

By-laws made by the Levin Fire Board.

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

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LEVIN FIRE BOARD BY-LAWS.

BY virtue of the powers and authorities vested in it in that behalf by section 43 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, and amendments thereto, the Levin Fire Board hereby makes the following by-laws.

INTERPRETATION CLAUSES.

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

“Board” means the Levin Fire Board elected and appointed under the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act:

“Brigade” means the Levin Fire Brigade established and enrolled under the provisions of these by-laws:

“Corps” means the Levin Fire Police and Salvage Corps:

“District” means the Levin Fire District as defined in *New Zealand Gazette*:

“Secretary” means the Secretary appointed by the Levin Fire Board:

“Superintendent” and “Deputy Superintendent” and “station-keeper” and “engine-driver” mean respectively the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and station-keeper and engine-driver of the Levin Fire Brigade appointed by the Levin Fire Board:

“Street” means any public or private street, and includes public places.

1. MANAGEMENT, DISCIPLINE, AND GOOD CONDUCT.

The Superintendent shall have control and sole command of the brigade, and shall be responsible to the Board for the proper and efficient working and discipline of the brigade. He shall perform the duties set forth in the specification of duties under which he is appointed by the Board.

The Deputy Superintendent shall assist and act under the direction of the Superintendent, in whose absence he shall take command of the brigade, and undertake all the duties and responsibilities of the office of Superintendent while so acting.

The station-keeper and engine-driver shall have charge of all stations, engines, plant, gear, and fire-extinguishing appliances of the Levin Fire Board, and shall perform all the duties set forth in the specification of duties under which he is appointed by the Board. He shall be under the control of the Superintendent.

Subject to the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, and these by-laws, the brigade and corps respectively may make rules and by-laws regulating the duties and elections of such other officers as are not otherwise provided for in these by-laws, and the internal management of the affairs of the brigade or corps, and may from time to time amend, revoke, and make new rules. A copy of all such rules shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board for approval.

Any member of the brigade or corps who misconducts himself at a fire, meeting, or practice, or at any gathering where the brigade or corps is represented, or appears in a state of intoxication at any fire, practice, or meeting or gathering as aforesaid, or is insubordinate, or uses foul language, or wilfully neglects to carry out the instructions of the Superintendent or officer in charge, shall be liable to instant dismissal, and shall be guilty of an offence against this by-law.

2. FIRE BRIGADE.

The Secretary shall enrol the names of all persons now on the active roll of the Levin Fire Brigade who volunteer their services as a fire brigade under the Levin Fire Board.

Any vacancies in the brigade may, with the approval of the Board, be filled up.

The control of such fire brigade shall vest in the Superintendent appointed by the Board.

3. FIRE POLICE AND SALVAGE CORPS.

The members of the force established by the Board under the authority of section 44 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, for the purpose of attending at fires and saving properties shall be enrolled by the Secretary as a fire police and salvage corps. The control of such corps shall vest in and be exercised by the officer elected to be captain by the members and approved by the Board. The duty of such police shall be to attend at any fire, to aid and assist the regular police force, to watch over any properties saved, to preserve order, and to

carry out any instructions which may be given by the Superintendent or officer in charge of the fire brigade in command on the spot. Such instructions shall be conveyed as far as possible through the captain or officer in charge of the fire police.

4. GRATUITIES FOR VOLUNTARY OR OTHER SERVICES.

For the performance of any voluntary or special services rendered by any person, whether a member of the brigade or not, in respect of any fire, there shall be paid out of the funds of the Board such sum as the Board or any committee authorized by the Board may direct, not exceeding the rate of 3s. per hour for the time occupied in such services.

5. PREVENTION OF FIRE.

(a.) In this Part of these by-laws, and for the purposes thereof, the words “inflammable packages” shall mean all materials of an inflammable or combustible nature as may be used in the packing of goods and merchandise, and shall include paper, shavings, sawdust, chips of wood, grass, straw, fibre, kapoc, empty packing-cases, boxes, crates, casks, bags, and bales.

(b.) No person shall upon or in any land or premises place, store, or keep, or permit or suffer to be placed, stored, or kept, any inflammable packings or other explosive or combustible materials in such quantities or in such manner as to create or cause a risk of fire upon such or any adjoining land or premises.

(c.) If any inflammable packings or other explosive or combustible materials are placed, stored, or kept, or suffered to remain in or upon any land or buildings in such quantities or in such manner as to create or cause a risk of fire, the Superintendent shall, by notice in writing duly served upon the occupier of such land or premises, and, in case there is no occupier, upon the owner thereof, direct the occupier or owner thereof, within a time to be specified in the notice, to remove the whole or any part of such inflammable packings, explosive or other combustible materials therefrom, or may direct the said occupier or owner to place or store the same in a manner to the satisfaction of the Superintendent; and every occupier or owner who fails to perform or comply with the directions contained in any such notice shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty not exceeding £2 for every day after the expiration of the time specified in such notice.

(d.) It shall not be lawful to make or place or keep stored or to suffer or remain on any premises within the Fire Board District any stack of hay, corn, straw, or other agricultural produce belonging to the class of cereals, or cover such stack with any inflammable material, in the open air at a distance of less than 30 ft. from any building, fence, street, private street, or public place, or adjacent land.

(e.) It shall not be lawful to make or place or keep stored any such stack as aforesaid in any building within the Fire Board District attached to or at a less distance than 20 ft. from any other building, unless the roof of such first-mentioned building is covered with 22-gauge corrugated iron or best quality slates, and its walls are constructed wholly of brick, stone, or concrete, or of any combination of such materials; provided always that this clause shall in no case apply to the case of any such agricultural produce required for the keeping of horses and stored in any building used only for the *bona fide* purpose of or in connection with a stable the storing-capacity of which shall not exceed 2,000 cubic feet.

(f.) Every occupier of premises, within six days (in the case of stacks of agricultural produce) and forty-eight hours (in the case of other material) after the service upon him of a notice in writing from the Superintendent so to do, shall remove from such premises all stacks of hay, corn, straw, or other inflammable matter or combustible material which shall have been made, deposited, or kept on such premises prior to the coming into force of these by-laws, but which it would have been under any of the foregoing by-laws illegal to have made, deposited, or kept thereon had this Part of these by-laws been in force.

6. ELECTRICAL FIRE-ALARM CIRCUITS.

The Board may establish, or contract with any person or corporation for the establishment of, an electric fire-alarm circuit, and may from time to time extend such circuit and provide for the connection therewith of street alarms and public and private buildings and premises. All connections shall be carried out to the approval of the Board, at the cost of the owner of the property to be connected. The cost of maintenance of all public and private connections, and of the periodical examination and testing of such connections, shall be borne by the owner of the property connected, and all such connections shall be efficiently maintained to the satisfaction of the Board or the officer appointed by the Board for that purpose. With the consent of the owner, such cost may be commuted to the payment of such annual sum as is agreed on between the Board and the owner.