

ORDINANCE NO. 198-15

BY: **BRIAN DAY**
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 145.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA AND TO ENACT SECTION 145.025 “BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That Section 145.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma is hereby amended to read as follows:

145.01 PERSONNEL WITHIN RANK.

In the Division of Fire there shall be, within ranks, the following:

- (a) One Chief of Fire.
- (b) One Assistant Chief of Fire.
- (c) Six Captains of Fire.
- (d) Ten Lieutenants of Fire.
- (e) Three Fire Prevention Inspectors. The position of Fire Prevention Inspector is hereby established as a special position having special duties with preferential pay within the rank of fireman. **No person shall serve as a Fire Prevention Inspector unless he has received a certificate issued by the State Board of Emergency Medical Services under former Ohio R.C. 3303.07 or 4765.55 evidencing his satisfactory completion of a fire safety inspection training program. Fire Prevention Inspectors shall not work less than 40 hours per week.** The special position of Fire Prevention Inspector shall be filled by promotional examination in the same manner as promotions from rank to rank. The holding of the position of Inspector shall not establish eligibility to the next higher rank to the exclusion of other persons in the same rank who do not hold such special position.
- (f) Ninety firefighters.
- (g) Emergency firemen, in such numbers as may be necessary to relieve regular firemen on vacation or absence through disability or other emergency. In no event shall emergency firemen be employed for a period of time exceeding six months continuous service.
- (h) One Training Captain.

Section 2. That Section 145.025 “Bureau of Fire Prevention” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

145.025 BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION.

(a) **A Bureau of Fire Prevention in the Division of Fire is hereby established. The Bureau shall be operated under the supervision of the Chief of Fire, under the direction and control of the Director of Public Safety. The Bureau shall consist of Fire Prevention Inspectors assigned to these duties.**

(b) **The Chief of the Fire Division may detail such members of the Division as Assistant Inspectors as are necessary.**

(c) **It shall be the duty of the Bureau to enforce all laws and ordinances covering the following:**

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- (1) **The prevention of fires;**
- (2) **The storage and use of explosives and flammables;**
- (3) **The installation and maintenance of automatic and other private fire and smoke alarm systems and fire extinguishing equipment;**
- (4) **The maintenance and regulation of fire escapes;**
- (5) **The maintenance of protection and elimination of hazards in buildings and structures, including those under construction;**
- (6) **The means and adequacy of exit in case of fire from all places in which persons work, live or congregate for any purposes from time to time, including, but not limited to, factories, schools, hotels, lodging houses, asylums, hospitals, churches, halls, theaters and amphitheatres; and,**
- (7) **The investigation of the cause, origin and circumstances of fires.**

(d) **In performing the above-stated duties, the Bureau shall survey each commercial and industrial establishment, mercantile, educational and institutional occupancy, place of assembly, hotel and other buildings, except the interiors of dwellings, within the municipality, and shall specify suitable fire or smoke detecting devices or extinguishing appliances which shall be provided in or near boiler rooms, kitchens, restaurants, clubs and similar establishments, storage rooms involving considerable combustible materials, rooms in which hazardous manufacturing processes are involved, repair garages and other places of a generally hazardous nature. Such devices or appliances may consist of automatic fire alarm systems, automatic sprinkler or water spray systems, automatic smoke detection devices and systems, standpipes and hoses, fixed or portable fire extinguishers of a type suitable for the portable class of fire, suitable asbestos, approved fire blankets, manual or automatic covers or other special extinguishing systems. Appliances of more than one type or special systems may be required.**

(e) **The Bureau shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as are set forth in sections of this Code and other ordinances, and as may be conferred and imposed from time to time by law."**

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

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Section 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma. The reason for such necessity is that the provisions being amended and enacted herein, once part of repealed Chapter 1302 ("International Fire Code") of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma, are needed to maintain the integrity and continued operations of the Bureau of Fire Prevention. Therefore, this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO