ORDINANCE No. 487

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the construction, repair, and removal of Buildings in the City of Kent, providing for a permit therefor, and fixing a penalty for violation.

THE City Council of the City of Kent do ordain as follows:

Section 1. No person or persons, firm or corporation, shall construct, repair, raise or move any building or structure of any kind within the limits of the City of Kent, without first obtaining a permit therefor in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all buildings and structures hereafter erected, altered, repaired, raised or moved within the city limits, as the same now are or may hereafter be, and to all buildings and structures now erected, except as hereinafter provided and so far as the provisions of this ordinance, and the ordinance defining and fixing Fire Limits in the City of Kent, shall apply.

Section 3. The alterations in or additions to any building already erected, or hereafter to be erected, except necessary repairs not affecting the construction of the external or party walls, roof, stairway or chimney, shall to the extent of such work, be subject to the regulation of this ordinance.

Section 4. No building shall be erected, altered, repaired, raised or moved in the City of Kent, without a permit therefor being first obtained; except as provided by section 3 of this ordinance. All applications for permit shall be in writing signed by the applicant or his architect or agent, giving a description of the property to be erected or improved, the estimated cost of the improvement, its dimensions, character, of what constructed, the purpose for which the same is to be used in general terms, when construction is to begin, the estimated length of time required to complete the building, and the name of the owner of the ground on which the building is to be erected, and such other facts as may be required, on blanks to be furnished by the City Clerk.

Section 5. If the building is to be erected outside the fire limits as established by ordinance, the permit shall be issued by the City Clerk on demand if the application complies with this ordinance. If the building to be erected or otherwise improved is within the fire limits as now established by ordinance or hereafter amended, then the applicant in addition to the statements aforesaid, shall sign an agreement that the proposed work shall be done in accordance with the ordinance establishing Fire limits; such application shall be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately deliver the same to the chairman or some member of the Building committee. The said Building committee, or its chairman, shall pass on the application, and if same complies with the provisions of this ordinance and the ordinance establishing fire limits, the chairman or some member of the committee shall authorize the city clerk to issue the permit therefor, said authorization to be in writing. If in the judgment of the said committee, or a majority thereof, the proposed improvement will not conform to said ordinances, they shall refuse to authorize said permit to issue, and shall notify the city clerk of such refusal. No permit for the erection, repair or removal of any building inside the fire limits shall be lawful unless authorized in compliance herewith.

Section 6. Every building hereafter erected, repaired, or moved, inside the fire limits of the city of Kent, shall be built or repaired of such material and in such manner as required by Ordinance No. 167 Establishing Fire Limits, and any other ordinance now or hereafter passed pertaining to the construction, repair or removal of buildings inside the fire limits.
Section 7. It shall be unlawful to repair any frame building inside the fire limits of the city of Kent, when such building has been damaged by fire, the elements or decay, to the extent of forty percent of the value of such building. The decision of the Building Committee shall be conclusive as to the amount of damages to any building caused by fire, the elements or decay.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the City Marshall or of any member of the Building Committee, to examine any and all buildings reported dangerous or damaged by fire, or in a dangerous condition by reason of decay or casualty, and report the same to the City Council. Said officers shall so far as necessary in the performance of such duty, have the right to enter any building in the city of Kent which has become damaged by fire, the elements or decay, and to examine and inspect such damaged building, and to direct the suspension of the work of repair thereof, unless the same is done in compliance with the provision of this or other ordinances of the city.

Section 9. This ordinance shall not in any manner interfere with or otherwise change Ordinance No. 167, or other ordinances of the City of Kent, prescribing and defining Fire Limits, but shall be construed in conjunction with any such ordinances so far as it applies.

Section 10. Every person who shall violate, cause or permit to be violated any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not exceeding $100.00, or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Every owner, builder, architect, contractor or other person having charge thereof, who shall construct, alter, repair or move any building in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof be liable to the penalties imposed by this ordinance.

Section 11. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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Attest L. C. Onis  
City Clerk.
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Construction, Repair
+ Removal of
Buildings + Providing
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