

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF RIDGECREST ADOPTING BY REFERENCE
THE 1973 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Ridgecrest, being marked and designated "Uniform Fire Code, 1973 Edition," which Code was prepared and adopted by the Western Fire Chiefs Association, Inc., and by the International Conference of Building Officials, including any appendices thereto, be and the same is hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance to the same effect as if fully set forth herein for the purposes of prescribing regulations consistent with recognized good practice for the safeguarding to a reasonable degree of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosions arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises, and it is hereby declared to be the Fire Code of the City of Ridgecrest, with the exceptions and subject to the amendments and deletions of the provisions thereof as hereinafter provided in this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That Article 12, FIREWORKS, is hereby amended by the addition of sub-paragraph (d) to Section 12.102, Manufacture, Sale and Discharge:

(d) Safe and Sane Fireworks as defined by Section 12504 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California may be sold and discharged with the City of Ridgecrest during the period beginning at 12:00 Noon on the 28th day of June and ending at 12:00 Midnight on the 4th day of July each year; provided that the City Clerk shall have the power to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the granting of permits for their sale and only non-profit corporations or associations organized primarily for civic betterment or youth activities are to be issued such sales permits.

SECTION 3. (a) The issuance or granting of a permit or approval of plans and specifications by the City Building Department shall not be deemed or construed to be a permit for, or an approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of this code. No permit presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code shall be valid, except insofar as the work or use which it authorizes is lawful.

(b) The issuance of a permit upon plans and specifications shall not prevent the Building Inspector from thereafter requiring the correction of errors in said plans and specifications or from preventing construction operations being carried on thereunder when in violation of this code or of any other ordinances or from revoking any Certificate of Approval when issued in error.

(c) Every permit issued by the Building Inspector under the provisions of this Code or other Codes of the City shall expire by limitation and become null and void, if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within 60 days from the date of such permit, or if work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work is commenced for a period of 120 days. Before such work can be recommended a new permit shall be first obtained to do so.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall not be construed as imposing on the City of Ridgecrest or its officers or employees any liability for damage resulting from defective work; nor shall the City of Ridgecrest or any of its officers or employees be held to assume any such liability by reason of the inspections authorized hereunder.

SECTION 5. No person, firm, or corporation, whether as owner, lessee, sublessee, or occupant, shall erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, demolish, equip, use, occupy, or maintain any building or premises, or cause or permit the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the Code adopted herein or any order issued by the Building Official hereunder. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the Code adopted herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and each such person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the Code adopted hereby is committed, continued, or permitted, and upon conviction of such violation such person shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300), or by imprisonment for a period of not more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 6. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or said Code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said Ordinance or Codes. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Ridgecrest hereby declare that they would have passed said Ordinance and Codes, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, sub-sections, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 1977, by the following vote:

AYES: Vice-Mayor Chieze, Councilmembers Green and Karlberg.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Edwards and Councilmember Smith.



DON J. J. CHIESE, VICE-MAYOR

ATTEST:



JACQUELINE C. REED, CITY CLERK