

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH, MISSISSIPPI
ADOPTING THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE
CODES AND ALL ASSOCIATED CODES AND STANDARDS**

An Ordinance adopting the 2012 International Fire Code and all associated codes and standards.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the general public health, safety and welfare and in the public interest that the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi update its present fire codes, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are desirous of adopting the 2012 International Fire Code and all associated codes and standards, included herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi as follows, to wit:

1. The 2012 International Fire Code, and all associated codes, standards, appendices, all of which are included herein by reference, be, and the same are hereby approved and adopted with the following revisions and additions:

A. Revisions

2013 edition of NFPA 72

903.2.1.1 Group A-1

(1) The fire area exceeds 10,000 square feet.

903.2.1.3 Group A-3

(1) The fire area exceeds 10,000 square feet.

903.2.1.4 Group A-4

(1) The fire area exceeds 10,000 square feet.

903.2.3 Group E

(1) The fire area exceeds 10,000 square feet.

903.2.4 Group F-1

- (1) The fire area exceeds 10,000 square feet.
- (3) The combined area of all Group F-1 *fire areas* on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 20,000 square feet.

903.2.7 Group M

- (1) The fire area exceeds 10,000 square feet.
- (3) The combined area of all Group F-1 *fire areas* on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 20,000 square feet.

903.2.9 Group S-1

- (1) The fire area exceeds 10,000 square feet.
- (3) The combined area of all Group F-1 *fire areas* on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 20,000 square feet.

903.2.10 Group S-2

- (1) The fire area exceeds 10,000 square feet.

B. Additions

501.5 Nuisance alarms from fire alarms systems.

False alarms are wasteful of limited city resources, pose a threat to public safety, and should be limited when and where possible. The Mayor and Board find as fact that certain false alarms may constitute a nuisance which should be abated. The responsibility for any fire alarm activation shall be placed on the premises owner or occupant of the premises where the fire alarm system is installed.

501.5.1 Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

A "Response" to an alarm activation shall be considered any situation where a member of the Olive Branch Fire Department is dispatched to the premises where the fire alarm activation occurred; or where a member of the Olive Branch Fire Department learns of an alarm activation by any means whatsoever and responds to that premises for investigation of an alarm transmission.

Emergency or Fire Alarm systems means an assembly of equipment or devices which is designed, arranged, or used for the detection of a hazardous condition in a building, structure or facility, and which emits a sound, or transmits a signal or message when activated, to which annunciation to the fire department agency or other emergency service may be summoned to respond.

False alarm means the activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or maintenance, or through the negligence- whether intentional or unintentional, of the owner, user or alarm systems contractor of the alarm system, which activation results in a response by the fire department.

Malicious false alarm means false reporting to the fire department of an emergency condition, or the intentional setting off of an alarm system which will cause another to report the signal. An alarm is not considered a false alarm if the alarm is activated due to malicious causes beyond control of the owner, if reasonable proof is shown.

Notice means written notice, given by the issuance of a citation left at the scene of a false alarm by officers of the fire department, or given by U.S. mail addressed to the owner or lessee to be notified at his last known address. Service of such notice shall be effective upon the completion of personal service or upon the placing of the same in the custody of the U.S. Postal Service.

501.5.2 Corrective Action

After responding to a false fire alarm activation, the officer or member of the fire department shall issue a "False Alarm Activation Report" indicating whether the alarm was a result of a malfunction of the fire alarm system. Any report indicating that the activation was due to a malfunction shall require the owner/operator to return a completed affidavit of service/repair to the fire department within 15 days indicating that a bona fide fire alarm technician of record has inspected/repared the system to identify and correct any defect of design, installation or operation of the system, which was the cause of the false alarm activation, to the satisfaction of the fire department official. Failure to return the required affidavit of service/repair or failure to make any necessary repairs shall be considered a violation of this Section.

501.5.3 Penalties

In the event of a false alarm or malicious false alarm, the responsible party shall be summonsed to Municipal Court and shall upon conviction pay

a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for any false alarm received by the fire services division after a maximum of three (3) false alarms have previously been received from the same fire emergency alarm system within any twelve-month period. The twelve month period shall be calculated on a calendar year basis.

903.4 Sprinkler system supervision and alarms

(a) Multi Tenant Occupancy. Every other potential occupancy space shall have a sprinkler cutoff valve and waterflow switch installed for accurate response from Fire Department personnel and to eliminate potential hazard from the entire building being disconnected from water system during construction of future tenant spaces.

903.5 Water supplies

(a) Commercial/Industrial Sprinkler Service. All fire service mains or hydrants that are part of a Commercial/Industrial Fire Suppression System/Fire Loop shall be installed by a licensed sprinkler contractor who shall install the underground portion of the fire suppression system beginning at the City connection with approved materials. Fire Loop Hydrants shall be located not less than 40 ft (12.2 m) from the buildings to be protected. Hydrants shall be installed so that the steamer cap opening is facing the street and clears the finished grade by 18 inches or more in height.

903.3.7 Fire department connections

(a) Any building larger than one story, requiring a sprinkler system, shall have the Fire Department Connection placed away from the building, no closer than one and one-half times the height of the building.

903.6 Where required in existing buildings and structures.

(a) For any buildings constructed after December 1997, if an addition or additions are made to such building, and if the addition or additions cause the total building to exceed 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, the entire building (including the existing and newly added areas) shall be subject to this sprinkler requirement.

The 2012 International Fire Code, and all associated codes, standards and appendices, as revised, amended, or supplemented herein shall take effect on July 1, 2014, and shall, on the date specified, supersede any previously adopted codes.

3. All prior versions of the International Fire Code and Standard Fire Prevention Code, including the February 18, 2003 Sprinkler Ordinance and associated Codes, be and they are hereby repealed.

Passage of this Ordinance is now official and the same shall take effect on July 1, 2014, and be enforced as provided by law.

ADOPTED, ORDAINED AND APPROVED this 20th day of May, 2014.

SCOTT B. PHILLIPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY C. HERRINGTON, CITY CLERK

The foregoing Ordinance was read, discussed and voted upon in a public meeting, section by section, and as a whole, and whereas a motion was duly made by Alderman Henderson, and seconded by Alderman Collins, with the following results:

Alderman George Collins	Aye
Alderman Dale Dickerson	Aye
Alderwoman Pat Hamilton	Aye
Alderman Harold Henderson	Aye
Alderman Mark Aldridge	Aye
Alderman Gil Earhart	Aye
Alderman David Wallace	Absent

The foregoing Ordinance was passed, adopted and approved on the 20th day of May, 2014.

SCOTT B. PHILLIPS, MAYOR

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