


CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

25-O-1473



****AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER BYRON D. AMOS AS SUBSTITUTED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78 (FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION) ARTICLE III (FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS), SEC. 78-57 (FIRE PREVENTION CODE ADOPTED; INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE; AMENDMENTS) TO REQUIRE THAT ALL FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS BE CLEARLY LABELED WITH THE FLOOR OR AREA OF THE BUILDING THEY ARE CONNECTED TO; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.(FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE 9/23/25)

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta seeks to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens by establishing and enforcing comprehensive building regulations; and

WHEREAS, clearly defined building standards safeguard life, limb, health, property, and public welfare through provisions for structural stability, fire protection, means of egress, adequate light and ventilation, and safety from hazards; and

WHEREAS, Fire Department Connections (FDCs) are essential to the safety of residents, visitors, and first responders during fire emergencies, serving as the critical link for supplying water to sprinkler and standpipe systems; and

WHEREAS, labeling all FDCs with the floor or area they serve will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of firefighting operations, reduce confusion during emergencies, and ultimately save lives and protect property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 78, Article III, Section 78-57 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, the most recent edition of the International Fire Code including Appendices B, C, and D, including chapter one thereto, as currently adopted by the State of Georgia and amended by Chapter 120-3-3 of GA Safety Fire Commissioner Rules and Regulations, and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are altered, amended or repealed in this article, is incorporated as the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta finds it necessary and appropriate to adopt amendments to the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Atlanta to incorporate the requirements regarding the labeling all FDCs with the floor or area they serve into law.

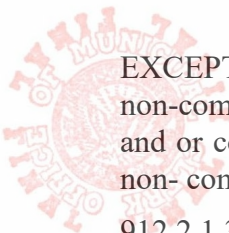
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 78, Article III, Section 78-57 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances be amended at subsection (b)(30), which provides for the fire safety regulations regarding Fire Department Connections, shall hereby be amended such that it shall thereafter read as follows (with new language in underline font and deleted language in strikethrough font):

(30) Sub-Paragraphs 912.2.1.1, ~~and 912.2.1.2, and 912.2.1.3~~ are added to Sub-Paragraph 912.2.1 (Visible Location), Paragraph 912.2 (Location), Section 912 (Fire Department Connections) of the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Atlanta and shall read as follows:

"912.2.1.1 A fire hydrant shall be located within 100 feet of a fire department connection (FDC) and or Standpipe connection on all new commercial construction.

912.2.1.2 No transformer shall be located within a 20-foot radius of the following water connections: fire department, standpipe, sprinkler, test header, or a fire hydrant on all new commercial construction.



EXCEPTION: The separation distance shall be reduced to ten feet when the transformer is separated by a non-combustible six-foot high wall on three sides, with the open side facing away from the water supply and or connection. A minimum three-foot clearance shall be provided between the transformer and the non-combustible wall on all sides, for maintenance, inspection, and testing functions."

912.2.1.3 All fire department connections (FDCs) shall be clearly labeled in durable, weather-resistant signage or placards indicating the floor or area of the building to which the connection supplies water. Such labeling shall be affixed after construction and maintained in good, legible condition at all times."

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are waived to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: That the Municipal Clerk is instructed to retain all legislative history references in the codified versions of Chapter 78, Article III, Section 78-57 including Editor's notes, and shall not delete any such references, but shall amend them to include this ordinance.

A true copy,

Corrine A. Lindo

Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council

OCT 06, 2025

APPROVED per City Charter Section 2-403

OCT 15, 2025