

ORDINANCE NO. 554, FOURTH SERIES.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CONTROL OF STRUCTURAL PESTS AND REQUIRING LICENSE TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF SUCH CONTROL; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO . 529, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED NOVEMBER 12TH, 1931.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1. Definitions. Structural pests are defined for the purpose of this ordinance as termites, or other wood-boring insects, or any kind of fungus growth or plant growth which causes decay in structures or buildings. The business of structural pest control is hereby defined to be the inspection or treatment or prescribing any method of treatment for hire of soil, lumber, poles, structures, buildings or parts thereof, for the purpose of destroying or controlling structural pests and/or repairing the damage done by structural pests and treating for the extermination or control of structural pests.

SECTION 2. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in or offer to engage in the business of structural pests control, or in any way to solicit or advertise such business without first having obtained a license from the City of Sacramento.

SECTION 3. The Building Inspector of said City shall, upon application filed upon proper form from any person for himself or representing any firm or corporation, by examination by himself and two other competent persons appointed by the City Manager determine the qualifications of the applicant, and if satisfied as a result of such examination that the applicant is qualified to engage in the practice of structural pests control shall issue a certificate so stating, which certificate shall be authority to engage in the practice of structural pests control and shall be valid until the end of the fiscal year in which same is issued unless revoked as provided in Section 5 of this ordinance, and such certificate may be renewed annually by the Building Inspector without further examination and shall be valid for the duration of the fiscal year for which said certificate is issued.

SECTION 4. Every person, firm or corporation holding a valid license to engage in the business of structural pests control shall, before commencing any control work, procure from said Building Inspector a permit therefor. A permit shall be obtained for each particular job, and said Building Inspector may examine such structure or building concerning which a permit is applied for, before issuing said permit.

SECTION 5. The said Building Inspector shall prepare all necessary forms and prescribe all rules governing the examination of applicants, and shall adopt whatever rules are necessary in the carrying out of the provisions of this ordinance. Any certificate issued under the provisions of this act may be revoked or further certification refused by said Building Inspector for improper methods or for other cause sufficient in the opinion of the Building Inspector to justify such revocation or refusal.

SECTION 6. The Building Inspector and his duly authorized agents are hereby vested with full power to investigate the work of all persons, firms or corporations engaging in the practice of structural pests control and to require reports relative to the work in which they are engaged, under the authority of the certificate issued they by the Building Inspector. The Building Inspector and his duly authorized agents are empowered to enter premises, buildings, structures, either completed or in the course of construction, for the purpose of determining whether or not persons who hold

certificates to engage in the practice of structural pest control are engaging in this practice in a suitable manner.

SECTION 7. There shall be paid by such person, firm or corporation holding a license to engage in the business of structural pests control to said City the sum of \$10.00 per year; there shall be paid by each such person, firm or corporation the sum of \$2.00 for the permit required by this ordinance.

SECTION 8. All chemicals and strengths of solutions used in structural pest control shall conform in kind and strength to the recommendations of Circular 318 of the University of California, College of Agriculture, Agricultural Experiment station, Berkeley, California. Any change from the methods recommended in the above Circular must be approved by the Building Inspector before used.

Any person, firm or corporation engaged in structural pest control shall permit the Building Inspector or his deputy, at any time, to take a sample of any or all solutions or materials being used by him in the said business.

SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of any person, firm or corporation repairing structures, buildings or parts thereof, for the purpose of structural pests control, to conform to the following conditions and regulations:

All forms of concrete work used in such repairs shall be so supported that no spreaders, stakes or other wood is left in any part of the finished concrete.

Stucco on an exterior wall, replaced after making repairs for Structural pests control, if finished to the ground level, shall be anchored to the foundation wall in such a manner as to prevent the stucco from loosening from the foundation wall. No wooden or fiber backing for stucco in such case shall be placed closer than 6 inches to the ground surface.

No wood in such repairs in any building shall be placed closer than 6 inches from the ground.

In the case of such repairs, all stumps, roots, scraps, refuse, shoring, timbers, and refuse wood of all descriptions shall be removed.

In such repair work, it is not necessary to remove all wood that has been attacked by subterranean termites unless it is in contact with the ground or structurally unfit.

Removed wood containing structural pests shall be burned at once on the premises or in the municipal refuse disposal grounds.

When repairs are made necessary by reason of fungus or plant growth, adequate ventilation shall be provided under the first floor.

SECTION 10. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished, upon conviction by a fine not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 11. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect immediately. Said emergency being the necessity of licensing and regulating structural pests control for the protection of householders in said city.

SECTION 12. Ordinance No. 529, Fourth Series, passed November 12, 1931, is hereby repealed.

PASSED: June 16th, 1932

EFFECTIVE: June 16th, 1932

C. N. S. Bidwell  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

H. G. Denton  
CITY CLERK