

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE KNOXVILLE CITY CODE SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, INCLUDING APPENDICES B, C, D AND O, WITH AMENDMENTS WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO: O-145-2024

REQUESTED BY: Fire Department

PREPARED BY: Law

APPROVED ON 1ST

READING: 11-26-2024

APPROVED ON 2ND

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MEASURE: _____

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WHEREAS, the 2024 International Fire Code, including Appendices B, C, D, and O, contains the latest developments in fire safety for the protection of life and property and contain regulations, data, reference, tests and other improvements as approved by the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville finds it desirable to adopt the 2024 International Fire Code, with Appendices B, C, D and O and amendments for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 provides for the adoption of any fire prevention codes or portions thereof by a municipality by reference; and

WHEREAS, one (1) copy of the 2024 International Fire Code, including Appendices B, C, D and O with amendments as set forth herein, has been filed in the office of the City Recorder

for fifteen (15) days prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, and has been kept available for public use, inspection and examination, in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-54-502.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

SECTION 1: Chapter 11, Article I, of the Knoxville City Code is hereby amended by incorporating the following modifications:

(A) **Section 11 – 3 Inspection and licensing of aboveground storage tanks into which flammable or combustible liquids are dispersed** is hereby amended by deleting the year 2018 in subsections (b)(6) and (c)(1).

(B) **Section 11-4 Definitions** is hereby amended by deleting the same in its entirety and substituting in lieu the following:

Fire Code means the 2024 International Fire Code, including Appendices B, C, D and O, with amendments as adopted in Chapter 11, Article 11, Sections 11-21 through 11-22.

SECTION 2: Chapter 11, Article II, of the Knoxville City Code is hereby amended by deleting the same in its entirety and substituting in lieu the following:

ARTICLE II. - FIRE PREVENTION CODES

Sec. 11-21. – 2024 International Fire Code—Adopted.

Sec. 11-22. - Same—Amendments; Construction Appeals Board.

Sec. 11-25. - Conflicts.

Sec. 11-21. – 2024 International Fire Code—Adopted.

(a) The 2024 International Fire Code, and Appendices B, C, D and O, as modified by the provisions of this article, is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the City of Knoxville ("Fire Code") and is made a part of this article by reference as though copied herein in full.

(b) With regard to the codes and standards identified in Section 102.7 and Chapter 80 of the Fire Code, the Fire Marshal will reference the latest published edition of said codes and standards.

Sec. 11-22. - Same—Amendments; Construction Appeals Board.

The Fire Code adopted in section 11-21 is amended as set out in this section:

- A. In addition to the restrictions set forth in Section 11-5, Chapter 1, Section 1.1.2(3) of the NFPA 1123 as referenced in Chapter 56 of the 2024 Fire Code is repealed.
- B. Section 112 is repealed in its entirety, and the following Section 112 is substituted in lieu thereof:

112.1 General. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the building official relative to the application and interpretation of this code, there shall be and is hereby created a Construction Appeals Board (hereinafter referred to as the "board"). The board shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall hold office at his or her pleasure. The board may adopt rules of procedure for conducting business.

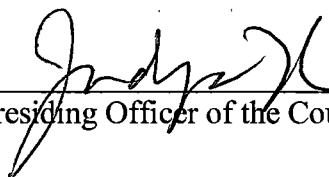
112.2 Process and Procedure For Appeals. The process and procedure for appealing a decision of the Fire Official shall be conducted in accordance with the processes and procedures set forth in Chapter 6, Article II, Section 6-32, subsection 113 *et seq.* of the City Code.

SECTION 3: Ordinance No. O-171-2018 and all previous ordinances of the City of Knoxville adopting fire prevention codes are hereby repealed in their entirety upon the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2025, and the 2024 International Fire Code, including Appendices B, C, D and O, with amendments as set forth herein will be in full force and effect on and after such date.



Recorder



Presiding Officer of the Council