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15.04.010 Purpose and scope. The purpose of this chapter is to prescribe recognized methods, practices, materials and fixtures for the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of piping, appliances and appurtenances and utilize natural gas, and thereby to protect the public safety, health and welfare. (Ord. 186 §1, 1960).

15.04.020 Adopted. The gas manual, Recommended Practices for Installation of Customer Piping and Appliances, promulgated by Iowa Southern Utilities Company as of August, 1960, is adopted and made effective. From the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, all work on and with natural gas piping, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances and all materials used in such work shall be in accordance with the provisions of said gas manual. A copy of the gas manual as adopted and a certified copy of the ordinance codified in this chapter are on file in the office of the city clerk for public inspection (Ord. 186 §2, 1960).

15.04.030 Failure to comply with chapter and code. Failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter and with the provisions of said gas manual shall be considered just cause for any distributor of natural gas operating under a valid franchise granted by the city to refuse to deliver

* For statutory provisions on the adoption of codes by reference, see Code 1977 §380.10.

natural gas to the premises involved, or to cease deliveries to said premises in the event natural gas is being delivered at the time such failure is discovered. (Ord. 186 §3, 1960).

Chapter 15.08

FIRE LIMITS

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15.08.010 Established. The fire limits of the city are established and declared to be as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block 11, in the city, running thence west to the northwest corner of Lot 2 in Block 9, running thence south to the northwest corner of Lot 1 in Block 18, running thence west to the northwest corner of Block 19, running thence south to the south line of the north half of Block 31, thence east to the southeast corner of Lot 3 in Block 27, thence north to the northeast corner of Lot 6 in Block 12, thence west to the northeast corner of Lot 3 in Block 11, thence north to the northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block 11, the place of beginning and the fire limits include all of the lots and lands within the lines described above and are intended to cover and include all of Blocks 10, 11, 18, 19, 20 and 21, the east half of Block 9, the north half of Block 31, the north half of Block 30, the north half of Block 29, the north half of Block 28, the west half of Block 22, the west half of Block 17, Lots 5 and 6 in Block 12, and Lots 3 and 4 in Block 27, in the original town and the courtyard or park, together with the streets and alleys and public grounds within the fire limits described above. (Ord. 128 §1, 1917; Ord. 104 §1, 1911; Ord. 81 §1, 1903).

15.08.020 Construction specifications. A. From and after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, no person, company, partnership or corporation shall construct, erect or remove within that portion of the fire limits of the city surrounding the public square in the city and more particularly described as follows:

The southeast quarter of Block 9, the south half of Blocks 10 and 11, the southwest quarter of Block 12, the west half of Blocks 17 and 22, the northwest quarter of Block 27, the north half of Blocks 28 and 29, the northeast quarter of Block 30, and the east half of Blocks 18 and 21, all in the original town, any building, house, shed or other structure, or any addition to any such building or structure, unless the outer walls of such building or structure are constructed of brick, stone, hollow tile, concrete or cement blocks. The outer wall shall be at least eight inches in thickness and the roof shall be constructed of some non-inflammable or noncombustible material.

B. The city council may grant a variance from these specifications if the plan for any proposed building or structure, which would be a variation from the specifications set forth herein, shall be submitted to the city council for approval or disapproval prior to construction. Construction of such a building or structure with approval of the city council, as herein provided, shall not constitute a violation of this chapter. (Ord. 225 §1, 1978; Ord. 159 §1, 1930).

15.08.030 Removal of buildings within limits. No person, company, partnership or corporation shall remove any frame or wooden building, house or other structure from one point within the portion of the fire limits described in Section 15.08.020 to any other point within said portion of said fire limits. (Ord. 159 §2, 1930).

15.08.040 Noncomplying buildings deemed nuisance--Abatement procedure. A. Any building, house, shed or other structure, or any addition thereto, constructed, erected or moved in violation of this chapter is a nuisance and shall be abated by order of the city council at the expense of the person, company, partnership or corporation erecting or moving the same in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

B. The expense thereof shall be taxed up to the building and land where situated as other special taxes are collected.

C. The city marshal shall cause said building or structure to be removed as directed in this chapter. (Ord. 159 §3, 1930).

15.08.050 Prevention by injunction. A. It is the duty of the proper officers of the city to proceed by injunction or otherwise in the name of the city to prevent the erection, construction or enlargement of any building or other structure in violation of this chapter.

B. A failure on the part of the city to proceed by injunction shall not, however, prevent the abatement of any such building as a nuisance as provided by Section 15.08.040. (Ord. 159 §4, 1930).

15.08.060 Certification--Recording fees. Immediately after the passage of the ordinance codified in this chapter, the city clerk is directed to certify such ordinance, together with the plat of the portion of the fire limits of the city as is described in Section 15.08.020, to the county recorder, as provided by Section 5724 of the 1927 Code, and to pay to said recorder the fees for indexing and recording the same. (Ord. 159 §6, 1930).

15.08.070 Penalty for violation. Any person, company, corporation or partnership directly or indirectly engaged in building or aiding in building or removing a building in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be punished as provided in Section 1.12.010. (Amended during 1978 codification; Ord. 159 §5, 1930).