

CHAPTER 5

FIRE DEPARTMENT

ARTICLE II. FIRE DISTRICTS

Sec. 5-200. OUTER FIRE DISTRICT.

The territory within the following described limits and not included within the inner fire district hereinafter described, is hereby established as the outer fire district, to wit:

Commencing at the intersection of Hubbard and Barre Streets; thence southeasterly in the center line of Barre Street to the Pioneer Bridge, so called; thence southerly across said Pioneer Bridge and along the center line of Pioneer Street to River Street; thence westerly and northwesterly in the center lines of River and Berlin Streets to a point opposite the northwesterly line of property of William O. and Edith R. Comstock; thence southwesterly in said Comstock's northwesterly line to Prospect Street; thence northwesterly to the center line of Prospect Street to the southeasterly line of property of the City of Montpelier; thence southwesterly on the southeasterly line of said property of the City of Montpelier, and northwesterly on its southwesterly line to Northfield Street to the southwesterly line of property of George M. Stewart at a point nearly opposite Prospect Street; thence northwesterly in the southwesterly line of said Stewart's property and said line extended to a point two hundred feet from Northfield Street; thence northeasterly in a line two hundred feet northwesterly of Northfield Street to a point two hundred feet southwesterly of Winooski Avenue; then northwesterly in a line two hundred feet southwesterly of Winooski Avenue to a point in line with the center of Taylor Street; thence northeasterly in line with the center line of Taylor Street to the center line of the Winooski River; thence northwesterly down the center line of the Winooski River to the northwesterly line of property of Calvin L. Parmenter known as the "Riverside Annex"; thence northeasterly in the northwesterly line of said Parmenter's land to the center line of State Street; thence southeasterly in the center line of State Street to the southeasterly line of property of the State of Vermont; thence northeasterly in said southeasterly line of the property of the State of Vermont to the northeasterly line of the property of the Roman Catholic Diocese and occupied by the Parochial School and Rectory; thence in said northeasterly line of said Roman Catholic Diocese to Witt Place; thence southwesterly in the center line of Witt Place to the northeasterly line of property of Catherine Barnes; thence southeasterly in the northeasterly lines of the properties of said Catherine Barnes; thence southeasterly in northeasterly lines of the properties of said Catherine Barnes, Frank A. and Louise S. Barrett, Arthur W. and Bessie Cook, Ella M. Kidder, Ernestine Chapin and Louis Neveax, Michael Pembroke, Clementine H. Foster, and Ellen P. Smilie to Hillside Avenue; thence northerly and northeasterly in the center line of Hillside Avenue and Cliff Street to the northeasterly line of property of Florence L. Shipman and Charlotte A. Benjamin; thence southeasterly in said Shipman's and Benjamin's northeasterly line to Elm Street; thence northeasterly in the center line of Elm Street to Vine Street; thence southeasterly in the center line of Vine Street to the southeasterly bank of the North Branch; thence northeasterly along said bank of the North Branch to the northeasterly line of property of the Lane Manufacturing Company; thence southeasterly on said Lane Manufacturing Company's line to North Franklin Street; thence southwesterly in the center line of North Franklin Street to Mechanic Street; thence southeasterly in the center line of Mechanic Street to North Street; thence southwesterly in the center line of North Street to Main Street; thence westerly in the center line of Main Street to Liberty Street; thence southerly and southeasterly in the center line of Liberty Street to Hubbard Street; thence southwesterly in the center line of Hubbard Street to the place of beginning; also one other tract of land on Seminary Hill, being the land now owned by the Montpelier Seminary.

Sec. 5-201. INNER FIRE DISTRICT.

The territory included within the following described limits is hereby established as the inner fire district to wit:

Commencing in the center line of State Street at a point in line with the northwesterly line of land of the Pavilion Hotel; thence northeasterly to and along said line to a point three hundred feet from State Street; thence turning and running southeasterly parallel to State Street to a point two hundred feet, at right angles thereto, from the northwesterly side of Elm Street; thence turning and running northeasterly and parallel to Elm Street, and along the center line of School Street, crossing Main Street, to a point three hundred feet from the southeasterly side of Main Street; thence turning and running southwesterly and parallel to Main Street to the easterly bank of Winooski River; thence down said bank to the center line of Main Street; thence turning and running southwesterly along said center line, over Main Street bridge, and through the street beyond to a point opposite the center line of Winooski Avenue; thence turning and running northerly and northwesterly to and along said center line to a point opposite the center line of Taylor Street bridge; thence turning and running northeasterly to and along said center line to the easterly bank of Winooski River; thence down said bank to the line of land of Fred A. Howland; thence turning and running northeasterly along said line to the center line of State Street; thence turning and running southeasterly along said center line to the place of beginning.

Sec. 5-202. RECONSTRUCTION AFTER FIRE IN INNER FIRE DISTRICT.

Within the inner fire district, no person shall construct a new building, or repair a building by making an enlargement thereof, or repair or rebuild a building which in the judgment of the building inspector and fire chief shall have been destroyed by fire or otherwise to an extent of fifty per cent, or more of the value of the building exclusive of the value of the foundations, unless such building so newly constructed, repaired, or rebuilt shall have solid outer walls of stone, brick or other non-combustible materials and a roof of slate, metal or other non-combustible materials, or unless such building so newly constructed, repaired, or rebuilt is fully protected by a sprinkler system when constructed of wood or other combustible material.

Sec. 5-203. ADDITIONS TO BUILDINGS IN INNER FIRE DISTRICT.

No addition shall be made to a building in the inner fire district unless such addition shall have solid outer walls of stone, brick or other non-combustible materials, and a roof of slate, metal, or other noncombustible materials; provided, however, that the building inspector and fire chief may, in their discretion, grant permission to make an addition with outer walls of material other than herein specified when such addition or additions do not enlarge the ground dimensions of such building more than twenty percent of itself, or in the judgment of the building inspector and fire chief do not increase the fire hazard to any other building or to the building itself from any other building.

Sec. 5-204. MOVING HOUSE INTO INNER FIRE DISTRICT.

No person shall move a building, the exterior walls of which are constructed wholly or partly of wood, into said inner fire district, or from one place to another within said five district unless it conforms to the requirements of a newly constructed building as set out in Sec. 5-202. No person shall repair or rebuild a building or any portion thereof, now standing within the limits of said inner fire district, to an extent exceeding forty percent of the entire building, in any manner other than is herein provided for the construction of a new building therein. But this section shall not affect the moving of a building through a street or streets under and in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance relating thereto.

CROSS REFERENCE: House Moving on Public Way, see Sec. 11-310, this Code.

Sec. 5-205. CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS IN OUTER FIRE DISTRICTS.

Within the outer fire district, no person shall construct a new building, or rebuild any building to an extent exceeding forty percent of the entire building, or make an enlargement of any building, or any addition thereto, or recover the roof of any building, unless such building, so constructed, rebuilt, or repaired, or such enlargement or addition, shall have a roof of slate, metal or other noncombustible materials; provided, however, that the building inspector and fire chief may in their discretion grant permission to construct, rebuild, or recover the roof of such building, or make such enlargement or addition, if used or to be used only as or in connection with residential property, with a roof of material other than that herein specified, if such building, so to be constructed, rebuilt, or repaired, or such enlargement or addition, does not, in the judgment of the building inspector and fire chief increase the fire hazard to any other building or to the building itself from any other building.

CROSS REFERENCE: General Building Regulations, see Chapter 4, this Code.

Sec's. 5-206 to 5-299. Reserved.

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