

## BUILDING AND FIRE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

Objectives, Purpose  
and Intent

This combined Building Code and Fire Prevention Ordinance has been drafted to meet the specific need of moderate sized cities. It provides basic restrictions and regulations for areas, heights and manner of construction of buildings in built-up mercantile areas. It also incorporates basic safeguards governing hazardous materials and processes which are encountered commonly in every community.

Regulations of this sort have a two-fold purpose. They protect the lives, property and future existence of the entire community from the cumulative effect of wide-spread disregard of safe building practices. They also safeguard the individual conscientious property owner from having his care and thoughtfulness nullified by indiscriminate construction and use of property adjacent to and endangering his own.

This code is based upon the accumulated fire experience of the past 100 years as recorded and analyzed by the American Insurance Association and more particularly on the past 60 years' experience of the same organization in drafting such codes. This has been further seasoned by the judgment of experienced fire protection engineers and safety specialists. The completed code is intended to be so reasonable and so workable that it may be readily and impartially enforced.

Our larger cities whose problems are more diverse and more complicated will find an excellent and comprehensive framework for similar regulations in the National Building Code as recommended by the American Insurance Association and their "Suggested Fire Prevention Ordinance."

NOTE: The fire limits should include all closely built mercantile and adjoining manufacturing districts and surrounding blocks on all sides which constitute an exposure to the district or within which new construction of a mercantile or manufacturing character is developing.

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