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135 WILLIAM STREET.

NEW YORK June 9th, 1910.

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Hon. Joseph Simon, Mayor,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to thank you for your valued favor of the 26th ult. accompanied by copy of the fireworks ordinance recently passed by City Council, through your personal efforts in the matter, and we congratulate you on the result obtained. Advices of the adoption of the same ordinance have been received from many cities and we are looking forward to a material lessening in the loss of life and property wherever such action has been taken.

Yours very truly,

  
Assistant General Agent.

May 26th, 1910.

Mr. W. E. Mallalieu, A. G. A.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters,  
135 William Street, NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your valued letter of April 9th, I beg to advise you that I took up with the City Council, and succeeded in having passed, an ordinance prohibiting the discharge or firing of fire works and other pyrotechnic display and limiting their sale and storage in this City.

I sought to have this ordinance go into immediate effect, so as to be of benefit at the next 4th of July, but owing to the fact that a number of Chinese merchants in this City had laid in a large stock of fire works and had ordered and there was en route, consigned to them large additional supplies of fire works, the Council deemed it unjust to make this ordinance go into effect at once, so the ordinance was passed to be effective August first next.

I enclose herewith copy of the Ordinance for your information.

Very truly yours,

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 166-167 OF ORDINANCE #14109, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, ERECTION, ENLARGEMENT, RAISING, ALTERATION & REPAIR & USE OF BUILDINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE.

Sec. #1. That sections #166-167 of Ordinance #14109, entitled and Ordinance regulating the construction, erection, enlargement, raising, alteration and use of building and to provide for protection against fire, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. #2. (Storage of Fire Works and Powder.)

No person shall receive, keep or store, or have in any one place more than fifty pounds (50) of powder, or shall erect, or maintain any building for the storage or keeping of powder, or for the manufacture or storage of fire works within the City of Portland.

Sec. #3. No person, firm, Company, corporation, or Association shall, after the passage of this Ordinance, fire or discharge any fire works within the City of Portland. Provided, however, that public displays of fire works may be given with the joint written consent of the Fire Marshal and the Chief of the Police.

No person, or persons, firm, company, corporation or association shall, after the passage of this Ordinance, sell any fire works within the City of Portland.

Sec. #4. Any person, or persons, firm, company, corporation or association who or which shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred (500) dollars, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REGULATING THE USE AND SALE OF FIREWORKS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. No person, firm, company, corporation or association shall, after the passage of this Ordinance, fire or discharge any fire works, with the City of Portland.

Provided, however, that public displays of fireworks may be given with the joint written consent of the Fire Marshal and the Chief of Police.

Section 2. No person, or persons, firm, company, corporation or association shall, after the passage of this Ordinance, sell any fireworks within the City of Portland.

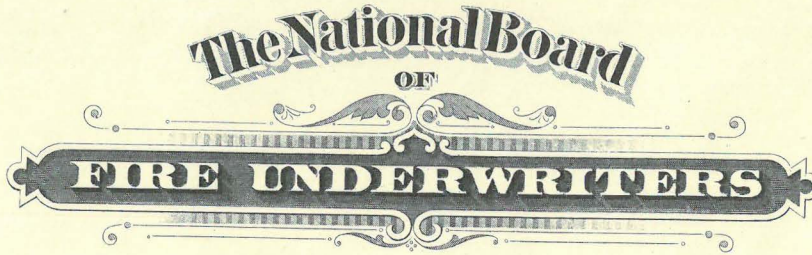
Provided, however, that the local manufacturers of fireworks shall have the right, subject to any restrictions of all existing Ordinances, to sell fireworks to customers for use outside of the City of Portland, solely, and to store goods for such sale.

Section 3. Any person or persons, firm, company, corporation or association who or which shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred (500) dollars, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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NEW YORK

April 9th, 1910.

Hon. Joseph Simon, Mayor,  
Portland, Oregon.


Dear Sir:

In the belief that progressive communities are desirous of preventing the sacrifice of human lives, the permanent injury of some of its citizens and their children, and the loss of valuable property as the result of the careless use of fireworks on national holidays, and in order to eliminate such causes, or at least thoroughly regulate them, the National Board of Fire Underwriters, through its engineers, has prepared the enclosed suggestive ordinances.

Statistics collated as to the number of persons injured and lives lost, the number of fires and consequent destruction of property -- all attributable to the methods employed in firing and storing the explosives used -- present such strong arguments for thoughtful and prompt action on behalf of the municipal authorities throughout the country that we respectfully ask the consideration of yourself and associate officials of your city to our suggestions and hope they will commend themselves to you and be acted on.

Advices as to the course which your city may adopt in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Yours very truly;

  
Assistant General Agent.