

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 38 "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION", ARTICLE IV, "FIRE CODE"; ADDING SECTION 38-106 CONCERNING LIMITED MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED FIRE CODE 903.3.1.3 NFPA 13D SYSTEM PERTAINING TO CERTAIN MULTIFAMILY FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS; REPEALING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Lampasas, Texas is a Home Rule municipality incorporated and operating under the Laws of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lampasas previously adopted the Fire Code 903.3.1.3 NFPA as a portion of its standard building code; and

**WHEREAS**, as authorized by the State of Texas and its Home Rule Charter, the City has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of its citizens to amend Chapter 38 "Fire Prevention and Protection," by adding Article IV "Fire Code" Section 38-106, which will modify certain limited provisions of the adopted Fire Code 903.3.1.3 NFPA 13D Sprinkler Systems, related to fire suppression in specified multifamily residential units having four (4) or fewer units.

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

**Part 1:** That Chapter 38 "Fire Prevention and Protection", Article IV, entitled "Fire Code" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lampasas, Texas is hereby amended, to include new provisions as stated herein, modifying certain fire suppression provisions of the Fire Code 903.3.1.3 NFPA 13D Sprinkler Systems, for identified multifamily residential dwelling units, as follows:

**Sec. 38-106. – Fire Code 13D Automatic Sprinkler Systems**

903.3.1.3 NFPA 13D Sprinkler Systems; Automatic Sprinkler Systems installed in one and two family dwellings; Group R-3 and R-4 congregate residences and town homes shall be permitted to be installed throughout in accordance with NFPA 13D.

**Exceptions**

1. Group R-2 residences with three and four family dwelling units (quadriplex or triplex) may be permitted to be installed with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13D, when the dwelling units are separated by a fire barrier that extends from the floor to the ceiling with a fire rating of not less than one hour. Each attic space per dwelling shall be separated by a fire barrier that extends from the ceiling to the underside of the roof with a fire rating of not less than 2 hours. All seams and gaps shall be sealed by a means in this code to maintain a 2 hour rating.
2. Each dwelling unit shall be plumbed by a separate water supply and water meter sized in accordance with NFPA 13D Standards.
3. Water shall be furnished by the owner and shall not be shut off at any time. Water may be shut off for repair once notice is given to Fire Marshall

**Part 2:** All City of Lampasas ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and are no longer of any force and effect.

**Part 3:** If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**Part 4:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of final passage noted below, or when all applicable publication requirements, if any, are satisfied in accordance with the City's Charter, Code of Ordinances, and the laws of the State of Texas.


**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE FIRST READING on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2018.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE SECOND READING on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2018.**

**APPROVED:**

  
Misti Talbert, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Christina Marez, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Jo-Christy Brown, City Attorney  
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