks, not to exceed sixty gallons in capacity, may be used for transporting volatile inflammable liquid to and from the storage tanks for filling and charging the automobile. The said portable tanks shall be supported on rubber tired wheels and liquids must be drawn by means of a tight fitting pump. Hose attachment must not exceed ten feet in length, equipped at the end with a shut-off valve.

Section. 8. No volatile inflammable liquid shall be allowed to run upon the floor or to fall or pass into the drainage system of a garage, nor shall any such liquid be put into or removed from the tanks of a vehicle while any light or fire on the same is burning.

Section. 14. Gasoline barrels shall be kept in air tight cans of non-combustible material, preferably galvanized iron or steel, with metal gusset, with bottom at least six inches above

Section 9. Where electric charging apparatus is installed or placed in a public or commercial garage, all such apparatus except the wires leading to the automobiles to be charged shall be placed within a room separated from the main garage by fireproof walls, which wall shall not be inferior in fire-resisting qualities to re-inforced concrete construction four inches in thickness. Any openings from such room into the main garage shall be protected by self ~~inc~~losing fire doors, and door sills shall be raised at least eight inches above the floor level.

Section 10. No person shall smoke in any garage. A notice in large letters "NO SMOKING" shall be kept displayed in a conspicuous place and manner on all floors and at the entrance of all garages.

Section 11. On the floor of every garage there shall be constantly kept and maintained convenient receptacles filled with sand to be used in absorbing waste oils on the floor. In addition thereto sand shall be kept on every floor in boxes or buckets provided with scoops to be used for fire extinguishing purposes only. There shall be one such box or bucket for each two thousand square feet of floor area or fraction thereof, or in lieu of such boxes or buckets there may be maintained a cart on wheels filled with sand, which cart shall hold not less than four cubic feet of sand.

Section 12. There shall be maintained at least one chemical fire extinguisher for each two thousand square feet of floor space or fraction thereof.

Section 13. Self closing metal cans set firmly on four inch legs shall be kept on all floors of every garage, into which all inflammable waste materials shall be deposited at all times when not in use, and there shall be one such can for each twenty-five hundred square feet of floor area or fractional part thereof. The contents of all waste cans shall be removed from the building daily.

Section. 14. Calcium Carbide shall be kept in air tight containers of non-combustible material, preferably galvanized iron of not less than 18 U.S. metal gauge, with bottom at least six inches above

the floor, and having securely fastened automatic closing covers.

Section.15. Two printed copies of this ordinance shall be kept conspicuously posted on each floor of every public or commercial garage.

Section 16. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five nor more than Twenty-five Dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 17. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of January, A. D. 1921

CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

By

W. E. Brown

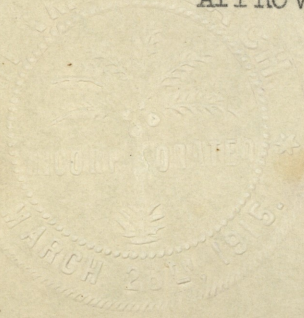
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ATTEST:

W. J. Toulson
City Clerk

APPROVED this 26th day of January, A. D. 1921

J. E. James
Mayor



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