

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE II - FIRE CODE  
OF THE WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE ORDAINS:**

**ARTICLE 1: AMENDMENT.**

Chapter 18, Article II, Section 18-25 of the Township of White Lake Code of Ordinance, commonly referred to as the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION 18-25: CHANGES IN THE CODE**

The following sections and subsections of the International Fire Code are hereby amended or deleted as set forth, and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated. The remaining sections in Section 18-25 are otherwise unaffected by this amendment and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 102.5 shall be amended to read as follows:**

102.5 APPLICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CODE. Where structures are designed and constructed in accordance with the International Residential Code, the provisions of this code shall apply as follows:

1. Construction and design provisions of this code pertaining to the exterior of the structure shall apply, including but not limited to, premises identification, fire apparatus access and water supplies, where interior or exterior systems or devices are installed, construction permits required by section 105.7 of this code shall apply.
2. Administrative, operational and maintenance provisions of the code shall apply.
3. It shall apply to Section 319 Medical Marijuana Grow Operations.
4. It shall apply to Section 903.2.8 Group R.
5. It shall apply to Section 1107 Requirements for Suppression of Existing One and Two Family Dwellings.

**Section 202 shall be amended to add the following definition:**

“Lumber or Natural Materials” shall mean timber, logs or sawn natural material that includes but is not limited to – dimensional material, plywood, oriented strand board (OSB), pallets, wood chips, mulch, or any type of engineered wood products as it applies to outdoor sales or storage.

**Section 315.4 shall be amended to read as follows:**

**Section 315.4 OUTSIDE STORAGE.** Outside storage of combustible materials shall not be located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of a lot line.

**Exceptions:**

1. The separation distance is allowed to be reduced to 3 feet (914 mm) for storage not exceeding 6 feet (1829 mm) in height.
2. The separation distance is allowed to be reduced where the fire code official determines that no hazard to the adjoining property exists.

**315.4.1 Storage beneath overhead projections from buildings.** Where buildings are protected by automatic sprinklers, the outdoor storage, display and handling of combustible materials under eaves, canopies or other projections or overhangs are prohibited except where automatic sprinklers are installed under such eaves, canopies or other projections or overhangs.

315.4.2 Height. Storage in the open shall not exceed 10 feet in height.

315.4.3 Lumber stacks shall be on stable ground, and paved or surfaced with materials such as cinders, fine gravel, or stone.

315.4.4 The height of lumber stacks shall not exceed 10 feet with consideration for stability.

315.4.5 Storage of any material shall not be located within designated fire lanes.

315.4.6 The sales or storage of combustible material shall not be located within 15 feet of buildings or designated exits.

315.4.7 Storage piles of any combustible material shall not exceed 4,000 cubic feet in volume unless approved by the Township prior to the adoption of this subsection.

315.4.8 A 15 foot minimum clear space shall be maintained between storage piles of combustible materials.

315.4.9 Smoking shall be prohibited in areas storing combustible materials. No smoking signs shall be conspicuously posted.

315.4.10 Combustible rubbish creating a fire hazard shall not be allowed to accumulate on the premises.

**Section 903.2.8 shall be amended to read as follows:**

903.2.8 Group R. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with group R fire area and buildings or structures classified as one and two family dwellings, when not accessible by fire apparatus due to site location / topography, or any long term condition that would interfere with Fire Department accessibility.

**Section 1107 shall be added to read as follows:**

1107 Requirements for Suppression of Existing One and Two Family Dwellings. Existing buildings or structures classified as one and two family dwellings, when not accessible by fire apparatus (as described in section 903.2.8) shall be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with section 903.3, as follows:

- A. When repairs, alterations, or modifications are made to any building or structure in any period of twelve (12) consecutive months and the repairs, alterations or modifications exceed fifty (50) percent of the state equalized valuation of the building or structure.
- B. When an addition, which increases the existing cubic content of 1000 cubic feet or more is made to any building or structure.

For the purpose of clarification, the requirement of a fire sprinkler system in existing one and two family dwellings as described in this section, only applies when the dwelling meets the condition(s) of subsection(s) A, B or both, and when not accessible by fire apparatus as described in section 903.2.8.

**ARTICLE 2: SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such selection, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of the Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

**ARTICLE 3: EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law.

**ARTICLE 4: REPEALER.**

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

**ARTICLE 5: ADOPTION.**

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of this Charter Township of White Lake at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the 17th day of September, 2019, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by the Charter of the Charter Township of White Lake.

Rik Kowall, Supervisor

Terry Lilley, Clerk