

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-32 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, ERECTION, INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LOCATION, RELOCATION, REPLACEMENT, ADDITION TO, USE OR MAINTENANCE OF ALL STRUCTURES, IN THE CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Ordinance No. 2017-32 SECTION 1 currently reads as follows:

SECTION 1. That certain documents, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Inspection Department and the City of South Houston are marked and designated as the 2015 International Building Code, including Appendix Chapters A-L, as published by the International Code Council, and are hereby adopted as the code of the City of South Houston for regulating the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of all structures in the City of South Houston, and providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Building Code, on file in the office of the City of South Houston, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this ordinance. Ordinance 2010-17 adopting an earlier version is hereby repealed.

Ordinance No. 2017-32 SECTION 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. That certain documents, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Inspection Department and the City of South Houston are marked and designated as the 2015 International Building Code, *excluding* Appendix Chapters A-L, as published by the International Code Council. The 2015 International Building Code Appendix Chapters A-L are hereby expressly *not* adopted as the code of the City of South Houston for regulating the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of all structures in the City of South Houston, and providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Building Code, on file in the office of the City of South Houston, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Ordinance. Ordinance 2017-32 adopting an earlier version is hereby repealed.

SECTION R105.2 currently reads as follows:

R105.2 Work Exempt from Permit. Exemption from *permit* requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this *jurisdiction*. *Permits* shall not be required for the following:

Building:

1. *One-story* detached *accessory structures*, provided that the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet (18.58 m²).
2. Fences not over 7 feet (2134 mm) high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon *grade* if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Sidewalks and driveways.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m²) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above *grade* at any point, are not attached to a dwelling do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.

SECTION R105.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

R105.2 Work Exempt from Permit. Exemption from *permit* requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this *jurisdiction*. *Permits* shall not be required for the following:

Building:

1. Water tanks supported directly upon *grade* if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
2. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
3. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
4. Swings and other playground equipment.
5. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
6. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m²) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above *grade* at any point, are not attached to a dwelling do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.

All other Sections (2, 3, 4 and 5) contained in this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

JOE SOTO, MAYOR
CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS

ATTEST:

LANCE AVANT, CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS