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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at a regular meeting of the
FARNAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

held on June 26th 1913

Mr. Willie Weyerhoff

was duly elected a member of said department and was assigned to

Home

Company, No. 1

W. G. Parker

President

Secretary

D. A. Naves

1910
CONSTITUTION AND
BY-LAWS

OF THE

FARNAM
FIRE DEPARTMENT

OF THE

CITY OF FARNUM
NEBRASKA

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CONSTITUTION

Article I

Purpose

Convinced of the great utility derived from a well regulated Fire Department, in times of fires especially, and danger from other elements, such as destructive winds, etc., and desirous to render every assistance in order not only to preserve the property but also the lives of our fellow citizens from the ravages of destructive elements, we have formed ourselves into an association, the name and style to be The Farnam Fire Department of Farnum, Nebraska; and in order to maintain perfect union among the different companies; establish discipline, define duty, make proper disposition of funds set aside by law or raised within said Department, and, in general, promote the objects for which we are associated, do ordain and adopt the following constitution and by-laws for the support of which we mutually pledge ourselves.

Article II

This department shall be divided into companies as follows: Hose Company No. 1, Chemical Engine Company No. 1, and Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Article III.

Sec. 1. This department shall elect out of their members as follows: One President, one Secretary, one Treasurer, one Chief, one Board of Trustees consisting of three members, one Foreman for each company who shall choose an assistant foreman.

Sec. 2. The officers of the department shall be elected at the annual meeting of the department; separately by ballot only, and the candidate receiving the majority of all votes cast shall be declared elected and shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified; Provided, however, that no person shall be eligible to the office of chief of the department until he has served at least one year as foreman of some company or as assistant chief or has served two years as an active fireman. Provided, further, that no person shall be eligible to the office of Assistant Chief who has not served one year as an active fireman.

Article IV.

Sec 1. Any male between the age of 18 and 50 years who is of good moral character, may become a member of the department.

Sec. 2. Any applicant between the age of 18 and 21 shall file with the secretary of the department,

the written consent of his parents or guardian, before he can become a member of the department.

Sec. 3. In order to become a member of one of the companies application for same shall be acted upon by the Board of Trustees, and if favorably reported the applicant may be elected to membership in said company. Any thus authenticated member of a regular organized fire company within the city must become a member of the fire department by signing the Constitution and By-Laws and by taking the proper oath of a fireman before the Board of Trustees as follows: "I solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the constitution of the United States and the state of Nebraska, that I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of Fire Department of Farnum, and that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of a volunteer fireman according to law and the best of my ability"

Sec. 4. The department shall consist of not more than 50 active members who shall be elected by ballot.

Article V.

Sec. 1. Honorary members shall have the same privileges as active members, but shall not vote. They shall be excused from any dues or assessments that may be levied by this department, and shall not be

subject to fines or penalties except for disorderly conduct. If any honorary member shall be elected to an office within this department or any company thereof he becomes active.

Article VI.

Sec. 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Monday of each month from April first to November first at 8:00 o'clock p. m. and from November first to April first at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of transacting any business that may come before the department. All monthly and annual meetings shall be held at the A. O. U. W. Hall.

Article VII.

Sec. 1. It shall be necessary for each member to do at least 50 per cent of fire duty in order to remain and be in good standing. Such fire duty to be computed by the department secretary, according to reports received from the officer in charge at the time being. The Board of Trustees shall be the judges, subject to appeal to the department of the question of fire duty as performed by members.

Article VIII.

Sec. 1. Members of this department shall meet in the A. O. U. W. hall on the second Monday in

June of each year and elect from their number officers as per Article III, of this constitution.

Sec. 2. The companies of this department at the same time and place shall elect officers as per Article III of this constitution.

Article IX.

Sec. 1. The department shall have full and exclusive control of all matters and projects for the purpose of raising funds to better and promote the condition and financial standing of the department.

Sec. 2. Any person or corporation desiring to make a donation to the Department shall pay same to the treasurer thereof and take receipt therefor. The treasurer shall make report of such donation at the next regular meeting. Such donations are to constitute a permanent fund called "Firemen's Relief Fund" and same or any portion thereof shall not be given or transferred to any of the companies or members thereof, unless the member of the Department has met with an accident or sickness when an active fireman and he or his family be in need of immediate assistance. In this case a petition signed by a majority of the members and presented to the Board of Control will be necessary to draw against the fund. All other funds

raised by the Department or set aside by law for the use of the Department shall constitute the "General Fund," from which expenditures during each fiscal year may be paid. Should the Department dissolve, all money and other property on hand shall be turned over to the city of Farnam, Nebraska, with the understanding that such money and property be again appropriated for similar purposes as soon as possible.

Sec. 3. It shall be lawful at any time for this Department, when two-thirds of all members present shall vote in favor of it, to impose an assessment upon its members as it may deem necessary to replenish the treasury. Such assessment not to exceed the sum of \$2.00 per annum.

Article X.

Seven active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business pertaining to the Department. Five active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any company business.

Article XI.

Any member in good standing who shall have served five consecutive years as a faithful active member of this department shall at the expiration of that time be

entitled to a certificate of honorary membership.

Article XII.

Sec 1. This constitution may be amended, altered or suspended by a vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided notice in writing of such change shall have been given at one meeting at which a quorum was present, previous to final action on same, and thereafter confirmed by the City Council of Farnam, Nebraska.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. I. The president shall preside at all the meetings of this organization and maintain order therein; put all questions to vote, properly seconded; grant leave of absence to any member during meetings in his discretion; call special meeting of the organization whenever he deem it proper for the interest of the department, or at the request of six members in writing; inflict penalties for neglect of duties or disorderly conduct on the part of any member or members; shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the organization; and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

Sec. II. It shall be the duty of the chief to take command of the

department at all fires and on all parades, and to see that all trucks and everything pertaining thereto are kept in good condition and ready for action; that the fire house, and any fire appliance and apparatus used in fighting fire therein, are kept in good order; have all repairs made whenever the apparatus or anything pertaining thereto needs it; shall have power to grant leave of absence to any member during fires on his showing good cause therefor and in the absence of the president shall perform the duties of that officer; shall have absolute control of all property of the department; and shall, through notice of any member of the department or on personal observation, discover any combustible matter or dangerous flue or anything liable to cause a fire to break out, report the same to the city council at once; he shall also make himself conversant with all fire escapes; all entrances and exits to buildings, cellars, etc., in all buildings adjoining the public square and all public buildings in the city.

Sec III. It shall be the duty of the foreman to take command of his company at all fire alarms, parades or practice, and have general superintendence of same; preside at all meetings of the company; obey all orders of the chief during

fires and see that the same are complied with at once; he shall keep the company's trucks and everything pertaining thereto in good order and ready for service at all times; and in the absence of the chief perform the duties of that office. In the absence of the chief at fires or otherwise the first foreman present shall be the next officer in command and shall perform the duties of that officer until the arrival of same, when he shall relinquish it at once, take charge of his company and be governed by the orders of that officer.

Sec. IV. The Secretary shall keep a complete record of the department. He shall also act as secretary of the Board of Trustees, keep an accurate list of all the members of the Department to call the roll at all meetings and note all the absentees. To collect all money due the department, to keep a correct account of all the receipts and disbursements, to issue all orders on the treasurer coming from the proper authority, to deliver into the hands of the treasurer at the close of each regular meeting the money belonging to the Department in his possession. To issue exempt certificates when so ordered by the Board of Trustees, to post notices of any special meetings 24 hours previous to such meetings, to furnish all

members admitted into the Department with a copy of the constitution and by-laws, to notify all members appointed on committees and officers elected. In consideration of his services he shall receive \$1 for each meeting so attended, payable quarterly.

Sec. V. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the Department from the secretary and to pay out the same on orders signed by the Chief and countersigned by the secretary. He shall keep an accurate account of all money received and disbursed and shall render an account of the same to the Department at the regular meetings or at such times as demanded, and at the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver up all money and other property belonging to the Department to his successor.

Sec. VI. It shall be the duty of each and every active member of this department upon the alarm of fire to proceed at once to the hose or hook and ladder house and assist in carrying the apparatus to the fire and in case the same has gone before his arrival he shall repair at once to the fire, using his utmost diligence to find the apparatus on the way, and shall at once report to the officer of his company for duty and shall do all in his power to get the apparatus

into service and to attend to any duty his foreman may assign, and shall remain by the apparatus during the fire and shall not absent himself without the orders or permission of the officer in charge and shall at all times conduct himself in a gentlemanly manner, using every effort to accomplish the objects of the department and avoiding the useless destruction of property. Each member shall respond to all calls of the department whether fire alarm, meeting, parade or practice and shall obey cheerfully all orders of their respective officers under penalty thereof. No member shall take from the apparatus or any fire house any implement for his own use or loan to any person any implement whatsoever, without permission of the chief. The first member on his arrival at the hose or hook and ladder house of his respective company shall at once take charge and be in command of the company and apparatus until the arrival of the foreman or his assistant and shall be governed by the same laws of that officer. Any member who shall at any time discover any combustible material, dangerous flue or anything that would be liable to cause fire to break out shall report the same to the chief of his department at once.

Sec. VII. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be as follows:

A. To receive new members into the department, and to recommend exempt certificates.

B. To prescribe rules and regulations for the government of firemen at fires.

C. To hear charges against firemen for misconduct when performing fire duty and to provide penalties for same, subject to appeal to the department.

D. To hear complaints and make investigation regarding violation of the fire laws and ordinances, and if necessary to prosecute such violations.

E. To inspect fire apparatus, make recommendations concerning new apparatus, location and disposition of fire companies.

F. To enforce all rules pertaining to fire duty.

G. To report at each regular department meeting.

H. To audit all bills presented to the Department and act on the same.

I. To transact such other business as may be required by the Department or the City Council.

The chairman of the board of trustees may call a special meeting thereof whenever he deems it necessary.

The board of trustees shall meet on the second Monday of each month.

Two members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. VIII. The foreman and se retary shall constitute a standing committee of relief who shall be empowered to render relief as they deem advisable, financial or otherwise, and may call upon any member for assistance in the performance of such duty and the said member shall be required to respond to the same as if called for any other duty.

Sec. IX. Any person who shall desire to become a member of this department shall be proposed by a member of this department and at the next regular meeting shall be voted on by ballot and if not more than three black balls appear against him he shall be declared elected, otherwise he shall be rejected.

Sec. X. The dues shall be ten cents per month for all who are not present at roll call. All who are present shall be exempt.

Sec. XI. Sickness or death in the family of a member, personal sickness, attending the sick or absence from the city shall be sufficient excuse from any duty, and no other shall be accepted unless

it receives the assent of two-thirds of all members present.

Sec. XII. If any member be known to give a false excuse he shall be fined, expelled or both.

Sec. XIII. Any member who shall, in the uniform of this department, at balls, parades or other occasions become intoxicated or conduct himself in any manner tending to bring disgrace on this department shall be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Sec. XIV. Any member who absents himself from the city for a period of four months, will be considered a non-resident and may be dropped from the rolls by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting.

Sec. XV. Any member of this department may resign at any time after paying all dues, fines or otherwise that are due the department.

Sec. XVI. Should any vacancies occur in the offices of this department they may be filled at any regular or special meeting.

Sec. XVII. Members in good standing are hereby defined to be those who keep their dues, fines, etc., promptly paid and are present and render active service when called out for the legitimate purpose of this department.

Sec. XVIII. All new members

upon notice of his election as a member of this organization shall at once sign the constitution and by laws and procure a copy of the same and see that the certificate in the fore part thereof is properly signed and make himself conversant with and preserve the same.

Sec XIX. Any member being in arrears for more than three months shall be notified by the secretary, and if not paid by the next regular meeting he shall be expelled, and shall not be reinstated but may be elected as a new member by paying in all amounts due the department.

FINES

Sec. XX. Absence from any fire or alarm of fire	\$1.00
Leaving any fire without permission of chief or foreman	2.00
Absence from roll call at any meeting	.10
Leaving drag rope without permission while trucks are moving	.25
For non-attendance at funeral of deceased member	.50
Disobedience of any reasonable order of an officer in command	.50
For unnecessary talk while on duty	.25

For leaving truck without permission of the chief or foreman before it has returned to house	1.00
For using profane language while on duty	.25
Not coming to order when called on	.25
Neglect of any reasonable duty	.25
Absence from any annual or any other parade	.50
For leaving any meeting without permission of presiding officer	.25
For taking any tool from the apparatus during fire without orders from the commanding officer	.25
For violating any part of the constitution or by-laws	1.00

Sec. XXI. Business of the department shall be tranacted according to the following order of business:

1. Minutes of preceeding meeting and approval thereof.
2. Proposition for and election of members.
3. Reports of committees.
4. Treasurer's report of funds and otherwise.
5. Communications and bills.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.

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8. Collection of dues, fines, ~~etc.~~
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 9. Election of officers.
 10. Receipts of meeting.
 11. For the good of the department.
 12. Roll call.