

Ordinance No 31.

An ordinance regulating the erection and placing of telephone, telegraph, electric-light and electric-power poles, and the stringing and maintaining of telephone, and telegraph wires in the town of Coupeville, Washington, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof:

Be it ordained By the Council of the Town of Coupeville, Washington:

1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, persons, corporation, company or co-partnership to erect or place, or cause to be erected or placed, any telephone, telegraph, electric-light or electric-power poles, in any street, avenue, alley, park, road, highway or park-strip, in the Town of Coupeville, Washington, in any other place or manner than as herein after provided.

2. That all poles, enumerated in section 1 of this ordinance, erected or placed in any of the places mentioned in section 1 of this ordinance shall be set perpendicular with the center of the pole $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the outer edge of the street, avenue, alley, road or highway in which the same is erected or placed.

3. That no telephone, telegraph, electric light or electric-power pole, or poles shall be erected or placed in any public park or public square in said Town of Coupeville without permission in writing having been first obtained for that purpose from the Council of said Town.

4. That no telephone or telegraph wire, at places where the same crosses over or through any street, avenue, alley, road or highway, in said Town, shall be less than 12 feet from the ground.

5. That any person, persons, corporation, company, or co-partnership, having or maintaining any wire which, at the time of the passage of this ordinance, crosses or runs through any street, avenue, alley, road, or highway, in said Town, such person, corporation, company or co-partnership shall have six months from the day on which this

ordinance goes into effect, to comply with the provisions and requirements of section 4 of this ordinance, in so far as such wires are concerned.

6. That any person, persons, corporation, company or co-partnership violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.

7. That it shall be the duty of the street commissioner of the Town of Coupeville to remove all poles and wires strung, placed, erected or being maintained in violation of this ordinance, and said street commissioner shall, in the name of the Town, file in the office of the County Auditor of Island County, State of Washington, a sworn statement of the costs and expenses of the removal of such wires or poles, within thirty days after the removal of such wires or poles which statement shall contain the name of the owner or owners of the poles or wires so removed, and the same shall be a lien on any and all property situated in said Town and owned by the owner or owners of the wires or poles so removed.

8. The lien provided for by section 7 of this ordinance may be foreclosed by a civil action in any Court having jurisdiction, at any time within one year after the filing of said claim. Provided that nothing herein shall bar said Town from maintaining a personal action against the owner or owners of poles or wires removed under the provisions of Section 7 of this ordinance, and who fail or refuse to pay the costs and expenses of such removal.

9. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

Passed January 26, 1915.

Approved January 26, 1915.

Attested by:

W. J. Howard,
Clerk.

James Zylstra
Mayor.