ORDINANCE NO. 203

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS, ITS ORGANIZATION, GOVERNMENT, AND REGULATION, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS.

SECTION 1: That there be and hereby is established a fire department in the City of Atkins, Arkansas, to consist of a cheif, an assistant chief, and not less than 10 nor more than 15 men, who shall be appointed by the Mahor and confirmed by the Councilmen.

SECTION 2: That members of the fire department shall all be volunteers. They shall meet at least once each month, for practice and drill and as compensation for attending such meetings they shall be exempt from poll tax. The chief shall keep a record of attendance of such meetings and no member shall be exempt from said poll tax unless he attends at least 8 meetings each year. Any member who shall fail to attend 6 consecutive meetings shall automatically become expelled from membership. The chief shall receive the sum of $2.00 and the other members of the department shall receive the sum of $1.00 for attendance at fires.

SECTION 3: The chief of the fire department shall be under the supervision of the Mayor and shall have superintendency and control over and be responsible for the care and condition of the fire apparatus and equipment, and it shall be his duty to see that all such apparatus and equipment shall be at all times ready for immediate use, and shall submit a written report as to its condition to the Mayor and Council at their first meeting in April.

SECTION 4: The chief of the fire department shall be responsible for the discipline of members and is hereby given the authority to suspend or expel any member for refusal to obey orders, or for misconduct or failure to do his duty at a fire. The chief shall also have the right to summon any and all persons present to aid in extingquishing a fire, or to aid in removing personal property from any building on fire or in danger thereof, and in guarding the same.

SECTION 5: The chief of the fire department shall have full power, control and command over all persons whomsoever present at fires, and he shall direct the use of all fire apparatus and equipment, and command all firemen in the discharge of their duties. He shall take such measures as he may deem necessary in the preservation and protection of property and the extinguishing of fires.

SECTION 6: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive any wagon, carriage, automobile, truck, locomotive, railroad car

or any other vehicle over any fire hose laid in any street, avenue, alley, bridge or vacant lot. Provided, that this section shall not apply to any apparatus or vehicle belonging to the fire department.

SECTION 7: No person shall place or cause to be placed upon or about any firehydrant any rubbish, building material, fence, or other obstruction of any character whatsoever, in any manner to obstruct, hinder, or delay the fire department in the performance of its duties in case of fire. Nor shall any person hitch or cause to be hitched to any fire hydrant, any animals, nor fasten to same any guy rope or brace, nor back or stand any wagon, truck, automobile or other vehicle within 10 feet of any such hydrant.

SECTION 8: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to make or sound or cause to be made or sounded or by any other means any false alarm of fire without reasonable cause.

SECTION 9: Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or refusing or neglecting to comply with any of the requirements thereof, shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a misdeameanor and fined not less than five ($5.00) dollars nor more than fifty ($50.00) dollars.

SECTION 10: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and legal publication.

Passed and approved this 1st day of March, 1927.

E. A. WILLIAMS, Mayor

E. L. HENDRICK, Recorder