

Chapter 12

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION*

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***State law references**—State fire prevention code, MCL 29.1 et seq.; explosives act, MCL 29.41 et seq.; crimes related to explosives and bombs, MCL 750.200 et seq.; crimes related to fires, MCL 750.240 et seq.

Sec. 12-1. False alarm.

No person shall wilfully turn in, sound or cause to be communicated to the ACW-Unionville Fire Department, a false alarm of fire.

(Code 1959, § 40.001)

State law reference—False fire alarm, MCL 750.240.

Sec. 12-2. Injury to fire equipment.

No person shall wilfully molest, take for his own private use, or damage in any manner, any firefighting equipment or apparatus or anything pertaining to the firefighting system, or drive any vehicle upon or against any hose or equipment of the ACW-Unionville Fire Department.

(Code 1959, § 40.002)

State law reference—Destruction of fire department property, MCL 750.377b.

Sec. 12-3. Obstruction of fire hydrants.

No person shall place any obstruction whatever, nor shall any person responsible for such obstruction permit it to remain, within 15 feet of any fire hydrant.

(Code 1959, § 40.003)

Sec. 12-4. Use of fire hydrants.

No person, except authorized village officers and employees shall use any fire hydrant except in case of emergency, without first securing permission from the department of public works for such use, and paying or agreeing to pay for the water to be used. In no case shall any wrench or tool be used on any fire hydrant other than a regulation village hydrant wrench.

(Code 1959, § 40.004)

Sec. 12-5. Fire inspection.

The fire chief is hereby empowered to enter at any and all reasonable times upon and into any premises, building or structure for the purpose of examining and inspecting the same, to ascertain the conditions thereof with regard to fire hazards and the condition, size, arrangement and efficiency of any and all appliances for firefighting. If such inspection shall disclose any fire hazard or any deficiency in firefighting appliances, the fire chief shall order the condition remedied. Every order made by the fire chief shall be promptly obeyed and complied with.

(Code 1959, § 40.005)

Sec. 12-6. Waste receptacles and storage.

No person owning or being responsible for any premises shall permit any waste paper, ashes, oil, rags, waste rags, excelsior or any material of a similar nature to accumulate thereon, unless contained in fireproof receptacles.

(Code 1959, § 40.006)

Sec. 12-7. Fire exits.

The following rules relative to passageways, stairs and fire exits shall be applicable to all public buildings, places of assembly, commercial and business buildings, hotels, apartment buildings, lodging houses, tourist homes and all other buildings except private dwellings and except as otherwise expressly limited herein to a particular type of building:

- (1) No fire escape, stairway, balcony or ladder on any building shall be obstructed, out of repair, or maintained in a hazardous condition. Doors and windows leading to any fire escape shall open easily from the inside;
- (2) No combustible material shall be stored, placed or kept under or upon any passageway, stairs or elevator shaft, nor shall any such material be stored, placed or kept in any other part of any building in such a position as to obstruct or render hazardous egress therefrom;
- (3) All doors, hallways and stairways shall be unobstructed at all times;
- (4) In all theaters, churches, schools and other places of public assembly, no door, aisle or passageway shall be obstructed with any furniture or article; nor shall any person sit or stand or be permitted to sit or stand in any aisle, or in any exit or passageway; and all exits and the sidewalks leading therefrom shall be unobstructed while such places of public assembly are in use;
- (5) No person shall do any act which causes any violation of any of the rules set forth in this section, nor shall any person owning any building or in charge thereof, as agent, employee or otherwise permit any of said rules to be violated.

(Code 1959, § 40.007)

Sec. 12-8. Open fires.

No person shall kindle a fire in or upon any street or alley nor within 25 feet of any building, unless such fire is confined in a safe container, and in no case within 15 feet of any building. Every person who shall kindle any fire shall have some competent person constantly in charge of said fire until it is completely extinguished.

(Code 1959, § 40.008)

State law reference—Open burning of leaves and grass clippings, MCL 324.11522.