

Ordinance No. 30154.

An Ordinance regulating the exhibition of motion pictures, providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Motion Picture Censors hereinafter called the Board, is hereby created and shall be composed of seven (7) members. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall appoint the members of the Board and he may at any time remove any member. The Board may appoint viewers to act under its authority and in its behalf. Members of the Board, except the Secretary as hereinafter provided, and viewers shall serve without pay.

Section 2. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall appoint a member of the Board to serve as Secretary of the Board, who shall be paid a salary of not to exceed \$100 per month, and who shall perform such duties as the Board may direct.

Section 3. No person, firm or corporation shall exhibit, sell, rent or loan any motion picture unless the film shall have been approved in writing by a majority of the members of the Board.

Section 4. The Board may refuse to approve any film which:

- (1) Shows anything of an obscene, indecent or immoral nature.
- (2) Presents any gruesome, revolting or disgusting scene or subject.
- (3) Portrays (in such manner as to offend public decency or morality)

any murder, suicide, robbery,
hold-up, stabbing, assaulting,
clubbing or beating.

- (4) Depicts any cruelty to human beings or animals.
- (5) Exhibits methods of committing crimes.
- (6) Tends to disturb the public peace.

Section 5. The Board shall approve all films except those enumerated in Section 4 by a certificate of approval, the form of which shall be adopted by the Board, but approval may be made subject to such excisions or alterations as the Board may direct and require, and the Board may, by unanimous vote withdraw its approval of any film for cause shown.

Section 6. The exhibitor of any film shall show to any police officer of the City of Portland upon request, the Board's certificate of approval of such film, and in case of failure to produce and show such certificate, the police officer may take charge of the film which shall be delivered to the Chief of Police and kept in his custody until acted upon by the Board.

Section 7. Ordinance No. 28375, entitled, "An Ordinance providing for the censoring of motion pictures," passed on January 9, 1914, is hereby repealed.

Section 8. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Passed by the Council, February 19, 1915.

H. R. ALBEE
Mayor of The City of Portland.

ATTEST:

A. L. BARBUR
Auditor of The City of Portland.