

SUBSTITUTE

Introduced by: Mayor Pedro E. Segarra

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AND
PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 1 OF THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF HARTFORD

April 22, 2014

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Chapter 13, Article III, Division 1 of the Hartford Municipal Code be hereby amended to add new Sections 13-56 and 13-57 as follows:

Sec. 13-46. Bureau established; composition.

There shall be in the department of fire, and under the supervision of the fire chief, bureau of fire prevention. The fire marshal shall act as chief of the bureau of fire prevention. The fire chief shall from time to time detail such other officers or members of the department of fire as he deems necessary to be inspectors for such bureau.

Sec. 13-47. Powers and duties of bureau.

It shall be the duty of the chief and the inspectors of the bureau of fire prevention to enforce all provisions of the Code and ordinances of the city pertaining to the:

- (1) Prevention of fires;
- (2) Storage and use of explosives and inflammables;
- (3) Installation and maintenance of automatic and other private fire alarm systems and of all fire-extinguishing equipment;
- (4) Maintenance and regulation of fire escapes, fire doors and other fire safety devices;
- (5) Adequacy of the means of exit in case of fire from factories, schools, hotels, lodginghouses, tenement houses, asylums, hospitals, churches, halls, theaters, amphitheaters and all other places in which numbers of persons work, live or congregate for any purpose;
- (6) Investigation of the cause, origin and circumstances of fire.

Sec. 13-48. Delegation to bureau of duties of fire chief.

The fire chief may delegate to the chief and the inspectors of the bureau of fire

prevention any powers and duties conferred upon him by this Code or ordinances of the city relating to the making of tests and inspections, and the approval of structures, appliances, devices, installations and equipment, and may delegate to the chief of the bureau of fire prevention any powers and duties conferred upon him as to the approval of applications for licenses and permits.

Sec. 13-49. Compensation of bureau personnel.

No officer or member of the department of fire shall receive any extra compensation for any duties he may perform as an inspector of the bureau of fire prevention.

Sec. 13-50. Records of bureau.

The chief of the bureau of fire prevention shall keep, in the office of the bureau, a complete record of all inspections made under the provisions of this chapter. Such records shall be kept in such a manner that the condition of any building, structure, or premises inspected may be determined, together with any orders issued concerning such building, structure or premises and any action taken thereon. The chief of the bureau of fire prevention shall also keep a record of all fires and of all facts concerning the same.

Sec. 13-51. Authority to enter to inspect.

The fire chief, the chief of the bureau of fire prevention or any inspector may, at any reasonable hour, enter any building or premises in the city for the purpose of making any inspection or investigation which he may deem necessary to be made under this chapter or any other provision of the Code or ordinances of the city relating to fire.

Sec. 13-52. Authority to inspect buildings, premises.

The fire chief shall inspect or cause to be inspected by the bureau of fire prevention by officers or members of the department of fire, as often as may be necessary, but not less than twice a year, all buildings and premises in the city except the interiors of private dwellings, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any condition liable to cause fire, or any violation of the provisions of this Code or ordinances of the city aggravating an allowable fire hazard or creating an unlawful one.

Sec. 13-53. Inspection of hazardous conditions, required equipment.

The fire chief, the chief of the bureau of fire prevention or any inspector specially designated to do so shall inspect, as often as may be necessary, but not less than twice a year all especially hazardous manufacturing processes, all storages or installations of gases, chemicals, oils, explosives and inflammable materials, all interior fire alarm and automatic sprinkler systems, and such other fire hazards and fire appliances as the fire chief may designate, for the purpose of enforcing the laws and ordinances governing the same and of

safeguarding life and property from fire.

Sec. 13-54. Inspections on complaint.

Upon complaint of any person, the fire chief, the chief of the bureau of fire prevent or an inspector shall inspect any building or premises within his jurisdiction for the purpos mentioned above.

Sec. 13-55. Bonfires.

No bonfire shall be made or maintained in the city without written permission from the fire chief.

Sec. 13-56. Permits for Operation-Required; Fees; Revocation of Permits.

- (a) All occupancies, the use of certain effects or displays, or operation of outdoor events, pursuant to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 29-291(a)-1 inclusive, also known as the CT State Fire Prevention Code and as amended, shall not operate unless inspected by the Fire Marshal or his/her designee and, upon successful completion of required inspection, issued an annual permit to operate.
- (b) A fee for such annual permits shall be in accordance with Sec. 13-6 of the Municipal Code.
- (c) The Fire Marshal or his/her designee may, at any time, upon inspection or verification of a complaint, revoke a permit for violations of the CT Fire Safety Code or CT Fire Prevention Code and in accordance with CT. General Statues §29-306.
- (d) Annual operational permit requirements are effective January 1, 2014.