

BERMUDA STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

ST. GEORGE'S (FIRE PREVENTION) ORDINANCE 1966

*[made under section 38 of the Municipalities Act 1923 [title 4 item 1] and
brought into operation on 15 March 1967]*

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Citation

- 1 This Ordinance may be cited as the St. George's (Fire Prevention) Ordinance 1966.

Interpretation

- 2 In this Ordinance, where not inconsistent with the context—

"the Corporation" means the Corporation of St. George's;

"dangerous commodity" includes petroleum, rock oil, Rangoon oil, Burmah oil, benzine, petrol, naphtha, gasoline and any oil made from petroleum, coal, schist, shale, peat, or any bituminous substance, and every product of petroleum and of the above-mentioned substances, and also gunpowder, nitroglycerine, cordite and all other explosives, but does not

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include the refined products of petroleum which will not give off an inflammable vapour at a temperature of less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit;

"film" means any moving picture or sound recording film having a nitrocellulose base, whether in the form of unexposed film, positives, negatives, scrap or used film;

"oil burner" means any device designed to burn fuel oil, having a flash point of over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, and having a fuel tank or container with a capacity of more than ten gallons connected thereto;

"oil burning equipment" includes oil burners, oil tanks, piping, pumps, control devices and accessories connected to the burners;

"premises" means any buildings, stores, warehouses, sheds, enclosures, yards and lands in St. George's.

Permit to instal tank for dangerous commodity

3 (1) No person shall have, construct or instal, within the limits of St. George's, any tank, either above or below ground, for the storage of any dangerous commodity without a permit from the Corporation, and any alteration in the location, type or use of any oil storage tank shall be subject to the approval of the Corporation.

(2) Applications for a permit shall be in writing and shall state—

- (a) the location of the proposed tank as shown on a plan of the premises to be submitted with the application;
- (b) whether the tank is to be above or below ground level;
- (c) the materials of which the tank is to be constructed;
- (d) the capacity in gallons of the tank;
- (e) the purpose for which the tank is to be used; and
- (f) the nature of the commodity to be stored.

Permit to instal oil burner

4 (1) No person shall have, construct or instal, within the limits of St. George's, any oil burner or any oil burning equipment without a permit from the Corporation and any alteration in the location, type or use of any oil burning equipment shall be subject to the approval of the Corporation.

(2) Applications for a permit shall be in writing and shall state—

- (a) the location of the equipment;

- (b) the construction of the room in which the equipment is to be installed;
- (c) the type of equipment to be used; and
- (d) the purpose for which the equipment is to be used.

(3) The foregoing provisions of this article shall not apply to portable burners not requiring connection to a flue, such as oil stoves, oil heaters and oil lamps equipped with a wick or a mechanical device, the movement of which is essential to flame adjustment or to such portable apparatus as blow torches, soldering pots, etc.

Prohibition; storage of wet hay

5 No person shall have, keep or store any wet hay on any premises in St. George's.

Licence to keep film

6 No person shall have, keep or store any combustible film in or upon any premises other than premises used solely for private residential purposes without a licence from the Corporation; and such licence shall prescribe the conditions under which film shall be kept.

Entry on premises

7 Any member or official of the Corporation, and any officer of the St. George's Fire Brigade deputed by the Corporation for that purpose, may enter in or upon any building or premises in St. George's for the purpose of ascertaining whether in the opinion of the Corporation there exists in such building or premises any condition or thing which may constitute a danger from fire or explosion to life or property.

Rectification of fire risk

8 Should any such condition or thing be found to exist in such building or premises the Corporation may give notice in writing to the owner or occupier thereof, or to the owner and occupier, requiring the rectification therein or the removal therefrom of such condition or thing within a time specified in such notice.

[Article 9 repealed 2007:23 s.19 effective 2 July 2007]

Offences

10 Any person who commits a breach of this Ordinance shall be liable to prosecution for an offence against the Municipalities Act 1923 [title 4 item 1].

[Amended by:

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