

No. 1.

For the Protection of the City against Fire.

WE, the Mayor and Councillors in Council convened, by virtue of the power and authority vested in us by an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Victoria," passed the second day of August, A. D. 1862, in the Twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, enact

SEC. 1. No person or persons shall make a bonfire in any public street or thoroughfare at any time, nor have any fire burning out of doors after sunset within the limits of the city.

2. No person or persons shall use a burning candle, lamp, or taper, in any stable or place containing hay, straw, shavings, or any combustible material, within the limits of the city, unless such burning candle, lamp, or taper, be enclosed in a lantern or other safe covering.

3. No person or persons shall fix or pass any stove-pipe through the walls, ceilings, or roof of any wood building.

4. No person or persons shall pass any stove-pipe through any lath and plaster, or wood partition except there be a free space of not less than three inches round the same, which may be covered with perforated iron, zinc, or tin plate.

5. All chimneys, stove-pipes, and flues shall be kept clean; and if any chimney or stove-pipe shall take fire, the person or persons using the same shall be subject to the penalty herein prescribed.

6. No person or person shall build, set, or place any stove, furnace, range, fire-place, or vessel, in which fire may be kept, in such manner that the back thereof be less than sixteen inches from any wood work; all stoves, ranges, etc., built in brick chimneys shall be provided with a stone or brick hearth projecting not less than twelve inches from the fire front: iron stoves, furnaces, etc., detached from the walls of any building shall stand upon stone, brick, zinc, or other incombustible material, which shall project not less than one foot from the front or door of the same.

7. The walls of all chimneys adjoining wood work shall not be less than six inches thick. No joists, bend-timber, or wood of any kind shall be allowed to enter or rest upon any chimney.

8. It shall be the duty of the Fire Wardens in their respective Wards, or upon complaint made to the said Fire Wardens (in writing) by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department or his Assistant, or by any Police officer, to notify any person or persons failing to comply with the provisions of this By-Law, stating the alterations or amendments required, and all persons so notified shall alter, remove, amend, or destroy whatever obstacle may exist to the proper carrying out of this By-Law within forty-eight hours after the receipt of such notice.

9. The Fire Wardens may, and are hereby authorised to enter any building or tenement within their respective Wards, individually or in company with either the Chief Engineer, his Assistant, or any police officer, to inspect any flues, chimneys, stove-pipes, stoves, furnaces, ranges, fire-places, or other vessel in which fire is kept, and if in his and their opinion the same is constructed, erected or placed contrary to the provisions of this By-Law, he shall give notice and order the alteration or removal of the same as hereinbefore stated.