ORDINANCE NO. 1592

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, relating to fire protection, installation of hydrants, authorizing contracts and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS

FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following provisions and regulations are adopted as part of the City of Kent's fire prevention program to abate existing fire hazards, to investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of fires, to inspect potential fire hazards, to control the means and adequacy of the construction and safety of buildings in case of fires within commercial, business, industrial, or manufacturing areas and all other places in which numbers of persons work, meet, live, or congregate, as hereinafter more particularly set forth.

Section 2. Fire Hydrants in Commercial, Business, Industrial, and Manufacturing Areas. The owner of any building hereafter constructed in the City of Kent, which building or structure is not located or accessible within 165 feet of any fire hydrant and such building or structure being located or situate in any area zoned and to be used or actually used for any commercial, business, industrial or manufacturing purpose, shall, at his expense, install or cause to have installed, fire hydrant or hydrants, together with the necessary pipes, appurtenances and connections in order to connect and hook on said hydrant or hydrants to the City's existing water supply. Further, the owner of any such building hereafter constructed in the City of Kent, shall cause that building to be placed in such a manner so that no portion of said building shall be more than 300 feet from a fire hydrant. The number and location of such hydrants shall be in accordance with good fire engineering practice and standards, the size, location and construction to comply with the rules and regulations of the "American Insurance Association" formally known as the "National Board of Fire Underwriters", and all of such installations to be duly approved by the Fire Department prior to its acceptance thereof by the City.
Section 2. Fire Hydrants in Other Areas. The owner or party in control of any building hereafter constructed in the City of Kent and which said structure or building is used for school, church, rest home, hospital, or multiple residential apartment (four individual apartment units or more), or any other place or public assembly, and wheresoever located, shall, at his expense install or cause to be installed fire hydrant or hydrants unless adequate and sufficient hydrants are located or accessible within 165 feet of any such building or structure. The number, location, size, and type of such hydrant or hydrants to be installed shall be as specified in the above Section 2, further reference hereby had thereto, and all such installation to be approved by the City Fire Department.

Section 4. Fire Hydrants - Special Locations. In addition to the foregoing requirements, additional hydrant or hydrants may be required or separately required in areas which are being utilized for open storage of flammable products, including flammable liquids, or other areas of special fire hazards with spacing and floor requirements based on the fire protection required in each instance; the number, size, type, and location of hydrants for the aforesaid purpose shall be as specified in Section 2 above and all of such installations to be subject to the approval of the Fire Department.

Section 5. Multiple Uses - Contract. In the event that the installation of any such fire hydrant or hydrants as above set forth, and the connecting system pertaining thereto, should benefit two or more properties, then the owners of such benefited properties shall share the cost of such installation in the proportion of the benefits so derived. Whenever an owner is required to install such fire hydrant or fire hydrants under the provisions of this Ordinance and which installation will benefit other properties not owned or controlled by such owner, then in any such case such owner may apply to the City for an Agreement under the provisions of the "Municipal Water and Sewer Facilities Act", known as Chapter 261 of the Session Laws of 1959, and any such agreement between such owner and the City shall run for a period not to exceed five (5) years and thus permit such owner to recover a portion of the cost of such initial installation from other parties in the event of any
such future hook-up or connection. Such contract shall further provide that
the owner of any building or structure subsequently erected shall not be per-
mitted, during the term of the aforesaid contract, to make any hook-up or
connection to the City's water system or to any such hydrant until such owner
has paid his proportionate fair share of the initial cost of such installation
as set forth in said contract. Any such agreement entered into between such
owner causing such installation and the City shall be filed for record with
the King County Auditor's Office and thereupon such filing shall constitute
due notice of the terms and requirements therein specified to all other parties.
The City further reserves the right, upon approval by the City Council, to
participate in the installation of any oversized water line extensions or
additional or extra improvements relative to such installations.

Section 6. Private Water - Fire Service. Services for fire
protection must be detector checked at the expense of the owner and fitted
with such fixtures only as are needed for fire protection and must be entirely
disconnected from those used for other purposes. See also Section 9.2.152
(Kent Ordinance 680, Section 30 - 1927.)

Section 7. Whenever any change in the use, occupancy or construc-
tion of any premises or purposes as hereinabove defined, requires any increas-
ed fire and hydrant protection, the owner, owners, or person in charge of such
premises shall proceed promptly toward securing adequate protection and all
such installation or changes to be completed, providing for such increased
fire protection, prior to the use or occupancy of such facilities.

Section 8. Unlawful Conduct. It shall be unlawful for any person,
farm, or corporation to own, occupy, or use any building or structure as here-
inabove defined in Sections 2, 3 and 4, unless such building or structure is
located within 165 feet of any fire hydrant.

Section 9. Violation - Penalties. Any person violating any
provision or term of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished
by a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00), or by imprisonment
for not more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 10. Severability. The invalidity of any article,
subsection, provision, clause, or portion hereof, or the invalidity thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance or the validity of its application to ther persons or circumstances.

Section 11. Any and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 12. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

ALEX THORNTON, MAYOR

Attest:

MARIE JENSEN, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

JOHN B. BEREITER, City Attorney

PASSED the 26 day of April, 1969.
APPROVED the 22 day of April, 1969.
PUBLISHED the 23 day of April, 1969.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 1573, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

MARIE JENSEN, City Clerk