

Ordinance No. 32571.

An Ordinance regulating the exhibition of motion pictures, providing a penalty for the violation thereof, repealing ordinances numbered 28375 and 30154, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Board of Motion Picture Censors to be composed of seven members who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety and who shall be subject to removal by him at any time. The Board may appoint viewers to act under its authority and in its behalf. The members of the Board and viewers shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall appoint, subject to the civil service provisions of the charter, a secretary to said Board who shall be paid a salary 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. That Ordinance No. 28375 entitled, "An Ordinance prohibiting the exhibition of indecent, obscene or immoral pictures in the City of Portland, and authorizing the Chief of Police to take charge of all indecent, obscene or immoral picture films being exhibited in the City of Portland, and declaring an emergency", passed by the Council January 9, 1914, and Ordinance No. 30154 entitled, "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", passed by the Council February 19, 1915, be and the same are hereby repealed, provided that the repeal of said ordinances shall not affect any proceedings or prosecutions heretofore instituted thereunder.


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 7, 1917.

H. R. ALBEE

Mayor of The City of Portland.

ATTEST:



Auditor of The City of Portland.