

CONSTITUTION

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BY-LAWS

OF THE

MECHANICS

HOSE

CO., No. 2

**GEORGETOWN FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Adopted May 18, 1915

Constitution and By-Laws Mechanics Hose Co.

The Mechanics Hose Company, No. 2, of the Georgetown Fire Department, shall hereafter observe the following as their Constitution and By-Laws and be guided by them as such. Any law, rule, or established prestige conflicting therewith is hereby repealed.

Sec. 1. The officers of the Mechanics Hose Company shall be as follows: Foreman, First Assistant Foreman, Second Assistant Foreman, Secretary and Treasurer (one man), and Doorkeeper.

Sec. 2. Officers to fill these offices shall be elected yearly at a regular meeting of the Company. Said election to be by secret ballot if there be more than one contestant for the same office. If there be only one man named for an office it shall be permissible to elect or reject by acclamation.

Sec. 3. The Foreman shall preside at all meetings when he is in attendance, except when it is his will to temporarily vacate the chair for personal reasons. For example: when his name is being balloted on at an election of officers.

Sec. 4. The Foreman shall also be directly in charge of the entire Company on the

field and at fires. Each member of said Company to strictly obey all orders and instructions directly or indirectly transmitted to him from the Foreman, under penalty of a charge of insubordination, which charge, if proven true, shall be considered a good and sufficient reason for dismissal from the Company.

Sec. 5. In the absence of the Foreman the First Assistant Foreman shall be vested with the power of foreman, and shall act as such, but should he also be absent the Second Assistant Foreman automatically assumes full power as foreman and shall act as such. All instructions and orders given by either of these forenamed officers when in charge of the Company as heretofore provided shall have the same force as if given by the foreman himself.

Sec. 6. The Secretary and Treasurer shall have charge of the Company's books, records, and funds under direction of the Company, and at all times shall act as sponsor for, and be responsible for said books, records and funds.

Sec. 7. Each year a delegate shall be elected from the Company to attend the State Firemen's Convention. Instructions

governing the actions of said delegate shall be those proscribed by the By-Laws of the Department. An alternate shall also be elected to serve in case the elected delegate is unable to go.

Sec. 8. The duties of the Doorkeeper shall be to have charge of the door at all meetings and allow no person admittance except he be a member of this Company, and to act in conjunction with the presiding officer in maintaining order.

Sec. 9. The total enrollment of membership in this Company shall at no time exceed twenty-five, including officers.

Sec. 10. An outsider seeking membership in this Company shall submit his name, in an application drawn up in due form, and endorsed by three members of the Company in good standing—said members to act as vouchers for applicant's good character, ability, and integrity—to some member of the Company, who will in turn submit it to the Secretary, who will read it to the Company at the next meeting, and if the "house" so rules said name shall be balloted on in due form, and if it be the will of the Company to accept the application favorably, said applicant may then, by signing the Constitu-

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tion and By-Laws of the Company, be declared a member therein in good standing, and entitled to all the privileges and benefits to be derived therefrom.

Sec. 11. The Honorary Roll shall at no time contain more than twelve living members.

Sec. 12. A member of the Company in good standing leaving the city for a period of three months or more shall be removed from the active roll and if it be the will of the Company, placed on the honorary roll. Also an active member in good standing who having become infirm or by virtue of old age, no longer feels capable of doing active work, may by the will of the Company, be placed on the honorary roll, provided said roll does not already contain more than twelve members.

Sec. 13. A member may be expelled from the Company by a vote of two-thirds majority of the company present, or by a breach of the regulations, having as a penalty for said breach, expulsion from the Company.

Sec. 14. The only legal excuses for non-attendance of Company meetings are sickness and absence from the city.

Sec. 15. Any member missing as many

as three consecutive regular meetings without a legal excuse, shall be suspended from the Company for a period of three months; and on a repetition of this offense unconditionally dropped from the rolls of the Company without prejudice.

Sec. 16. A suspended member to again attain good standing in the Company shall make application (either written or verbal) to the Company, who will vote on it by either open or secret ballot.

Sec. 17. Members should exert every possible effort to attend all fires and remain as long as needed or until excused by the foreman or other officer in charge, for therein lies the principal duties of a true fireman. The foreman or other officer in charge shall make a note of all members present, and a member being absent without a good and sufficient reason shall be subject to a reprimand from the foreman. Unnecessary absence from as many as five consecutive fires shall be considered sufficient reason for dismissal from the Company.

Sec. 18. The foreman of this Company shall be vested with authority to appoint linemen, nozzlemen, hydrantmen, fire marshals, etc.

Sec. 19. When going to or returning from fires the members of this Company will permit no person who is not a member of the Department to occupy a place on the truck. The names of outsiders seen riding on or attempting to ride on the truck assigned to this Company shall be reported to the foreman who will in turn report it to the proper peace authorities.

Sec. 20. At a meeting of this Company all members in good standing shall have the privilege of the ballot and a right to voice their opinion in all discussions pertaining to the Company's welfare, etc., provided that the chair be shown due respect. In addressing the Company or the presiding officer when a meeting is in session a member must first receive the assent of the presiding officer.

Sec. 21. Any assessment that the Company sees fit to place on the members must be promptly paid. Unnecessary delinquencies should be avoided. Failure of any member to pay an authorized assessment for as long as three consecutive months shall be sufficient cause for dismissal of said member from the Company.

Sec. 22. Funds accumulated by assessment of members to be used for social or

other purposes shall remain to the Company's credit until decreed otherwise by a vote of two-thirds majority of the members of the Company present.

Sec. 23. No meeting can be held without as many as six members and an elected officer present, or seven members including an officer.

Sec. 24. At meetings all members are requested to be orderly and attentive. The foreman or other officer in charge is authorized to eject any member from the hall who fails to comply with this request.

Sec. 25. A member of another company desiring to transfer to this Company may do so only by first resigning from the company of which he is a member and going through the same form as is prescribed in Sec. 10, "Initiation of Members."

Sec. 26. A member wishing to resign from this Company will present application for such in writing to be brought up at the next regular meeting and acted on by a ballot of the members present.

Sec. 27. The members of this Company singly, as well as the Company as a whole, shall at all times obey and respect the orders and council of the Chief of the Fire Depart-

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ment, he being directly in charge of all of the companies.

Sec. 28. This Company and all of the members thereof are advised and encouraged to vie with all of the other companies in the Georgetown Fire Department in attaining a high degree of efficiency in the faithful performance of duty, but in no instance shall this Company or any member thereof allow a petty prejudice or grudge against any other company or member thereof to come between them and the faithful performance of the Company's or member's duty. For unity and discipline are the two principal essentials of any organization.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling house to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Reading and approving minutes.
4. Receiving petitions for membership.
5. Electing new members.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Report of committees.
10. Second roll call.
11. Adjournment.