AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, establishing standards for operation of self-service gasoline stations, prescribing qualifications and duties of attendants, prescribing certain acts, establishing sign and emergency equipment requirements and prescribing penalties for violations.

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

ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classifications. (a) A self-service gasoline station includes any gasoline station or retail outlet providing self-service gasoline pumps whose customers are permitted to pump their own gasoline by special devices such as but not limited to coin-operated, card operated, and remote pre-set type devices.

(b) Class one liquids includes those liquids having flash points below 100 degrees F., which includes gasoline.

Section 2. Attendants and Their Duties. At each self-service gasoline station, a qualified and properly trained service station attendant must be on the premises and must maintain close surveillance of all pumps and islands during the entire time that the station is open for business. At other times, all pumps shall be securely locked.

(a) "Qualified and properly trained" attendant means a person not less than eighteen years of age, who is physically and mentally able to administer the duties of transferring gasoline by the self-service method from pumps to vehicles and of performing the duties of transferring flammable liquids from pumps to properly approved metal containers. He must be carefully schooled and indoctrinated by management in the various dangers of gasoline vapors, from spilling or otherwise, the principles of safety relating to supervision of areas in which gasoline vapors are present, principles of first aid, and use of fire extinguishers. He must also be able to recognize and prohibit hazardous operations which may be performed by a customer, such as priming the carburetor with a dispensing hose, washing car parts with gasoline, attempting to fill unapproved type containers, smoking, lighting matches or lighters, or any other source of ignition on the service ramp.

(b) The term "close surveillance" means that the
attendant shall be in the immediate area of the flammable liquid
dispensing devices or remote control panel so that he can carefully
observe all operations of servicing. At least one qualified
attendant shall be on duty for each four pump islands, and further,
no attendant shall be required to supervise more than eight pumps.
Any and all side activities must give way to careful visual
attention to the pumps being used.

Section 3. When Self-service By Customer Prohibited;
Duty of Attendant(s).
(a) No customer who is either smoking, or apparently
under the influence of liquor or drugs, or who appears to be
mentally or physically incompetent, shall be allowed by the atten­
dant to operate the self-service gasoline device.
(b) It shall be the duty of the attendant to provide
instruction and guidance to the customer-operator in the event
that said customer-operator is not familiar with the equipment
and procedure. If it appears that any time that the customer­
operator is not following instructions or there appears to be any
hazard or emergency endangering the person or the operation, the
dispensing unit shall be immediately shut off.

Section 4. Signs and Emergency Equipment.
(a) Signs plainly visible on the lot from any point
shall be posted calling attention to special direction for filling
portable containers.
(b) Each self-service station shall be equipped with
sufficient "NO SMOKING" signs so as to be readily observed by
patrons from any point of the dispensing area.
(c) Adequate signs posted on each island shall require
that all motors be shut off and brakes set during the time that
flammable liquids are dispensed into the cars from the self-service
devices.
(d) Emergency telephone numbers including fire, police,
and ambulance, shall be posted in large type near telephone facil­
ities. Sufficient telephone facilities shall be maintained by
the operator in the station so as to permit quick out-going calls
at any time.
(e) Fire extinguishers approved by the Fire Marshal's
Office shall be provided within seventy-five feet of each pump
island and shall at all times be kept in good working order and
subject to inspection.
(f) Other fire control devices such as emergency shut-off switches shall be installed as approved by the Fire Marshal's Office and tested periodically to insure their proper operation.

Section 5. Portable Containers.
(a) Any portable containers brought to such stations for filling, in whole or in part, shall be filled only by the attendant. No delivery of class one liquid shall be made in portable containers unless such containers are of metal construction with a tight screw type closure or spring cover, and are fitted with a spout or so designed that the contents can be poured easily without spilling. The container shall be clearly marked on the outside as to the name of the product therein.
(b) Under no circumstances shall glass containers be used for the holding of flammable liquids, either on the premises or to be taken from the premises.

Section 6. Pumps.
(a) Automatic shut-off nozzles without latch opening devices shall be used and shall be provided with a vacuum operated valve so designed and constructed as to automatically shut off before any gasoline over-flow. These nozzles to be of smooth design so as to be readily removed from the fill pipe opening.
(b) Such automatic shut-off nozzles shall be maintained in proper and effective operating conditions at all times. If a pump becomes out of order, the pump, of which the nozzle is a part, shall be plainly marked "out of order" and locked.

Section 7. Parking Restrictions.
No vehicle shall be parked at any self-service gasoline station as defined in Section 1, §(a), in such a manner that visibility between the pre-set device operated by the attendant and the pump island or islands is in any way impaired.

Section 8. Penalties for Violations.
Violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punishable by fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) or not more than ninety (90) days in the City Jail or both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 9. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR
ATTEST:

[Signature]
MARIE JENSEN, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
DONALD E. MIRK, City Attorney

Passed the 18th day of January, 1971.
Approved the 19th day of January, 1971.
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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 1704, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

[Signature] (SEAL)
MARIE JENSEN, City Clerk