

**CHAPTER 13**

**FIRE PREVENTION**

**13-1-1**     **DEFINITION.** The term “**flammable liquids**” as used in this Article shall be construed to mean coal oil, benzene, turpentine, gasoline, propane, petroleum or any product thereof in liquid form.

The term “**explosive**” shall mean gunpowder, black powder, nitroglycerine, T.N.T., dynamite, and similar materials except for ammunition and very small amounts used only for medicinal purposes.

**13-1-2**     **EXPLOSIVES.** It shall be unlawful to store any explosives within the Village.

**13-1-3**     **TANKS AND RECEPTACLES.** It shall be unlawful to store any flammable liquids in any other but leak-proof metallic tanks or receptacles in the Village. Provided, that receptacles and tanks of other materials may be used if such material used is lead and absorption proof. Tanks containing more than **fifteen (15) gallons** of such liquids, must be equipped with adequate escape valves.

**13-1-4**     **FRONTAGE CONSENTS.** It shall be unlawful to store flammable liquids in greater quantities than **fifty (50) gallons**, or to install a tank for such storage, in any block in the Village in which a majority of the buildings within a radius of **three hundred (300) feet** are used for residences only without first having obtained and filed with the Clerk written consent of the owners of at least **fifty percent (50%)** of such buildings.

**13-1-5**     **UNDERGROUND TANKS.** It shall be unlawful to store flammable liquids in greater quantities than **fifty (50) gallons** in any but an underground tank, unless such tank is in a separate fireproof building used only for the storage of such liquids, within the Village.

It shall be unlawful to store any flammable liquids in a greater quantity than **ten (10) gallons** in any building in the Village, except in an underground tank or as mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

**13-1-6**     **SCHOOLS, ETC.** It shall be unlawful to store any greater quantity than **fifteen (15) gallons** of any flammable liquid within **two hundred (200) feet** of any building used exclusively for school or church purposes; or within **one hundred (100) feet** of any theatre.

## **FIRE PREVENTION 13-1-7**

**13-1-7**     **FIRES.** It shall be unlawful to build or light any open fire or flame in any building used exclusively for the storage of flammable liquids; or to build or light any fire within **one hundred (100) feet** of any tank used for the storage of such liquids or to light a match or carry or permit any lighted substance or open flame within any such building or **one hundred (100) feet** of any such tank.

**13-1-8**     **INSPECTIONS.** The Fire Chief of the Sangamon Valley Fire Protection District may enter and inspect any premises or materials therein, for the purpose of eliminating conditions that might present fire hazards, when the Fire Chief:

(A)           has the consent of the owner or occupant of said premises; or  
(B)           has reasonable cause to believe that said premises present a fire hazard and has obtained a search warrant identifying the premises to be entered and the purpose of the inspection.

Upon finding any hazardous or dangerous condition, it shall be the duty of said Fire Chief to direct that such conditions be corrected. As a guide to giving orders or suggestions for correction of hazardous fire conditions, either as to buildings or materials therein, or the business operated therein, said Fire Chief is hereby authorized to use the "Fire Prevention Code, as required by the National Board of Fire Underwriters" and the rules and regulations as therein set forth.

**13-1-9**     **PENALTY.** Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Article shall be fined not less than **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for each offense; and each day on which a violation continues or exists shall be considered a separate and distinct offense.

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