ORDINANCE NO. 1009
An Ordinance of the City of Kent providing
for the perpetuation, government and main­tenance of the Kent Fire Department as
heretofore created and established by the
City Council, and repealing Ordinance No. 733.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Kent Fire Department be and it is hereby
recognized as heretofore created and established and the same
shall be maintained in perpetuity as a department of the city
government of the City of Kent.

Section 2. Any citizen of the City of Kent over the age of
21 years, of good moral character and possessing the physical
and mental qualifications necessary to perform the duties of a
fireman, may, subject to the requirements herein set forth, upon
filing application therefor, accompanied by the approval of the
Police and Fire Committee of the City Council, become a member
of the City Fire Department by appointment thereto by the Fire
Chief.

The first six months of membership shall be probationary only,
and such member shall serve without pay, but with relief, compensation,
pension and retirement benefits as may be provided for by the
Department and by the ordinances of the City and the laws of the
State of Washington.

The next eighteen months of membership shall be honorary, and
such member shall receive such pay and such relief, compensation,
pension and retirement benefits as may be provided for by the
Department and by the ordinances of the City and the laws of the
State of Washington.

Upon completion of the probationary and honorary periods of
membership, such member shall become a regular member of the
Department, with such pay and such relief, compensation, pension and
retirement benefits as may be provided for by the Department and
by the ordinances of the City and the laws of the State of Wash­
ington.

No person can advance from probationary to honorary membership,
nor from honorary membership to regular membership, nor can any
member remain a member of the Department, unless he attends at least
sixty (60) per cent of the alarms sounded in each quarter of such
probationary, honorary or regular membership. Attendance at such alarms shall be determined by the records of the secretary of the Department.

Stations 1. and 2. shall be limited to twenty four (24) members, whether probationary, honorary or regular, or a combination thereof.

Section 3. The officers of the Fire Department shall consist of a chief, a first assistant chief, a second assistant chief, two captains, one lieutenant, a secretary and a treasurer. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person.

Section 4. The Chief of the Fire Department shall be appointed by the Mayor and may be removed by that officer at his discretion. The first assistant chief shall be appointed by the Fire Chief and may be removed by the Fire Chief at his discretion. All other officers of the Department shall be elected from its membership by a majority vote of the members at the first meeting thereof in the month of January of each year.

Section 5. All funds of the Fire Department received from the City shall be held by the treasurer of the Department and paid out on the order of its Chief and Secretary, upon the approval of the City Council. All other funds held by the treasurer of the Department shall be subject to the Department's control and disposition.

Section 6. Vacancies in any office of the Fire Department, whether caused by death, incapacity, resignation or removal from the City, or removal of the officer for cause by the proper authority, shall be filled in the same manner as herein provided for the original appointment and/or election of such officer.

Section 7. Any and all property and equipment of the Fire Department and all money in the treasury thereof received from the City shall be the property of the City of Kent, subject to disposition as provided in Section 5 of this Ordinance.

Section 8. The Fire Department shall make such rules and regulations for its government, for the purchase of or otherwise acquiring equipment or apparatus, or means of raising funds,
for the payment of salaries, and the encouragement of social or educational activities, as the department may desire, subject always to the approval of the City Council as to the purchase of equipment or apparatus and the expenditure of funds supplied by the City.

Section 9. Whenever any fire alarm shall be sounded it shall be the duty of the police officer on duty at the time, if not otherwise engaged, to attend at the location of the fire and keep order and see that the regulations and orders of the Fire Chief in charge are obeyed.

Section 10. That Ordinance No. 733, passed on the 7th day of May, 1943, and approved by the Mayor on the 7th day of May, 1943, be and it is hereby repealed.

Section 11. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication, as by law provided.

Mayor

Attest:  

City Clerk

Approved as to Form:  

City Attorney

Passed the 5th day of January, 1959
Approved the 5th day of January, 1959
Published the 7th day of January, 1959.