

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

Regulations 1958. No. 1.

Regulations under the *Fire Brigades Ordinance 1957*.*

I ALLEN FAIRHALL, the Minister of State for the Interior, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the *Fire Brigades Ordinance 1957*, hereby make the following Regulations.

Dated this second day of January, 1958.

ALLEN FAIRHALL
Minister of State for the Interior.

FIRE BRIGADES REGULATIONS.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Brigades Regulations. Citation.
2. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears— Definitions.
 - “boarding-house” has the same meaning as in the Public Health (Boarding-houses) Regulations;
 - “commercial building” means a building which is used (or, being unoccupied, is normally used) for trade, business, commercial or industrial purposes, and includes a theatre, a public hall, a hotel, a hostel, a boarding-house and a residential flat building;
 - “public entertainment” means an exhibition, lecture, amusement, game or sport admission to which may be procured by payment of money, or by any other means, as the price or condition of admission;
 - “public hall” means a room or building of a permanent character where public entertainments or public meetings are or may be held, and includes any building or premises used in connexion with any such room or building;
 - “public meeting” means an assemblage of persons for a public purpose of a political, religious, charitable or intellectual nature, whether or not a charge is made for admission, but does not include an assemblage of persons for religious worship only;
 - “residential flat building” means a building containing one or more flats, but does not include a row of two or more dwellings attached to each other such as are commonly known as semi-detached or terrace buildings;
 - “theatre” means a theatre constructed or used for the presentation of any entertainment on the stage or for the showing of cinematograph pictures, and includes any building or premises used in connexion with such a theatre.

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Minister or
authorized
person may
direct
installation of
fire appliances.

3.—(1.) The Minister may direct the owner of a commercial building to provide or install in the building such fire appliances as are specified in the direction.

(2.) A person authorized by the Minister to give directions for the provision or installation, in a commercial building included in a class of commercial buildings specified in the authority, of fire appliances of a type specified in the authority may direct the owner of such a commercial building to provide or install in the building such fire appliances of that type as are specified in the direction.

(3.) A direction under this regulation may be given by notice in writing served on the owner, or on his agent in connexion with the building, personally or by post, and, if served by post, may be addressed to the owner or agent at his last-known place of abode or business.

(4.) The Chief Officer of a fire brigade or a person authorized in writing by the Chief Officer of a fire brigade to make inspections under this regulation may enter a building for the purpose of ascertaining whether a direction under this regulation has been complied with or of inspecting fire appliances provided or installed in the building in pursuance of a direction under this regulation.

(5.) A person shall not hinder a person in the exercise of his powers under the last preceding sub-regulation.

Penalty: Ten pounds.

Inspection, &c.,
of fire
appliances in
commercial
buildings.

4.—(1.) The Chief Officer of a fire brigade may, at the request of the owner of a commercial building, agree, with respect to some or all of the fire appliances, being hoses or chemical extinguishers, provided or installed in the building—

- (a) to inspect those fire appliances;
- (b) to test such of those fire appliances as are hoses; and
- (c) if necessary—
 - (i) to recharge; and
 - (ii) to replace any cages, lengths of hose or washers forming part of,
 such of those fire appliances as are chemical extinguishers.

(2.) A fee in accordance with the following table shall be charged for inspecting, testing, recharging or replacing parts of fire appliances under an agreement referred to in the last preceding sub-regulation:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----|----|----|
| <i>Inspections of hoses and chemical extinguishers—</i> | | | |
| Per length of hose or per chemical extinguisher .. | 1 | 0 | |
| Minimum charge for inspection | 10 | 0 | |
| <i>Testing hoses—</i> | | | |
| One length | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Two lengths | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Three lengths | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Four lengths | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Each additional length beyond four, but not exceeding eight | 10 | 0 | |
| Each additional length beyond eight | 7 | 6 | |

£ s. d.

*Maintenance of chemical extinguishers—***Recharging—**

| | | |
|--|----|------|
| Reversible soda and acid type—each | 7 | 6 |
| Breakbottle soda and acid type—each | 12 | 6 |
| Foam type—each | 15 | 0 |
| Carbon tetra-chloride—1 quart type—each | 17 | 6 |
| Carbon tetra-chloride—1 gallon type—each | 3 | 10 0 |

Replacing—

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|---|
| Cages—each | 12 | 6 |
| Hose—per length | 10 | 6 |
| Washers—each | 2 | 0 |

(3.) A fee charged under the last preceding sub-regulation with respect to a fire appliance in a building is payable by the owner of the building.

5.—(1.) Where—

- (a) scenery is used in a stage presentation at a public entertainment or public meeting; or
- (b) the nature of, or the decorations, appliances or lighting used at, a public entertainment or public meeting are or is such as, in the opinion of the Chief Officer of a fire brigade, to require the attendance at the entertainment or meeting, as the case may be, of members of a fire brigade,

Attendance of
firemen at
public meetings,
&c.

one or more members of a fire brigade, as directed by the Chief Officer, shall be in attendance during the whole of the entertainment or meeting, as the case may be.

(2.) A fee at the rate of Seven shillings and sixpence per hour shall be charged for the attendance of each member.

(3.) A fee charged under the last preceding sub-regulation is payable—

- (a) where the public entertainment is given, or the public meeting is held, in a theatre or public hall—by the owner of the theatre or public hall, as the case may be; or
- (b) in any other case—by the organizer of the entertainment or meeting, as the case may be.

6. Fees payable under these Regulations are a debt due to the Commonwealth and may be sued for and recovered in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Recovery of
fees.