

**ORDINANCE NO. 101322**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SELMA, TEXAS, CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SECTION 66-72, "AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE" AND AMENDING CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE III, SECTION 42-122, "AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE" TO ADD AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED 2021 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AND THE ADOPTED 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING ROOF ACCESS ON RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES HAVING ROOFTOP PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAYS, AND TO CORRECT THE SECTION NUMBERING TO A CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, SPECIFICALLY THE AMENDMENT ADDING "SECTION 327.1.1".**

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2021, the City of Selma passed Ordinance No. 120921-04 which adopted the 2021 International Residential Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph R324.6.1, "Pathways," of the 2021 International Residential Code addresses required pathways for fire access on roofs having photovoltaic arrays installed; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 14, 2021, the City of Selma passed Ordinance No. 101421-02 which adopted the 2021 International Fire Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 1205.2.1.1, "Pathways to ridge," of the 2021 International Fire Code addresses required pathways for fire access on roofs having photovoltaic arrays installed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Selma, Texas, has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to clarify the pathway requirements for firefighter access on rooftops having photovoltaic arrays installed; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2021, the City of Selma passed Ordinance No. 120921-04 which in addition to adopting the 2021 International Residential Code also adopted amendments to the 2021 International Residential Code; and

**WHEREAS**, one of those amendments was identified as an amendment to Section 327.1.1 of the International Residential Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 327.1.1 does not exist in the 2021 International Residential Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Selma, Texas, has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to have that amendment properly identified.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, TEXAS, that:**

Section 1. Section 66-72 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by correcting a certain numbering by deleting “Section 327.1.1: add to read as follows:

Section 327.1.1: Adjacency to Structural Foundation. Depth of the swimming pool and spa shall maintain a ratio of 1:1 from the nearest building foundation or footing of a retaining wall. Exception: A sealed engineered design drawing of the proposed new structure shall be submitted for approval.”

Section 2. Section 66-72 of the Code Ordinances is hereby amended by adding Section R327 to read as follows:

*“Section R327: Add new R327.2:*

**R327.2 Adjacency to structural foundation.** Depth of the swimming pool and spa shall maintain a ratio of 1:1 from the nearest building foundation or footing of a retaining wall.

Exception: a sealed engineered design drawing of the proposed new structure shall be submitted for approval.”

Section 3. Section 66-72 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following amended paragraph between the existing “*Section R322: Flood Resistant Construction; delete section*” and the new “*Section R327*”:

*“Paragraph R324.6.1: Change to read as follows:*

**R324.6.1 Pathways.** Not fewer than two pathways, on separate roof planes from the lowest roof edge to the ridge and not less than 36 inches (914 mm) wide, shall be provided on all buildings. Not fewer than one pathway shall be provided on the street or driveway side of the roof. For each roof plane with a photovoltaic array, a pathway not less than 36 inches (914 mm) shall be provided from the lowest roof edge to ridge on the same roof plane as the photovoltaic array or straddling the same and adjacent roof planes, with no less than 18 inches (457 mm) being on the roof same roof plane as the photovoltaic array. Pathways shall be over roof areas capable of supporting firefighters accessing the roof. Pathways shall be located in areas with minimal obstructions such as vent pipes, conduit, or mechanical equipment.”

Section 4. Section 42-122 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph between the existing “*1203.3 through 1203.6 {No change.}*” and “*Section 2304.1* to read as follows:

*“Paragraph 1205.2.1.1: Change to read as follows:*

**1205.2.1.1 Pathways to ridge.** Not fewer than two 36-inch-wide (914 mm) pathways on separate roof planes, from lowest roof edge to ridge, shall be provided on all buildings. Not fewer than one pathway shall be provided on the street or driveway side of the roof. For each roof plane with a photovoltaic array, not fewer than one 36-inch-wide (914 mm) pathway from lowest roof edge

to ridge shall be provided on the same roof plane as the photovoltaic array or straddling the same and adjacent roof planes, with no less than 18 inches (457 mm) being on the roof same roof plane as the photovoltaic array. Pathways shall be over roof areas capable of supporting firefighters accessing the roof. Pathways shall be located in areas with minimal obstructions such as vent pipes, conduit, or mechanical equipment.”

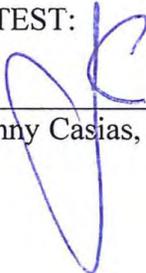
Section 5. The City Secretary or Assistant City Secretary of the City of Selma is hereby ordered and directed to cause the caption of this ordinance to be published in the official newspaper of the City of Selma.

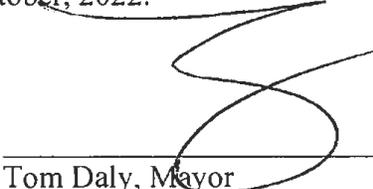
Section 6. This ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders, and matters established hereby shall be effective and in full force one day after the date of publication of the caption of this ordinance in the official newspaper of the City of Selma.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



ATTEST:

  
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Johnny Casias, City Secretary

  
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Tom Daly, Mayor