

SPECIAL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

FRIDAY, March 14, 1913.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Friday evening, March 14, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock in special session, President Charles F. Copeland in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 13, 1913.

To the Members of the Common Council, City of Indianapolis.

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber, Friday evening, March 14, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of the introduction of "An ordinance relating to the regulation of matters pertaining to the construction, alteration and additions to all one-story buildings used for manufacturing or storage purposes when built with brick or reinforced concrete, and located outside of the fire limits of the City of Indianapolis."

I have the honor to remain,

CHARLES F. COPELAND,
President.

I, Edward A. Ramsay, Clerk of the Common Council, do hereby certify that I have served the above and foregoing notice to each and every member of the Common Council, prior to the time of meeting, pursuant to the rules.

EDWARD A. RAMSAY,
City Clerk.

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Hon. Charles F. Copeland, President of the Common Council, and 6 members, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz and Blumberg.

Absent, 2, viz.: Messrs. McCarthy and Troy.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Denny:

General Ordinance No. 20—1913: An ordinance relating to and regulating matters pertaining to the construction, alteration and additions to, of one-story buildings used for manufacturing or storage purposes, when built with brick or reinforced concrete walls and located outside of the fire limits of the City of Indianapolis.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that one-story buildings used for manufacturing and storage purposes when built with brick or reinforced concrete walls and located outside of the fire limits of the city, shall be constructed, altered, repaired or additions made thereto, as prescribed and set forth in this ordinance.

PART 1.

DEFINITIONS.

(a) BUILDING.—Any structure erected by art and fixed upon or in the soil, composed of several pieces and designed for use in the position in which so fixed.

(b) BUILDING LINE.—A line formed by the intersection of the outer face of the enclosing walls of a building and the surface of the ground.

(c) FOUNDATION.—That portion of the wall below the level of the street curb and where the wall is not on a street, that portion of the wall below the level of an established grade.

(d) EXTERNAL WALL.—An external wall means every outer wall or vertical enclosure of a building other than a party wall.

(e) CURTAIN WALL.—A subordinate wall between two columns or other supporting members, being primarily a filling and having no share in the support of other portions of the structure.

(f) DIVISION WALLS.—Walls that separate parts of any building from another part of the same.

(g) STORY.—A story is that portion of the building between the top of any floor and the top of the floor next above or that portion of the building from the ground floor to the roof where there is not a floor above the ground floor.

(h) SKELETON CONSTRUCTION.—The term "Skeleton Construction" shall apply to all buildings wherein the external and internal loads and stresses are transmitted from the top of the building to the foundation by a skeleton or frame work of metal or reinforced concrete.

(i) EXTERIOR COLUMNS.—All columns on enclosing wall lines carrying internal and external loads.

(j) INTERIOR COLUMNS.—All columns within the enclosing walls of a building carrying internal and external loads.

PART 2.

EXCAVATIONS FOR FOUNDATIONS.

SECTION 2. DEPTH OF FOUNDATION, EXTERNAL WALLS.—Excavations for foundations for external walls shall be not less than two (2) feet deep for all walls not over sixteen (16) feet high and two (2) feet six (6) inches deep for all walls more than sixteen (16) feet high.

SECTION 3. CURTAIN WALLS.—Excavations for all foundations for all curtain walls shall be at least two (2) feet deep.

SECTION 4. DIVISION WALLS.—Excavations for foundations for all division walls shall be of sufficient depth below the ground floor line to accommodate their footings.

SECTION 5. COLUMN FOUNDATIONS.—Excavations for foundations under all exterior columns of steel or reinforced concrete shall be not less than three (3) feet six (6) inches deep. All interior columns shall have excavations not less than eighteen (18) inches below the ground floor line.

SECTION 6. DEPTH OF EXCAVATIONS.—The depth of all excavations shall be taken from an established grade for all buildings that set ten (10) feet or more from a public thoroughfare; where the same sets ten (10) feet or less from a thoroughfare the depth must be taken from the adjacent curb level.

SECTION 7. LOADS TO BE CARRIED BY THE SOIL.—Good, solid natural clay shall be deemed to safely sustain a load of three (3) tons to the superficial foot; firm, coarse sand or stiff gravel four (4) tons per superficial foot. The area of footing courses shall be sufficient to meet this requirement.

PART 3.

THICKNESS OF WALLS.

SECTION 8. EXTERNAL WALLS.—External walls may be made of brick or reinforced concrete. All brick walls shall be at least eight (8) inches thick providing they do not carry any other loads but that of the roof, and not over sixteen (16) feet high, and further provided that they be braced by pilasters four (4) inches thick, at least twenty (20) inches wide, not over fifteen (15) feet apart. Exterior walls over sixteen (16) feet high shall be built of brick twelve (12) inches thick. Exterior walls built of reinforced concrete shall be at least six (6) inches thick when not over sixteen (16) feet high and nine (9) inches thick if more than sixteen (16) feet high.

SECTION 9. DIVISION WALLS.—Division Walls may be built of brick or reinforced concrete. All brick walls shall be at least eight (8) inches thick when not over sixteen (16) feet high and provided with pilasters not over fifteen (15) feet apart, provided that they do not carry any other loads but that of the roof. Division Walls over sixteen (16) feet high shall be built of brick twelve (12) inches thick. Division Walls built of reinforced concrete shall be at least six (6) inches thick when not over sixteen (16) feet high and nine (9) inches thick if more than sixteen (16) feet high, provided they do not carry any other loads but that of the roof.

SECTION 10. CURTAIN WALLS.—Curtain walls may be used as external walls and division walls provided that they do not in any case support any load whatever but their own. Curtain walls made of brick shall be at least eight (8) inches thick if not over sixteen (16) feet high and twelve (12) inches thick if more than sixteen (16) feet high. Curtain walls of reinforced concrete shall not be less than two (2) inches thick if made of metal lath or metal fabric plastered on both sides with mortar consisting of Portland Cement and Torpedo Sand provided that no part of the said curtain wall is within twenty (20) feet of any street line or within ten (10) feet of any lot or alley line.

PART 4.

SECTION 11. In all other respects buildings as described herein shall be constructed, altered, repaired or added to in accordance with the regulations prescribed in General Ordinance No. 34 approved June 6.

1904, entitled "An ordinance providing for all matters concerning, affecting or relating to the construction, alteration, repair or removal of buildings, structures or appurtenances thereto erected or to be erected in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:" General Ordinance No. 5, approved March 19, 1906, entitled "An ordinance to amend Section 110 of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for all matters concerning, affecting or relating to the construction, alteration, repair or removal of buildings, structures or appurtenances thereto erected or to be erected in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:.'" General Ordinance No. 94, approved November 4, 1907, entitled "An ordinance to amend Sections 36 and 147 of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for the matters concerning, affecting or relating to the construction, alteration, repair or removal of buildings, structures or appurtenances thereto erected or to be erected in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.'"

PART 5.

PENALTIES—REPEAL.

SECTION 12. PENALTIES.—Excepting as otherwise specifically mentioned within this ordinance, none of its provisions shall be construed to affect any building or part of any building now finished or in course of construction. Any person, firm, corporation or agent who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be subject, upon conviction thereof, to a fine not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense or upon failure to pay may be imprisoned until such fine is paid not exceeding ninety (90) days. The continued violations of any provisions shall constitute a separate offense for each and every day such violation of any provisions hereof shall continue.

SECTION 13. REPEAL.—All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith or repugnant hereto are hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Indianapolis Commercial, a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

On motion of Mr. McCarthy, the Common Council, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Charles F. Copeland

President.

ATTEST:

Edward A. Ramsay

City Clerk.