

ORDINANCE NO. 19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
RIDGECREST RE: FIRE REGULATIONS

The City Council of the City of Ridgecrest does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Definition. For the purposes of this ordinance the term "person" shall include any and all domestic and foreign corporations, associations, syndicates, joint stock corporations, partnerships of every kind, clubs, schools, Massachusetts, business or common law trusts, societies and individuals.

SECTION 2. Combustible Material. No person shall deposit or keep, accumulate or permit, cause or suffer, any combustible rubbish or waste matter to be deposited, kept or accumulated in the City of Ridgecrest in such a manner as to constitute a fire hazard. Provided, further, that no person shall keep, accumulate or permit to be kept or accumulated any oily rags or oily waste, in any building or enclosure in the City of Ridgecrest unless the same is kept in a metal receptacle or can fitted with a self-closing lid or cover, said receptacle being of durable material, having riveted joints, standing on metal legs which raise the bottom of the receptacle or container at least five inches from the floor.

SECTION 3. Burning Rubbish. No person shall set fire to or burn any brush, grass, lumber, trash, rubbish, leaves or other combustible material, unless such burning is done between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon; and in an incinerator, without first obtaining a written permit from the City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest or his duly authorized agent, and then only in strict accordance with the terms of such permit. All incinerators shall have a one-quarter inch mesh screen lid or cover over the smoke stack, or equivalent thereof, and shall be permitted only when it is placed at least ten feet from any building, fence, property line, dry grass, or other combustible material. Written permission shall not be necessary when such inflammable material is burned in small heaps or piles in plowed fields or not nearer than one hundred feet to any house, corral, fence, structure, dry grass, brush, forest covered land, grain or stubble field, wood pile or hay stack or any other combustible material.

SECTION 4. Burning odoriferous material. No rubber scrap or any other material which produces or expels therefrom repugnant odors or other substances likely to cause an explosion shall be burned in an incinerator or within 50 feet of the property of another person unless within an incinerator which is designed and constructed to affect sufficient combustion of the material to prohibit the liberation to outside air of any substances, gases or odors which may be dangerous or harmful to health, safety or property.

SECTION 5. Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for a period of not more than six months in the County Jail of the County of Kern, State of California, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day's violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense hereunder for each which separate offense prosecution may be had and punishment imposed as herein provided.

SECTION 6. Urgency declaration. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace and safety and health and the facts constituting the urgency are declared as follows: The City of Ridgecrest has become recently incorporated and it is essential to the public safety, health and welfare that fire regulations governing burning be immediately enacted for the protection of property and for the public safety.

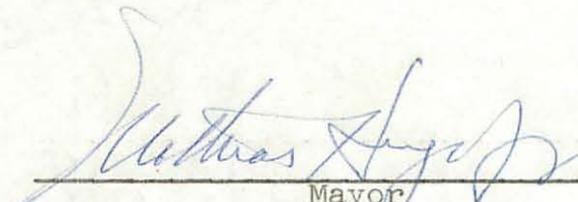
SECTION 7. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately and the City Clerk shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest this 5th day of December, 1963, by the following vote:

AYES: GILMER, DUGUID, WEBB, JULES, MAYOR HUGO

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



Mayor

ATTEST:



Acting City Clerk