

By-laws made by Napier Fire Board.

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THE following by-laws, made by the Napier Fire Board, are published in accordance with the Fire Brigades Act, 1908.

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NAPIER FIRE BOARD BY-LAWS.

In pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in it by the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, and of all and each and every other power in that behalf enabling it, the Napier Fire Board makes these by-laws.

INTERPRETATION CLAUSES.

In these by-laws, except where inconsistent with the context or when otherwise expressly provided,—

- "Board" means the Napier Fire Board;
- "Brigade" means the Napier Fire Brigade;
- "Corps" means the Napier Fire Police and Salvage Corps;
- "District" means the Napier Fire District as defined in *New Zealand Gazette* of the 8th day of April, 1920;
- "Secretary" means the Secretary appointed by the Napier Fire Board;
- "Superintendent" and "Deputy Superintendent" means respectively the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent of Napier Fire Brigade appointed by the Napier Fire Board;
- "Street" means any public or private street, and includes public places or public and private right-of-ways;
- "Central Station" means the Napier Fire-brigade Station, Napier;
- "Substation" means the Port Ahuriri Fire-brigade Station, Port Ahuriri;
- "The Act" means the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, and any amendment thereof;
- "Explosives" shall mean gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, guncotton, blasting-powders, fulminate of mercury or of other metals, coloured fires, and every other substance, whether similar to those mentioned above or not, used or manufactured with a view to produce a practical effect by explosion or a pyro-technic effect; and includes fog-signals, fireworks, fuses, rockets, percussion-caps, detonators, cartridges, ammunition of all descriptions, and adaption or preparation of explosives as above defined;
- "Petroleum" shall mean and include all such rock oil, Rangoon oil, Burmah oil, and any product of them, and any oil made from petroleum, coal, schist, shale, peat, or other bituminous substance, and any product of them, that gives off an inflammable vapour at a temperature of less than 110 degrees Fahrenheit; and shall also include kerosene and every other distillate or product of petroleum, notwithstanding that it does not give off an inflammable vapour at less than 110 degrees Fahrenheit;
- "Dangerous goods" shall mean and include nitro-glycerine, glonoin oil, painters' spirits, eupione, benzine, gasolene, light naphtha, and all light mineral oils the specific gravity of which is less than 0.733 at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit; and shall also include any liquid stored in cylinders and liable to sudden expansion under heat.

STORAGE OF INFLAMMABLE AND EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES.

1. No person shall store in any premises in the district any crates, cases, boxes, or other packages, either empty or containing paper or other inflammable materials, within 20 ft. from any adjoining land, building, or right-of-way.
2. No person shall store within the district any wood shavings or other inflammable substance in any building situate at a less distance than 20 ft. from any adjoining land, building, street, or right-of-way.
3. No person shall store any stack of hay, straw, or other inflammable substance on any premises within the district in the open air at a distance of less than 30 ft. from any building, fence, street, public place, railway-line, or adjacent land.
4. No person shall store any hay, straw, or other inflammable substance in any building attached or at a less distance than 20 ft. from any other building within the district, unless the roof of such first-mentioned building is covered with 26-gauge corrugated iron, or best-quality slates, or concrete, or a combination of such materials; provided always that this clause shall not apply to the case of any agricultural produce required for keeping horses and stored in any building used only for keeping horses, and stored in any building used only for the *bona fide* purpose of or in connection with a stable, the storing of which does not exceed 3,000 cubic feet.

5. No person shall store in the district any explosives, unless such explosives be in a properly constructed fireproof magazine erected outside his premises, and (if in a building) in a case covered externally with iron and mounted on four wheels and stationed not more than 10 ft. from a doorway with an exit to the street, and shall not have on his premises at any one time more than 300 lb. in all of the explosive material hereinafter mentioned without the previous consent in writing of the Superintendent.

6. No person shall store in the district any carbide of calcium, or any preparation thereof, unless he shall have obtained a license as hereinafter mentioned and provided.

7. In the event of an application for a license as hereinafter mentioned being made for any premises within the district wherein other goods of any description are kept, the quantity of petroleum which shall be allowed to be kept in terms of the said license shall not exceed 250 gallons, unless stored in a properly constructed fireproof magazine approved of by the Superintendent, when a maximum quantity of 1,600 gallons may be kept.

8. No person shall store any petroleum in the district except he shall have first obtained a license; provided always that it shall be lawful to keep in any private dwellinghouse any quantity of petroleum not exceeding eight gallons for private use.

9. Any person desirous of storing any petroleum, carbide of calcium, explosives, dangerous goods, or other inflammable substances in or upon his premises in the district shall first obtain in writing a license from the Napier Borough Council to store such goods.

INSPECTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The fee to be paid by the owner or occupier of any buildings for inspection of such buildings under the provisions of section 51 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, shall be according to the following scale:—

Building to seat not more than two hundred persons	s. d.
.. .. .	5 0
Building to seat more than two hundred but not more than three hundred persons	.. 7 6
Building to seat more than three hundred persons	10 0

The owner or occupier of any such building shall be severally liable for the payment of the proper fees according to the above scale.

PAYMENT OF FEES.

All fees payable under these by-laws shall be payable to the Secretary of the Board on demand.

ESTABLISHMENT.

1. The brigade shall consist of not less than twenty-two officers and men and two messengers at the Central Station, and twelve officers and men and two messengers at the sub-station.

ENROLMENT OF MEMBERS.

2. Candidates for enrolment as members of the brigade must be physically strong men, free from any defect in limb, hearing, or sight. They must not be less than twenty-one years of age nor more than thirty-five years, unless they have previously and recently engaged as active and efficient firemen or are otherwise thoroughly competent. In such cases the limit may be extended to forty years. They must be able to read and write, and may be required to produce testimonials as to character and ability. They may also be required to produce certificate of birth or other satisfactory proof of age. They will be required to undergo a medical examination by such legally qualified medical practitioner as the Board may appoint. Members of the brigade acting in that capacity on the coming into force of this by-law to be exempt from these requirements.

2A. Messengers may be admitted not under the age of twelve years, who must be physically fit, and shall be eligible to become a fireman at the age of eighteen years.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT.

3. Applications for enrolment must be made in writing, and applicants shall only be enrolled as members of the brigade on the recommendation of the Superintendent being approved by the Board.

TERM OF PROBATION.

4. Candidates when approved will be accepted as members of the brigade on probation only, the terms of which shall be three months. If at the end of such a term the probationer shall have given satisfaction to the Superintendent, and have proved himself suitable, his acceptance as an enrolled member may be confirmed by the Board.

PERIOD OF SERVICE.

5. Members of the brigade are, subject to the provisions of clause 4 hereof, enrolled for service from year to year, subject to three months' notice in writing on either side, except as hereinafter provided.