

TOWN ORDINANCE NO. 94

PROVIDING FOR THE STORAGE AND HANDLING OF ALL VOLATILE INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS WITHIN THE FIRE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona.

Section 1. Except as in this ordinance otherwise provided, it shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm, company, association, or corporation to store or permit to be stored on any premises owned, occupied, or controlled by such person, firm, company, association, or corporation, or to keep for sale within the fire limits of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, any of the following articles, to-wit: Petroleum, Gasoline, or any product of petroleum, or hydro-carbon liquids other than refined kerosene oil, unless the same be kept in iron tanks, to be located under the direction of the building inspector, and not in larger quantities than five (5) gallons; provided that petroleum, gasoline, or any other product of petroleum or hydro-carbon liquids may be stored or kept in any quantity outside of the fire limits of the town of Jerome, Arizona.

Section 2. A volatile inflammable liquid, within the meaning of this ordinance, is any liquid that will emit an inflammable vapor at a temperature below one hundred degrees Fahrenheit when tested in the open air.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm, company or corporation to keep or permit to be kept within the fire limits of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, any volatile inflammable liquid in quantities of more than five (5) gallons.

Section 4. The owner of any public automobile garage situated and maintained within the fire limits of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, shall be permitted to keep on hand gasoline not to exceed twelve hundred (1,200) gallons in quantity at any one time, which shall be kept in steel tanks of not more than three hundred (300) gallons each, said tanks to be placed under ground and to be separated from each other by at least twelve (12) inches of Portland Cement concrete well tamped in place, as hereinafter provided.

Section 5. No storage tanks shall hereafter be placed, installed, constructed, or maintained under a public sidewalk, or in a sidewalk area.

Section 6. No such storage tank shall hereafter be placed, installed, or maintained within the fire limits of the Town of Jerome, Arizona until application for permission to do so, accompanied with plans and specifications showing full details of location, construction, and connections, has been filed with and approved by the Town Council.

Section 7. All storage tanks shall be constructed of steel, and coated on the outside with tar or other rust resisting material. The material of all tanks having a capacity of three hundred (300) gallons or more, shall be at least three sixteenths (3/16) of an inch thick, and all tanks having a capacity of less than twelve (12) gauge in thickness. No tanks shall have a capacity in excess of three hundred (300) gallons. All joints shall be tightly caulked. All pipe connections must be so buried that no part of the top thereof shall be less than two (2) feet beneath the surface of the ground at the point where the tank is located, and all tanks must be completely cased with and surrounded with twelve (12) inches of Portland Cement concrete well tamped in place.

Section 8. All storage tanks must be provided with a vent pipe and safety valve. The vent pipe shall be made of one-inch or larger wrought iron or steel pipe galvanized, with heavy cast iron fittings and screw joints made with litharge and glycerine, and must be connected with the top of the tank. All vent pipes must be provided at the top with screening of thirty (30) mesh brass wire and with goose-neck attachments. All vent pipes must be carried up to the outer air, well placed in position, and extend two (2) feet above the roof of all buildings within a radius of fifty feet (50) therefrom.

Section 9. All tanks must be provided with a filling pipe. The filling pipe shall be made of not less than two (2) inches of wrought iron or steel pipe galvanized, with heavy iron fittings and screw joints made with litharge and glycerine, and no unions or flange connections shall be permitted. The filling pipes shall be provided with two screens or thirty (30) mesh brass wire, placed one at or near the tank connection and one just below the filling cock or valve. The filling pipe shall connect with top and extend down to the bottom of the tank, and shall be laid at a uniform grade, so that it will drain empty into the tank, and the intake end of the filling pipe shall not be within any building and shall terminate in a covered box of heavy iron sunk to the level of the ground, to be kept locked when not in use.

Section 10. All storage tanks shall be provided with an offtake pipe, which shall connect with the top of the tank, and shall be so located and placed that no part of the pipe shall be lower than the top of the tank. To the outlet end of the offtake pipe shall be attached a pumping device approved by the Building Inspector of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, and so constructed that no vapor will be permitted to escape from said pipe or pump. The pump shall have a cut-off valve with ground key on the nozzle, and shall be provided with a screw stuffing box for the pump rod higher than the outlet of the pump.

Section 11. No storage tanks shall have any openings or connections other than those provided for the vent pipe, the filling pipe, and the off-take pipe.

Section 12. It shall be unlawful for any persons, person, firm, company, association, or corporation, to sell at retail any gasoline in the Town of Jerome, Arizona, in any quantity less than five (5) gallons, unless the same shall be sold in bottles, corked and labeled, and of one gallon or less capacity, said bottles to be filled from the storage tank such as is prescribed by this Ordinance.

Section 13. Any person, firm, company, or corporation who shall violate any of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than five (5) nor more than three hundred (300) dollars, or by imprisonment in the town or county jail for a period of not less less than five days nor more than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 14. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, are hereby repealed.

WHEREAS, This ordinance requires an early operation in order to preserve the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, adoption, approval and publication as required by law, and is hereby exempt from the operation of the referendum provision of the Constitution of the State of Arizona.  
PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THE 10th DAY OF APRIL, 1918.