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9 of 1948.
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An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the protection of the City of Freetown from fire.

[18TH MAY, 1948.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Freetown Fire Prevention Measures Ordinance.

Interpreta-
tion.

Cap. 65.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—
“City” means the City of Freetown as defined in the Freetown Municipality Ordinance, or any Ordinance substituted therefor.

“Fire Authority” means the City Council of Freetown as constituted by the same Ordinances.

“Fire Brigade” includes all such persons as are from time to time employed by the Fire Authority as officers of the Fire Brigade or firemen and all such apparatus, equipment and

implements as the Fire Authority shall or may provide for the efficient protection of life and property in case of fire in the City.

“Fire Brigade Headquarters” means the place for the time being notified in the *Gazette* by the Fire Authority as the Headquarters of the Fire Brigade.

3. The Fire Authority shall employ such number of firemen and shall provide such equipment as to meet efficiently all normal requirements. Firemen and equipment.
20 of 1959.

4. The Fire Authority shall appoint such officers to train, manage and control the Fire Brigade as they think necessary, being not less than two, and the Fire Authority shall nominate one of such officers to be the Fire Brigade Commander and another to be the Assistant Fire Force Commander. Officers.

5. On an alarm of fire being communicated to them, the Chief Fire Officer or Assistant Chief Fire Officer together with the firemen then on duty, shall proceed as quickly as possible to the locality of the fire with all such fire-fighting apparatus, safety equipment and other implements, as are requisite and available. Duties of
Fire
Brigade on
alarm being
given.

6. (1) Notwithstanding any law or custom to the contrary, all vehicular traffic in the City shall give way to the Fire Brigade when proceeding to the locality of a fire. Right of
way of Fire
Brigade when
proceeding
to a fire.

(2) Any person in charge or control of any vehicle who neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months.

7. (1) Any Police Officer on learning of an outbreak of fire in the City shall promptly inform Fire Brigade Headquarters and Police Headquarters and shall within the vicinity of the outbreak give the alarm by blowing his whistle and crying “Fire.” Duties of
Police
Force
in case of fire.

(2) The Senior Police Officer at the scene of the fire shall take such steps as may be laid down by the Commissioner of Police for ensuring the maintenance of order, and shall have power to authorise, for the purpose of extinguishing the fire or protecting life and property, any Police Officer to prevent the entry of persons or vehicles into any place whether public or privately-owned, and to enter into any land or building without the consent of the owner or occupier thereof, and to do such acts