

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021--2148**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-31 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PRINTED AS A CODE IN BOOK FORM, INCLUDING THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE SERIES**

WHEREAS, the Athens City Council has previously adopted certain rules and regulations that have been printed as a code in book form, as shown in Section 14-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens, Alabama;

WHEREAS, the Athens City Council has previously adopted certain amendments to said rules and regulations, as shown in Section 14-32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens, Alabama;

WHEREAS, the Athens City Council wishes to adopt the 2018 edition of the following, and such will replace/update existing building codes within the City of Athens, Alabama upon approval of this Ordinance: 2018 International Building Code (IBC) (including Appendix N), 2018 International Residential Code (IRC), (including Appendix A,D,F,J and Q), 2018 International Mechanical Code (IMC), 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC), 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC), 2018 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) (including Appendix B, C,D and J), 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC), The 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC), the 2009 American National Standard Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities (ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009); and the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes as set forth in § 305-2-4-.07, § 305-2-4-.8, § 305-2-4-.9 and § 305-2-4-.10,

WHEREAS, the City of Athens, prior to the enactment of this Ordinance has complied with the requirements of § 11-45-8 of the *Code of Alabama* concerning the approval of ordinances which adopt by reference, without setting the same out at length in the ordinance, rules and regulations which have been printed as a code in book or pamphlet form;

WHEREAS, among other things, the Athens City Council has conducted a public hearing relating to the adoption of this Ordinance at its regular meeting on December 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Athens City Council, upon the adoption of this Ordinance, will thereafter consider the adoption of certain amendments to said rules and regulations, as would be found in Section 14-32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens, Alabama.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA,** while in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 14-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens, Alabama is hereby replaced in its entirety and amended so as to read as follows:

**Sec. 14-31. Codes Adopted.**

The following certain rules and regulations (copies of which are on file in the Office of the Building Inspection Department of the City of Athens) are hereby adopted by the City of Athens, Alabama: 2018 International Building Code (IBC) (including Appendix N), 2018 International Residential Code (IRC) (including Appendix A, D, F, J, and Q), 2018 International Mechanical Code (IMC), 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC), 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC), 2018 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) (including Appendix B, C, D and J), 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), 2018 The International Existing Building Code (IEBC), 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC), 2009 American National Standard Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities (ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009), and the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes as set forth in § 305-2-4-.07, § 305-2-4-.8, § 305-2-4-.9 and § 305-2-4-.10. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of said Codes are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this Ordinance, with the additions, insertions, amendments, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 14-32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens, Alabama.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2021, after its adoption and publication as required by law. This date follows a six-month educational period.

**Section 3.** If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, thing or circumstances, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of this code and such amendments and statutes are declared to be severable.

**Section 4.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Athens as an addition or amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered as necessary to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

**Section 5.** Nothing herein shall be construed to repeal or otherwise impair any municipal ordinance concerning historic districts or properties within the City.

**Section 6.** Nothing in this Ordinance (or any of the codes adopted thereby) shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred,

or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby amended or repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

ADOPTED this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

  
WAYNE HARPER, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

  
WILLIAM R. MARKS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

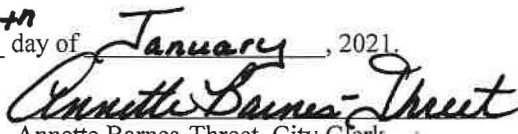
  
ANNETTE BARNES-THREET, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

STATE OF ALABAMA   )  
LIMESTONE COUNTY   )

I, Annette Barnes-Threet, City Clerk of the City of Athens, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Athens, Alabama, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
Annette Barnes-Threet, City Clerk