

Ordinance Number 143

An Ordinance Prescribing Fire Limits and Relating to the Construction of Buildings therein, and Providing Penalties for the violation thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS.

Section One. The following shall be and are hereby declared to be the fire limits: All lots fronting on St. Joseph street between Creal street and Moss street, also lots 7, 8, and 9, Block 13 and lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 14, Original Wathena.

Section Two. Every building hereafter erected or enlarged within the fire limits shall be inclosed on all sides with walls constructed wholly of stone, brick, tile, terra cotta, concrete, or cement block, except as otherwise provided by this ordinance.

Section Three. Small frame outhouses not exceeding 150 square feet in area and 8 feet in height and temporary one-story frame buildings for use of builders may be built within the fire limits, provided, however, that such buildings shall not be located within 20 feet of any other building.

Section Four. No frame building shall be moved from without to within the fire limits. For the purpose of this ordinance a building shall be classed as frame when the exterior walls or portions thereof are of wood; also, a building with wooden framework veneered with brick, stone, terra cotta, tile or concrete, or covered with plaster, stucco or sheet metal shall be classed as a frame building.

Section Five. Any frame building within the fire limits, which may hereafter be damaged by fire, decay or otherwise to an amount greater than 50 per cent, exclusive of its foundation, shall not be repaired or rebuilt, but shall be removed.

Section Six. All buildings hereafter erected within the fire limits, shall have the roof, top and sides of all roof structures, including dormer windows and mansard roofs, covered with incombustible material. No existing wooden shingle roof within the fire limits shall be renewed or repaired with other than incombustible roof covering.

Section Seven. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each offense. Each day that any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Section Eight. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

Section Nine. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in the Wathena Times.

Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 16th day of May, 1939.

Attest:

Raymond Kirschbaum, clerk

T. M. Bauer, Mayor