ORDINANCE No. 206

An ordinance of the City of Kent, regulating the use and storage of benzine, gasoline, naptha or any hydro-carbon liquid within the City limits.

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

Section 1. No person or persons, firm, company or corporation shall use, keep, store or permit the keeping or storage of, within the limits of the City of Kent, in larger quantities than one gallon, to be always kept in close metallic cans or tanks, in any one building or upon any one premises, place or street, any of the products of petroleum, including benzine, gasoline, naptha or any hydro-carbon liquid, which will flash or emit an inflammable vapor at a temperature below 110 degrees Fahrenheit, without first obtaining a written or printed permit from the City Clerk of said City.

Section 2. Not more than fifty gallons of gasoline or any product of petroleum shall be kept in any one place except as herein after provided. All gasoline or any product of petroleum in excess of fifty gallons and not more than ten gallons must be stored outside the walls of any building at a spot designated by the City Clerk. Over ten gallons and not more than fifty gallons must be stored in an iron tank thirty feet from any building, and housed over with a corrugated iron shed, set upon legs eight inches high, the space between the legs to be left open and the cover to be left secured with a strong substantial lock, in case it is impracticable to place a tank as above provided 30 feet from any building, said tank may be installed as follows: It shall be buried under ground, deep enough so that four feet of earth shall cover the same; a filling pipe shall extend to the surface of the ground which must have a cover screwed to the top and secured to the pipe with a chain and lock. The tank must be connected with a 3/4 inch vent pipe, which must rise eight feet above the roof of the building, and must have a return bend at the top, and must not pass through or into the building under any circumstances. The tank may be emptied by means of a small hand suction pump.

Section 3. Over fifty gallons must be stored under conditions and regulations prescribed by the City Clerk, such conditions and regulations subject to the approval of the Streets and Buildings Committee of the City Council.

Section 4. No person or persons, firm, company or corporation shall keep, store or use for burning, cleaning, heating, generating gas for illuminating purposes, any benzine, gasoline, naptha or any product of petroleum which will flash or emit an inflammable vapor at a temperature below 110 degrees Fahrenheit, in quantities of over one gallon within the limits of the City of Kent, without a written or printed permit issued and signed by the City Clerk, and countersigned by the chairman of the streets and buildings committee of the City Council.

Section 5. Permits will be issued by the clerk and signed by chairman of said committee unless in their judgment the use as proposed by the applicant in the manner and quantity proposed will be dangerous to persons and property.

Section 6. Any person, firm, company or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction will be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars; and the continuance or maintenance of such violation shall be deemed a new offense for each day so continued or maintained.

Passed the Council 12/20...1909
Attest: Approved, Dec. 21, 09

M WM Price
Mayor