

Ordinance #171

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An Ordinance Regulating Theaters, Opera Houses and Moving Picture Shows.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction:

- Sec. I. Every room or building intended to be used as a theatre, opera house, music hall, concert hall, moving picture show, or other like place of public assemblage hereafter built or constructed within the City of Grand Junction shall be provided with at least one doorway not less than five feet in width for every 250 persons who might be seated in such building in the part thereof intended for public assemblage, and with proper and sufficient ways and passages leading to and from every such doorway, so that in case of fire or other sudden alarm, those who may be within such building may speedily and safely escape therefrom.
- Sec. II. All doors provided for the doorways of every such room or building shall open outwards and shall, during the whole of every exhibition, performance or assemblage therein, be left unfastened, or latched or barred upon the inner side only, so that any person may readily and speedily open the same from the inner side of such room or building.
- Sec. III. No owner, proprietor or manager of any such building, exhibition or performance given therein shall permit any person or persons to stand or sit in the aisles, passageways or stairways of said building, nor shall permit any person to enter said building after all the seats therein are occupied.
- Sec. IV. No person or persons shall be permitted to stand in any corridor or hall leading from the exits of such building or hall to the street.
- Sec. V. All machines used and installed in any building in the City of Grand Junction for the purpose of showing moving pictures, shall be installed and enclosed in fire proof both in strict accordance with the following specifications:
- FRAMING. To be made of 1" x 1" x 1/8" angle iron, properly

braced to secure rigidity, and securely bolted at joints.

Size. To be not less than 5' X 5' X 6'.

Sheathing. To be galvanized sheet iron of not less than #20 B.W. gauge. No point on sheathing to be more than 18" from angle iron frame, and sheathing to be securely bolted thereto.

Door. To be not larger than 2' X 6', of same construction as booth, with angle iron frame, and arranged to close automatically, either by means of a spring to be placed on the exterior and riveted to frame-work, or by a metal rope and weight attachment. Two latches of steel to be provided and to be placed, one 12" from top and the other 12" from bottom of the door. Latch bars to be connected by metal rod, so that one operation opens both latches.

Floor. To be of same material as sides and roof, bolted to iron frame, covered with a rubber or cork matting.

Window or Opening. (For operator's view, or through which picture is thrown.) To be not larger than 12" X 12", and provided with a gravity door of same construction as booth, held in position by fusible links placed in series of fine cord, so arranged that normally one of the links is suspended directly over film when in slide of the apparatus.

Shelf. To be same construction as booth.

Ventilation. Booth to have an opening for ventilation, which must be flanged to carry standard conductor pipe for exhausting the hot air generated in operating the machine. An exhaust fan should be placed at outer end of the conductor (or stove) pipe, unless connection is made with chimney.

Machine. Arc lamp used as a part of moving picture machines must be constructed similar to arc lamps of theatre, and wiring of same must not be less than No. 6 B & S. gauge, as follows:

(A) Must be constructed entirely of metal except where the use of approved insulating material is necessary.

(B) Must be substantially constructed and so designed as to provide for proper ventilation,

and to prevent sparks being emitted from lamps when same is in operation, and mica must be used for frame insulation.

(C) Front opening must be provided with a self-closing hinged door frame, in which wire gauze or glass must be inserted excepting lens lamps, where the front may be stationary and a solid door be provided on back or side.

(D) Must be provided with a one-sixteenth inch iron or steel guard having a mesh not larger than one inch, and be substantially placed over top and upper half of sides and back of lamp frame; this guard to be substantially riveted in frame of lamp, and to be placed at a distance of at least two inches from the lamp frame.

(E) Switch on Standard must be so constructed that accidental contact with any live portion of same will be impossible.

(F) All Standard connections in lamp and at switch and rheostat must be provided with approved lugs.

(9) Rheostat must conform to rheostat requirements for theatre arcs, as follows: Rheostat if mounted on Standard must be raised to a height of at least three inches above floor line, and in addition to being properly enclosed must be surrounded with a substantially attached metal guard having a mesh not larger than one square inch, which guard is to be kept at least one inch from outside frame of rheostat.

(C) Top reel must be encased in a steel box with hole at the bottom only large enough for film to pass through, and cover so arranged that this hole can be instantly closed. No solder to be used in the construction of this box.

(10) A steel box must be used for receiving the film, after being shown, with a hole in the top only large enough for the film to pass through freely, with a cover so arranged that this hole can be instantly closed. An opening may be placed at the side of the box to take the film out, with a door hinged at the top, so arranged that it cannot be entirely opened. No solder to be used in the construction of this box.

(6) The handle or crank used in operating the machine must be secured to the spindle or shaft, so that there will be no liability of its coming off and allowing the film to stop in front of lamp.

(7) A shutter must be placed in front of the condenser, arranged so as to be closed when a spring is released.

(8) Extra films must be kept in metal box with tight-fitting cover.

(H) Machines must be operated by hand (Motor driver will not be permitted)

Electric Wiring. Must be in accordance with N. E. Code, and all wire employed within the booth, for whatever purpose, must have an approved insulation. No portable cord will be permitted within booth, unless the same is fastened to a proper connection to the lantern itself.

All wires feeding moving picture machines must be installed open or in conduit up to point where they enter booth.

Sec. VI All buildings and halls not conforming with the provisions of this act shall be altered to conform herewith within a period of thirty days from the day of the passage and publication of this ordinance.

Sec. VII The Chief of the Fire Department is hereby authorized and directed to examine all buildings and halls affected by this ordinance and to require all owners, proprietors or managers thereof to conform strictly to the provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. VIII Any person or company violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty five (\$25⁰⁰) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100⁰⁰) dollars, for each offence.

Passed and adopted this 26th day of October
A. D. 1909,

James H. Lee

Mayor

Attest

H. P. Forbes

City Clerk

I, W. T. Torbeck, City Clerk of the City of Grand Junction hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and read at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 28th day of September A.D. 1909, that said ordinance was passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 26th day of October A.D. 1909, and that the same was published and in general circulation at least ten days before its passage.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Grand Junction this 27th day of October, A.D. 1909.

W. T. Torbeck
City Clerk