

AN ORDINANCE OF-93

Creating an Examining and Supervising Board of Moving Picture Operators, designating the members thereof, their manner of appointment, and prescribing their powers and duties and term of office, providing for licensing of moving picture operators within the City of San Antonio and providing for the rights of appeal from any decree or ruling made by said Board, and prescribing penalties for the violation of any of the provisions of this act, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO;

Section 1. There is hereby created a board for the examination of Moving Picture Operators within the City of San Antonio, Texas, to be known as the Examining Board of Moving Picture Machine Operators. Said Board shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be the City Electrician, another an operator of not less than five years experience, and the third an owner or manager of a moving picture business situated within the City of San Antonio; said operator and owner or manager to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Commissioners, as provided in the charter.

Section 2. The members of this board shall serve without compensation.

Section 3. The Board shall examine and pass upon the ability and proficiency of all persons now engaged in the business of moving picture machine operators, and all persons who may hereafter desire to engage in the business of such operators within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio, with a view to determining their fitness to engage in such business.

Section 4. All persons engaged in the business of moving picture machine operator within the City of San Antonio, or desiring to engage in such business, shall, within fifteen days after this ordinance takes effect, appear before said Board for examination and registration; and said Board shall, when such person shall have demonstrated his fitness to operate a moving picture machine within the city, issue to him a license, subject to the conditions hereafter set out.

Section 5: No license shall issue for a period of more than one year, but same shall be renewed from year to year upon proper application in writing filed with said Board, unless in the meantime the Board shall find and be of opinion that the licensee is an unfit or improper person to operate a moving picture machine within the City.

Section 6. Each such license shall be non-transferable, and in the event the Board shall at any time find and become of opinion, after the issuance of same, that the licensee is incompetent or unfit to operate a moving picture machine within the City, said license shall be subject to revocation by the Board, after three days notice given to the licensee of the intention of the Board to revoke same and advising him of the time and place when he may be heard in the matter prior to said revocation.

Section 7: Each applicant for a license shall pay to the License and Dues Collector of the City of San Antonio the sum of Three (\$3.00) Dollars, prior to the issuance of said license, which money shall go into the general fund of said City, and out of said general fund the expenses of the licensing and regulation of this business shall be borne, through the Department of Fire and Police.

Section 8. Said fee of Three (\$3.00) Dollars and the examination herein provided shall not be required of the same person more than once; provided, however, that the Board shall have the right to re-examine any licensee from time to time as to his proficiency.

Section 9: Said Board shall register, in a well bound book to be kept by it for that purpose, the names and places of business of all persons to whom a license is issued, together with the date of issuance of such license, and such other data as they may think proper to set down therein.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of every person holding a license under this ordinance to forthwith advise the Board in writing of every change in address of place of employment or of residence of such person.

Section 11: The license issued to the licensee shall be in the form of a small compact card, evidencing the fact that he is licensed as a moving picture machine operator, and giving his name, the date of the expiration of the license, and shall be signed by the License and Dues Collector of the City; and each such licensee shall keep same, when employed, posted in a conspicuous place in the booth where he operates the moving picture machine, and same shall be subject to inspection at all times by any police officer of the City of San Antonio and by any member of the Board of Examiners, and by the Fire Marshal.

Section 12: It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or loiter around any booth in which a moving picture machine is operated, other than a person engaged in or connected with the operation of such machine, or such persons as are authorized by ordinance to inspect such booths and operators.

Section 13. In the event any member of the examining Board of Moving Picture Machine Operators, hereby created, or any person directly interested, shall be dissatisfied with any ruling or decision made by said Board, such member or person may appeal to the Board of Commissioners for the City of San Antonio from such ruling or decision, by filing with the City Clerk in writing, within five days after such ruling or decision, the exact nature of same and specific grounds of objection, whereupon said Board of Commissioners shall designate a time and place for the hearing. Notice shall be served upon each member of said Examining Board and the person taking such appeal, and the finding of the Board of Commissioners at such hearing shall be final and conclusive.

Section 14: It shall be unlawful for any manager, owner or proprietor of any moving picture show or business in the City of San Antonio to have operated or permit to be operated any moving picture machine by any one other than an operator who has been examined and licensed as herein provided for.

Section 15. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or attempt to operate any moving picture machine in any place of public amusement in the City of San Antonio who has not been examined and is not licensed as herein provided for.

Section 16. Any person, corporation, firm or association of persons, their agents, servants or employees, violating this ordinance or any part hereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Twenty Five (\$25.00) Dollars, and each day upon which same may be violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 17. It being important to the citizens of the City of San Antonio, for protection for fire purposes and other important purposes, that the business of moving picture machine operator be regulated, and this ordinance being of urgent public importance for reasons apparent upon the face thereof and being passed by a four-fifths vote of the Commissioners, same shall become effective from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and Approved this 23 day of September, A.D.1918.

Attest:

Fred Fries,
City Clerk.

Sam C. Bell,
Mayor of the City of San Antonio.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Edwin Routledge who being by me duly sworn, says on oath that he is one of the publishers of the Commercial Recorder, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of San Antonio, in the State and County aforesaid, and that the ordinance hereto attached has been published in every issue of said newspaper on the following days to-wit: Sept. 26-27-28-30 - Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 1918

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 7th day of Sept 1918.
Edwin Routledge
Fred Fries
City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE **OF-94**

Granting permit to E.Wolf to construct a sanitary sewer in Wells St.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio.

Section 1. That permission is hereby granted E.Wolff to construct an eight inch sanitary sewer.

Beginning at the end of Mrs Margaret Knight sewer and extending north fifty feet according to plat line and grade made by the City Engineer hereto attached, the cost of said sewer being estimated about Fifty Dollars to be paid by the said E.Wolf. The final actual cost to be filed with the City Engineer within ten (10) days after the completion of the sewer.

Section 2. Said sewer when completed to become the property of the City of San Antonio and part of its public sewer system.

Section 3. The City Engineer is hereby directed to collect the sum of Thirty Five (\$35.00) for each and every connection made with said sewer main or house service going into said main and pay the same over to said E.Wolf not later than the 10th of each month following the month in which said connection is made until the sum of Fifty (\$50.00), being the actual cost of said sewer shall have been collected and paid over as aforesaid, when no further collection fee of Thirty five (\$35.00) shall be collected.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Passed and approved this 30th day of September, A.D.1918.

attest;

Fred Fries,

City Clerk.

Sam C. Bell,

Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE OF-95

Denying the application of the San Antonio Public Service Company for an increase of rates and fares in its Traction Department and fixing the fares to be charged within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio for street railway transportation, providing a penalty, and declaring an emergency.

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The San Antonio Public Service Company, on the 29th day of August, 1918, in accordance with the ordinances of the City, filed an application for an increase in rates and fares in its Traction Department and requested a hearing. The Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, at their next regular meeting, granted said application for a hearing, and said hearing was set for Thursday, September 12th, 1918, at which time same was, in the City Council Chamber, begun and continued, with various adjournments, until Wednesday, October 2nd, 1918, when said hearing was concluded and adjourned.

The Commissioners of the City of San Antonio find that the petitioner, under a forty year franchise previously secured from the City of San Antonio, agreed to "charge a five cent fare for one continuous ride over any one of their lines, with one transfer to or from either line to the other", which agreement upon the part of the street railway company this Commission does not consider itself authorized nor called upon to set aside.

The Commission is further of the opinion, from the facts that have been introduced in evidence and from the investigation it has made, that an increase of fares to be charged for street-car service in the limits of the City of San Antonio is, irrespective of the franchise agreement, not warranted under the conditions existent at this time;

THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Section 1: That the application of the San Antonio Public Service Company for an increase of rates and fares in its Traction Department, filed on August 29th, 1918, be and the same is hereby in all things refused and denied.

Section 2: That no person, firm or corporation, owning, leasing or operating any line or lines of street railway within or partially within the City of San Antonio, nor any agent, servant or employee of such person, firm or corporation, shall charge a fare in excess of five (5¢) cents for one continuous ride over any ^{one} of their lines, with one transfer to or from either line to the other within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio.

Section 3: Any person, firm or corporation, or any servant, agent, employee or officer thereof who shall violate any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum of not less than One (\$1.00) Dollar nor more than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars, and each separate charge or collection of any fare in excess of that provided ^{for} herein, or refusal to give transfers as provided herein, shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4: Any person, firm, association or corporation enjoying any public franchise within the limits of the City of San Antonio, or holding any public privilege or right to render public service for profit within the City, who shall willfully violate the provisions of this ordinance or who shall increase the rates charged the public in violation hereof, shall subject itself to a forfeiture of such franchise rights, if any it may have, and the same may be forfeited by the Board of Commissioners of the City of San Antonio upon such grounds, after ten days' notice to the holder of such franchise rights.

Section 5: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.