

AN ORDINANCE

TO ADOPT THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code of Laws §6-9-50 requires mandatory adoption by the South Carolina Building Codes Council of certain nationally recognized codes and standards, generally known as building codes; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2014, the South Carolina Building Codes Council, pursuant to procedures of notice, comment and promulgation under the State Administrative Procedures Act to be effective in all local jurisdictions, formally adopted the 2015 edition of the International Codes Series of the International Codes Council, Inc. and 2014 National Electrical Code for mandatory enforcement throughout the state effective July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2012, the South Carolina General Assembly passed Act 143 adopting the 2009 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code requiring mandatory enforcement throughout the state for new and renovated buildings and additions constructed; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code of Laws §6-9-60 requires local jurisdictions to enforce the building codes as adopted by the South Carolina Building Codes Council and to adopt the Administrative Chapters locally, however, local jurisdictions are not allowed to adopt the appendices of the codes adopted by the South Carolina Building Codes Council; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Building Codes Council further recognized certain 2015 International Codes as permissive codes including the 2015 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code which are allowed to be adopted locally; and

WHEREAS, upon review of Chapter 6, Building and Building Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville in considering adoption of the building codes, certain modifications are required to maintain consistency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA:


Section 1. The following building codes are hereby adopted and incorporated into the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville:

1. 2015 International Building Code, Chapter 1
2. 2015 International Fire Code, Chapter 1
3. 2015 International Fuel Gas Code, Chapter 1
4. 2015 International Mechanical Code, Chapter 1
5. 2015 International Plumbing Code, Chapter 1
6. 2015 International Property Maintenance Code, in its entirety as amended by Section 6-413 of the City Code
7. 2015 International Residential Code, Chapter 1
8. ICC A117.1-2009 Accessible and Usable Building and Facilities Code, Chapter 1
9. 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, Chapter 1
10. 2014 National Electrical Code, Chapter 1

Section 2. Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville is amended and modified as provided in the attached Exhibit to maintain consistency between the building codes and the Code of Ordinances and to delete references no longer required either in the building codes or under local jurisdiction.

Section 3. The Municipal Code Corporation as codifier of the Code of Ordinances shall be authorized to make adjustments in code section numbers and terminology as may be appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be effective upon final approval by City Council. This Ordinance supersedes any other inconsistent ordinances.

DONE, RATIFIED AND PASSED THIS 11 DAY OF JULY, 2016.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED:

  
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CITY MANAGER

EXHIBIT

**CODIFIER:** The following amendments to Chapter 6, Building and Building Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville are shown as instructed.

**Amendment 1. Code of Ordinances Article III, International Building Code**

**Sec. 6-69. - Amendments to the International Building Code.**

Remove *Section 3410.2.* (Note: Chapter 34 was removed from the International Building Code)

**Amendment 2. Code of Ordinances Article IV, International Mechanical Code**

**Sec. 6-153. - Amendments to the International Mechanical Code.**

Add to City Code: 106.5.3 *Fee refunds*; Deleted in its entirety.

**Amendment 3. Code of Ordinances Article VII, International Fuel Gas Code**

**Sec. 6-336. - Amendments to the International Fuel Gas Code.**

Add to City Code: 106.6.3 *Fee refunds*; Deleted in its entirety.

**Amendment 4. Code of Ordinances, Article IX, International Fire Code**

**Sec. 6-447. - Amendments to the International Fire Code.**

Amend "*Section 109.3*" to become "*Section 109.4.*"

Include the following section:

*1103.5.3* – Once identified, the Fire Marshal shall establish a reasonable date with the property owner for compliance with the sprinkler requirements based on the specific characteristics (Size, Age, Etc.) of the facility but in no circumstance shall the time period exceed 3-years for the most complex installation.

**Amendment 5. Code of Ordinances, Article X, International Energy Conservation Code**

**Sec. 6-683. - Amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code.**

Include the following section:

*108.4 Violation penalties.* Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair mechanical work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable as provided by Section 1-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenville. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

**Amendment 6. Code of Ordinances, Article XIII, International Residential Code**

**Sec. 6-806. - Amendments to the International Residential Code.**

The following sections of the International Residential Building Code are amended to read in their entirety as follows:

*Section 301.2(1) Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria:*

Roof Snow Load - Ten pounds.

Wind Speed - ~~115~~ 90 miles per hour.

Topographic effects – No.

Special wind region – No.

Wind-borne debris zone – No.

Seismic Design Category – B, C

Weathering – ~~Slight to Moderate.~~

Frost Line Depth - 12 inches.

Termite – Very Heavy.

~~Decay – Slight to Moderate.~~

Winter Design Temperature - 24 ~~22~~ degrees F.

Ice Barrier Underlayment Required – No.

Flood Hazards – January 16, 1992. ~~August 18, 2014~~

Air Freezing Index – 65 days.

Mean Annual Temp – 60.6 degrees F.

Remove *Section 3103.1 Roof extension.*