ORDINANCE NO. 879

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent providing for fire limits and regulations governing the construction, alteration, equipment, or removal of buildings or structures; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting or inconsistent therewith, particularly ordinances numbered 185, 263, 487, 600, 601, 602, 656, and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 596

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT DO ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Building Code. That there is hereby adopted by the City of Kent for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of buildings and structures, including permits and penalties, that certain Building Code known as The National Building Code Recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters of New York, being particularly the 1949 Edition thereof, and the whole thereof, together with the 1952 Amendments thereto and the whole of said Amendments, save and except such portions as are hereinafter in Section 8, hereof deleted, modified, or amended, of which National Building Code and 1952 Amendments thereto, not less than three (3) copies have been and now are filed in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Kent, and the said National Building Code together with the 1952 Amendments thereto, as hereafter amended, are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this Ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction of all buildings and other structures therein contained within the corporate limits of the City of Kent.

SECTION 2. Definitions.

(a) Wherever the word "municipality" is used in said code and amendments thereto, it shall be held to mean the City of Kent.

(b) Wherever the term "corporation counsel" is used in said code and amendments thereto, it shall be held to mean the City
SECTION 3. Fire Limits. The fire limits of the City of Kent are as established by Ordinance No. 664 as amended by Ordinance No. 760, and as amended by Ordinance No. 856 of the City of Kent.

SECTION 4. Fees. (a) No permit as required by said code shall be issued until the fee prescribed in this ordinance shall have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to a permit be approved until an additional fee, if any, due to an increase in the estimated costs of the building or structure, shall have been paid.

(b) For a permit for the construction or alteration of a building or structure, the fee shall be $2.50 when the estimated cost of said improvement is not over $500.00, and an additional sum of $1.00 for each additional $500.00, or major fraction thereof, of estimated cost.

(c) For a permit for the removal of a building or structure from one lot to another, or to a location within the same lot, the fee shall be $2.50.

(d) For the permit for the demolition of a building or structure the fee shall be at the rate of $2.50.

(e) The term "estimated cost" as used in this Section means the reasonable value of all services, labor, materials and use of scaffolding and other appliances or devices entering into and necessary to the prosecution and completion of the work ready for occupancy; provided that the cost of excavation or grading and of painting, decorating or other work that is merely for embellishment, or not necessary for the safe and lawful use of the building or structure, is not deemed a part of such estimated cost.

SECTION 5. Saving Clause. Nothing in this ordinance, nor in the code hereby adopted, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceedings now pending in any Court, or any rights acquired or liability incurred, nor any cause or causes of action accrued or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby. Nor shall any right or
remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this 

Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Validity. The invalidity of any section or provi-

sion of this ordinance or of the code hereby adopted shall not 

invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

SECTION 7. Amendments Made in Said Code. The said Code is 

amended and changed in the following respects:

(a) Section 1002, CHIMNEYS, Paragraph 2., Chimneys for heating appliances 

low heat industrial appliances and portable type incinerators, is 

amended by adding thereto Subparagraph (1), reading as follows: 

"The space between the flue liner and the chimney shall be 

filled with mortar." 

(b) Section 1206, GARAGES, Paragraph 2., Garages not exceeding 

600 sq. ft. in area. Subparagraph (b) is amended to read as follows: 

Materials and construction provided for this purpose shall 

be at least equivalent in fire resistance and gas tightness 

to ship lap boards, free of knot holes, or 3/8 inch sheetrock." 

(c) Section 1204, GARAGES, Paragraph 2., Garages not exceeding 

600 sq. ft. in area is amended by deleting Subparagraph (c) there-

of.

(d) Section 1501, GAS PIPING, Subparagraph 2., Inspection, 

is amended to read as follows:

"2. Certificate. The installer or supplier shall furnish 

a written certificate certifying that installation has 

been made in accordance with the applicable above 

standards." 

(e) Section 1501, GAS PIPING, Subparagraph 3., Certificate, 

is amended to read as follows:

"3. Supplying Gas. It shall be unlawful to supply gas to a 

system of gas piping in a building or structure before the 

above mentioned certification has been made." 

(f) Section 1501, GAS PIPING, is amended by deleting Sub-

paragraphs 2., 3., 4., and 5. thereof as they appear in said 

code.

(g) Section 1602, INSPECTION, is amended by deleting therefrom 

Subparagraphs 1(a), 1(b) and 2.
(h) Section 6103, CERTIFICATE, is hereby deleted.

(1) Section 1604, SUPPLYING CURRENT, Subparagraph 1. Restriction

is amended to read as follows:

"Restriction. It shall be unlawful to use or permit the use of, or to supply current for, electric wiring for light, heat or power in a building or structure except under conditions as called for in the laws of the State of Washington."

SECTION 8. Inconsistent ordinances repealed. All former

Ordinances, or parts thereof, conflicting or inconsistent with

the provisions of this Ordinance or of the code hereby adopted,

particularly Ordinances numbered 185, 263, 487, 600, 601, 602,

and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 596 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force

thirty (30) days after its passage, approval and publication as

required by law.

Attest:  City Clerk

City Attorney

Passed the 17th day of May, 1954
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Section 8 amended by Ord. 880

Section 879 repealed by Ord. 1117

Repealing 185, 263, 487, 600, 601, 602, 656, & Sec. 1 of 596

Repealed by Ord. 2005