

ORDINANCE NO. 371, FOURTH SERIES.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 603 OF ORDINANCE NO. 316, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED JANUARY 13th, 1927, AND ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MOVING, REMOVAL, DEMOLITION, CONVERSION, OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 389, THIRD SERIES, PASSED JUNE 17th, 1919, ORDINANCE NO. 12, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED SEPTEMBER 8th, 1921, ORDINANCE NO. 122, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED JULY 26th, 1923, SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE NO. 117, FOURTH SERIES, PASSED APRIL 9th, 1923, ORDINANCE NO. 648 (OLD SERIES) PASSED APRIL 14th, 1890, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES, OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 603 of Ordinance No. 316, Fourth Series, passed January 13th, 1927, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 603. (a) MAIN ENTRANCE AND EXITS.

In every Group A building there shall be not less than one (1) exit on each of the three sides of the auditorium, and one for each side of every balcony or gallery. Each of these exits shall be not less than four (4) feet in width and shall open directly upon a street or into an open court or space not less than ten (10) feet in width, which shall be directly connected to a street.

One such exit on a street front which shall serve as the main entrance shall be proportioned on the basis of two (2) feet of width for each one hundred (100) persons or more, to and including one thousand (1000) persons, with an

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additional one (1) foot per hundred persons for each additional one hundred (100) persons to and including two thousand (2000) persons, and an additional six (6) inches for each additional one hundred (100) persons, all based upon the total seating capacity of the building served by such entrance and /or/ exit.

The aggregate capacity of the foyer and vestibule shall be sufficient in size to accommodate all seats using such in the ratio of 150 sq. ft. per 100 seats. The foyer shall be at the same level as the back of the auditorium, and all changes in elevation between the foyer and the public street adjacent thereto shall be by ramps with a slope of not more than one (1) in twenty (20). No foyer shall be narrower than fourteen (14) feet.

The foyer, if not abutting directly upon a public street, shall communicate thereto by a straight and unobstructed corridor or passageway equal in width to that required for the main entrance which shall be used only as an exit or entrance; provided, however, that not to exceed ten (10) percent of such required width may be used for the placing of a ticket booth.

(b) EXIT COURTS.

Along each side and full length of the side of the auditorium not fronting directly on a street (not including that side bounded by the stage) shall be an open court or space having an unobstructed width of not less than that of the required exits using such court.

The Court shall extend full width to a street, or shall be connected to the street by a passageway not less than three (3) feet of the required court width, with a height of not less than seven (7) feet, and shall not exceed a length of fifty (50) feet. The court or passageway shall meet at

street level, and all changes in elevation shall be by ramps with a slope of not more than one (1) to ten (10).

When corridors are used for emergency exits, there shall be no openings into any corridor of any sort except the entrance and exit doors. The entrance doors shall be two-hour fire-resistive fire doors, hung to swing in the direction of travel when used as exits, and shall not block the required exit space when open.

(c) MAIN FLOOR AUDITORIUM EXITS.

Exits, located on each side of and not less than one-half the length of the auditorium from the foyer, shall be provided on the main floor of each Group A building. The width of these exits shall be the same, and the combined width shall be proportional on the basis of not less than ten (10) inches of combined width to each one hundred (100) seats or fraction thereof on the main floor of the auditorium. All such exits shall open directly onto a street or exit court, or may be connected thereto by corridors having a width not less than the exit openings in the same.

(d) BALCONY AND GALLERY EXITS.

Main Exits: There shall be at least one (1) stair from each balcony or gallery, and if such balcony or gallery seats fifty (50) or more persons, there shall be two (2) stairs or more if necessary to provide twenty (20) inches in total width for each one hundred (100) seats or fraction thereof. Such stairs may lead directly to a court, public street or into the auditorium foyer. When two or more stairs are required, one shall lead from each side of such balcony or gallery and may be located at either the front or the rear of such balcony or gallery. No such stair shall be less than three (3) feet, six (6) inches wide. The risers shall not be over seven (7) inches and the treads not less than ten and one-half ($10\frac{1}{2}$) inches. There shall be no winders.

Emergency Exits: Every balcony and gallery shall have one (1) emergency exit or more if necessary to provide ten (10) inches in width of combined emergency exits for each one hundred (100) seats or fraction thereof. No emergency exit shall be less than two (2) feet six (6) inches wide. Emergency exits shall be as remote as possible from the main exits and shall lead to a street, alley or open court, but not to the main auditorium foyer, by means of an outside iron balcony fire escape, complying with Chapter 41, or by a stair enclosed in a fireproof shaft. These emergency exits must be kept entirely separated from the main exits, but may terminate in the courts or corridor serving as emergency-exit from the auditorium, provided the width of such courts or corridors is increased to provide ten (10) inches of width for each one hundred (100) seats or fraction thereof served. Fire escape stairs shall not obstruct any of the required emergency exit width in the court below. The risers shall not be over eight (8) inches and the treads not less than nine (9) inches. There shall be no winders.

(e) SEATS, AISLES AND CROSS AISLES.

Auditorium: Seats shall be so spaced as to be not less than thirty-two (32) inches back to back. There shall not be more than fourteen (14) seats between aisles and not more than seven (7) seats between any aisle and the wall. All seats shall be securely fastened to the floor.

All aisles shall be at least two (2) feet, six (6) inches wide, if having seats on only one (1) side, and three (3) feet wide if having seats on both sides, at the end farthest from the foyer, and shall increase in width by one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) inches for each ten (10) feet toward the foyer for aisles having seats on one (1) side only, and three (3) inches

for each ten (10) feet for aisles having seats on both sides. There shall be no steps in aisles, but aisles may be inclined by not more than one (1) foot in ten (10) feet.

Balcony and Gallery: Seats shall be so spaced as not to be less than thirty (30) inches back to back, and there shall not be more than fourteen (14) seats between any two aisles, or seven (7) seats between any aisle and wall. Risers in aisles shall be the full width of the aisles and no riser shall be over eight (8) inches and no tread less than ten (10) inches. When the rise from row to row is three (3) inches or less, the aisle shall be ramped. All aisles shall be three (3) feet, six (6) inches wide.

In every balcony or gallery at least one cross aisle shall be provided. Balconies or galleries having twenty (20) or more rows of seats shall have an additional cross aisle provided. Such cross aisles shall lead directly to an entrance or to an emergency exit and shall have a minimum width of three (3) feet.

(f) Boxes holding twenty-five (25) persons or less shall have one (1) exit at least two (2) feet, six (6) inches wide. Except for width or stair, requirements shall be as for main stair exits. Boxes holding more than twenty-five (25) persons shall be treated as balconies.

(g) Exit Lights: All exits shall be marked with signs illuminated with red lights carried on a circuit separate from all other wiring. Such signs shall be marked "EXIT" in letters at least six (6) inches high. These signs shall be illuminated from the time the doors are opened until the house is empty.

(h) Hardware: No exit doors shall be provided

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with flush bolts. All doors shall swing in the direction of travel and if provided with latches, such latches shall be self-releasing by means of panic bolts or similar device which will permit door to open when pressed against. In theaters of over six hundred (600) seats where a house fireman is employed to inspect exits, panic proof latches may be omitted from the main exits but not from the emergency exits. Such main exits shall have no latches of any kind but may be locked by means of a key.

(i) All Aisles and Exits including foyer shall be kept clear and free of all obstructions, either permanent or movable, at all times that the auditorium is in use. This shall be construed as prohibiting radiators, chairs, stools, stands, slot machines, signs, easels and similar objects from being placed in any exit, aisle or foyer and as prohibiting a ticket booth from obstructing any part of the required exits.

(j) Stage Exits: There shall be at least two (2) exits from every stage, one at each side; and two (2) stairs, each three (3) feet, six (6) inches wide, from the sub-stage or basement of stage leading directly to outer wall of building into a street, alley or court. Risers shall not exceed seven and one-half ($7\frac{1}{2}$) inches and treads shall not be less than ten (10) inches.

(k) There shall be at least one exit stair, two (2) feet, six (6) inches wide from every dressing room. Exit stairs shall have risers not more than seven and one-half ($7\frac{1}{2}$) inches and treads not less than ten (10) inches.

There shall be at least one fire escape for each building three (3) stories or more in height as specified

in Chapter 41. Such fire escape may be computed as one of the stairways required by this Code.

PASSED: January 19th, 1928.
EFFECTIVE: February 18th, 1928

R. E. Conley
MAYOR.

ATTEST:

H. L. Dutton
CITY CLERK.