

Title 15

BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

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15.04.010 Fire district created. There is hereby created within the town, a fire district, the boundaries of which district to be known as the fire limits, shall encompass the additions and tracts of land as set forth in Chapter 1.28. (Ord. 114, Sec. 1, 1980)

15.04.020 Board of fire wardens created. The board of fire wardens shall be the Town Council. (Ord. 114, Sec. 2, 1980)

15.04.030 Construction prerequisite. It is hereafter unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association, to build, construct, remodel, or repair, or cause to be built, constructed, remodelled, or repaired, any building or structure within the corporate limits of the town without first obtaining permission in writing from the town clerk for the construction, remodelling, or repairing of such building or structure. (Ord. 114, Sec. 3, 1980)

15.04.040 Stove requirements. No building in which stoves or heating plants of any description are to be used shall hereafter be built or constructed within the corporate limits of the town unless the same are provided with a properly constructed chimney or chimneys of brick, stone, concrete, or tile. (Ord. 114, Sec. 4, 1980)

15.04.050 Building materials. No building or structure of any kind or description shall hereafter be built or constructed within the boundaries of the above described fire limits of the town unless the same are of brick, stone, concrete, reinforced concrete, or some other suitable modern fireproof material. (Ord. 114, Sec. 5, 1980)

15.04.060 Denial of permission. The town clerk shall not grant permission for the remodelling or repairing of any building or buildings within the boundaries of the above described fire limits of the town when, in his opinion, based upon the fire board's opinion, such proposed remodelling or repairing will in any way or manner increase the fire hazard of the building to be so remodelled or repaired, or will in any way or manner increase the fire hazard of any adjoining building or buildings. (Ord. 114, Sec. 6, 1980)

15.04.070 Compliance required. The town clerk shall not grant permission to any person, firm, or corporation for the moving of any building or structure of any kind to or upon any lot or parcel of land lying within the above described fire limits of the town unless the same complies with all the provisions of this chapter regulating building within the fire district and upon the advice of the fire wardens. (Ord. 114, Sec. 7, 1980)

15.04.080 Electric wiring and gas piping requirements. No building or structure within the corporate limits of the town shall hereafter be wired for electric lights or electric power, piped for gas, nor shall any gas or gasoline lighting plant or system be installed, without the permit of the Town Council; and the Town Council shall not grant permission for any such wiring, piping, or installation, unless the same are of a kind and character authorized and permitted by the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific without additional hazard. (Ord. 114, Sec. 8, 1980)

15.04.090 Time limit for conformance. The owner, lessee, agent, or occupant of any building heretofore erected, situated within the above described fire limits, which has not now a suitable brick, stone, tile, or concrete chimney, shall within

sixty (60) days, build, construct, or cause to be built or constructed, upon such building, a brick, stone, tile, or concrete chimney or chimneys, and no such chimney or chimneys shall be built without the approval and permission of the Town of Hingham. (Ord. 114, Sec. 9, 1980)

15.04.100 Board powers and duties. The Town of Hingham, through the town clerk, is hereby authorized, and it is their duty:

(1) To issue, in writing, all permits for the construction, remodelling, or repairing of any and all buildings to be erected, remodelled, or repaired in the town, and all permits or orders required for any purpose under the provisions of this chapter;

(2) To examine and inspect all buildings and premises in the town;

(3) If, upon such examination and inspection, they shall find a building or other structure, which for want of repair by reason of age and dilapidated condition, defective chimneys, defective gas or gasoline connections, defective heating apparatus or for any other cause or reason, is especially liable to fire, and which building or structure is so situated as to endanger other buildings or property, they shall order such building or buildings to be repaired, torn down, demolished materials removed, and all dangerous conditions remedied;

(4) If the Town of Hingham shall find, in a building or upon any premises within the town, any combustible or explosive material, rubbish, rags, waste, oils, gasoline, or inflammable conditions of any kind, dangerous to the safety of such building or premises, or to adjoining structures, buildings, or property, they shall order such materials removed or conditions remedied;

(5) The Town of Hingham shall, when they deem it necessary for the protection of any building, order the owner, lessee, agent, or occupant thereof to provide a sufficient number of standard fire extinguishers to protect such building;

(6) All orders of the Town of Hingham and all permits issued by them shall be made in writing and shall be signed by the town clerk;

(7) All orders of the Town of Hingham shall be served personally or by registered letter upon the owner, lessee, agent or occupant of the building or premises, against which the order is issued, and thereupon such order shall be complied with by the owner, lessee, agent, or occupant, within the time limit specified in such order. (Ord. 114, Sec. 10, 1980)

15.04.110 Exits from public buildings. Every building heretofore erected within the above described fire limits, which is more than one story in height and any part of which is to be used for a theater, moving picture show, dance hall, or for

public gatherings of any kind, shall be provided as follows: All doors leading from such room or rooms where any theater, moving picture show, dance, or public gathering of any kind is held, and all doors in any hall or passage way leading to such room or rooms, shall be hung so that they swing or open toward the outside. If any room or rooms in which any theater, moving picture show, dance, or public gathering of any kind is held, is situated above the first floor, such room or rooms shall be provided with suitable fire escapes attached to the outside of the building and with suitable exits leading thereto. (Ord. 114, Sec. 11, 1980)

15.04.120 Conformance of public buildings. If any building heretofore erected within the above described fire limits, in which any theater, moving picture show, dance, or public gathering of any kind, is held, is not now provided with proper exits and fire escapes, it shall be the duty of the Town of Hingham within sixty days from _____, to order such changes as may be necessary to make the building conform as nearly as may be with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 114, Sec. 12, 1980)

15.04.130 Penalty. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be subject to the provisions of the general penalty. (Ord. 114, Sec. 13, 1980)

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Chapter 15.16

BUILDING PERMITS

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15.16.010 Title. This chapter shall be known as the Permit and Building Law of the town. (Ord. 82, Sec. 1, 1977)

15.16.020 Purpose. This chapter is declared for the purposes of notification and desire to erect building and structures and to promote better community relationships in town unity. (Ord. 82, Sec. 2, 1977)

15.16.030 Application of regulation. This chapter shall apply to all buildings hereafter constructed, moved, demolished, altered, replaced or the placing of steel tanks above or under ground at any buildings of any description within the town limits. (Ord. 82, Sec. 3, 1977)

15.16.040 Obtaining a permit. No person, company or corporation shall erect a building or structure of any kind, enlarge or extended any building or structure already erected in the town, place any steel tanks above or under ground without first obtaining a permit in writing from one authorized to issue the same by the town that designated individual being the clerk of the Town Council of the town. (Ord. 82, Sec. 4, 1977)

15.16.050 Application for permit. The application shall be in writing and state the exact site, lot and block to be occupied, the kind and nature of the structure and the purpose of the same with an estimated value of the completed structure. All applications shall be on forms supplied by the town and available at the office of the town clerk. (Ord. 82, Sec. 5, 1977)

15.16.060 Approval of permit. The erection, construction or alteration of said building or structure, steel tank or otherwise, shall not be proceeded with until such permit has been granted and proved by the town. (Ord. 82, Sec. 6, 1977)

15.16.070 Fee required. The fee for the application and permit shall be set by the Town Council. (Ord. 82, Sec. 7, 1977)

15.16.080 Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation who refuses to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the general penalty.