

TOWN OF HOUSTON

Chapter 200 Fire Hazards

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ARTICLE I-ACCUMULATION OF RUBBISH PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful to maintain, keep or permit for a period longer than 36 consecutive hours in any alley, or in or on any sidewalk, or on any land or lands within 30 feet of any building within the corporate limits of the Town, any empty boxes, barrels, rubbish, trash, wastepaper, excelsior or other combustible materials.

ARTICLE II-ASHES

It shall be unlawful to place hot ashes in any wooden box, wooden barrel or other wooden container, or on any wooden floor within any building within the corporate limits of the Town.

ARTICLE III-OILY MATERIALS

It shall be unlawful to keep or permit to be kept on the premises any oil-containing waste or oily rags unless, at all times when not actually in use, such waste or rags shall be kept in a metal can with a self-closing cover and riveted joints standing on metal legs which raise the bottom of the container at least five inches above the floor.

ARTICLE IV-FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

- A. Underground storage. It shall be unlawful to keep or store for the purpose of sale, or otherwise, on any premises occupied by any person, firm, or corporation within the distance of 200 feet from the outside limits of either side of any street within the Town, more than 10 gallons of gasoline or other flammable liquid unless it is kept or stored in a metal tank or tanks settled in the ground outside of any building or structure now standing, or which may hereafter be erected at least 10 feet from the outside foundation of such building, the upper surface of which tank or tanks shall be at least 24 inches below the surface of the ground.
- B. Aboveground storage. It shall be unlawful to store in bulk an excess of 50 gallons of gasoline or other flammable liquid in storage tanks or other containers above the level of the ground unless the person, firm or corporation so storing such flammable liquid shall erect around the tanks or other containers a sufficient barrier constructed of high fire-resisting or noninflammable material, having an inside containing capacity in excess of the total capacity of the tanks wherein such liquids are kept, and which barrier or container shall be constructed so as to prevent the escape of any of the contents of the tanks beyond the limits of such barrier.

ARTICLE V-VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction before the J.P. Court, be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.