

ORDINANCE 1304

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRACY AMENDING SECTIONS 9.06.040, 9.06.050, 9.06.060, AND 9.06.070 OF CHAPTER 9.06 "FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION" OF THE TRACY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ASSIGNING THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION AND SETTING GEOGRAPHIC LIMITS FOR CERTAIN HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STORAGE WITHIN THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE

WHEREAS, The 2019 California Fire Code became effective on January 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS, Agencies are permitted to amend certain portions of the state codes related to fire due to local climatic, geologic, or topographic conditions, and

WHEREAS, On November 19, 2019, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 1274, adopting several parts of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24 to include the adoption of the 2019 California Fire Code, and

WHEREAS, The Joint Powers Agreement of the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority requires each Member Agency to assign the Fire Authority as the "Authority Having Jurisdiction" (AHJ) for all fire protection matters within the Member Agency's jurisdiction as part of the adoption process, and

WHEREAS, After the adoption of Ordinance No. 1274, items regarding the assignment of the Authority Having Jurisdiction and the storage of certain hazardous materials have been identified needing additional clarity, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Tracy does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Amended Sections. Sections 9.06.040, 9.06.050, 9.06.060, and 9.06.070 of Title 9 (Fire Protection and Prevention) of the Tracy Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

9.06.040 - Authority Having Jurisdiction.

The South San Joaquin County Fire Authority shall be the Authority Having Jurisdiction for all fire protection matters within the City of Tracy. This shall include the enforcement of building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal as stated in the California Fire Code, Division I, California Administration, Section 1.11 and the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of the City Fire Code.

9.06.050 - Penalty provisions.

The California Fire Code subsection 110.4 is amended to read as follows: 110.4 Violations Penalties. Violations of this Chapter shall be enforced by the City of Tracy and the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority in accordance with the provisions of City of Tracy Municipal Code Section 9.02.050.

9.06.060 - Appeals.

Any person aggrieved by any decision of the fire code official, may appeal to the Board of Appeals, by filing a written notice of appeal with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days from the date the decision or action was taken.

9.06.070 - Amendments to the California Fire Code.

The City of Tracy hereby makes the following local amendments to the California Fire Code:

CHAPTER 1

Section 103.2 Appointment, is hereby repealed in its entirety as it purports to give vested employment rights different than currently exists for the fire code official.

Section 105.2.3 is amended to read as follows:

Section 105.2.3 Time limitation of application. An application for a permit for any proposed work shall be deemed to have been abandoned 180 days after the date of filing, unless such application has been pursued in good faith or a permit has been issued; except that the fire code official is authorized to grant one or more extensions of time for additional periods not exceeding 180 days each. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated. However, at the discretion of the fire code official, an application shall not be extended more than two times if this code or any other pertinent code, law or ordinance has been adopted subsequent to the date of application.

A new application shall be submitted and corresponding fees shall be paid when an application for a permit has expired.

Section 105.3.2 is amended to read as follows:

Section 105.3.2 Extensions. Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work on the site authorized by such permit is commenced within 12 months after its issuance, or if the work authorized on the site by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time the work is commenced. The building official is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of time, for periods not more than 180 days each. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated. However, at the discretion of the building official, a permit shall not be extended more than two times if this code or any other pertinent code, law or ordinance has been adopted subsequent to the date of application. A new permit shall be obtained and corresponding fees shall be paid when a permit has expired."

Section 105 is amended by adding subsection 105.6.50.1 to read as follows:

Section 105.6.50.1 Christmas tree lots, haunted house or corn maze. An operational permit is required to operate a temporary or permanent operation.

Section 106 is amended by adding subsection 106.2.3 to read as follows:

106.2.3 Reinspection Fee. A reinspection fee may be assessed for each inspection, test, or reinspection when such portion of work for which an inspection is requested is not complete or when corrections requested to be inspected are not made. This section is not to be interpreted as requiring reinspection fees the first time an inspection or test is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of the code, but as controlling the practice of requesting inspections/tests before the job is ready for such inspection or test. Reinspection fees may be assessed when the approved plans are not readily available to the inspector, for failure to provide access on the date for which the inspection/test is requested, failure for those individuals conducting the test to show up at the scheduled time or deviating from the approved plans. The fee shall be equal to all incurred costs for inspection and administrative staff at the fully burdened rate.

CHAPTER 2

Section 202 subsection FALSE ALARM is amended to read as follows:

FALSE ALARM shall mean the giving, signaling or transmission to any public fire station or company or to any officer or employee thereof, whether by telephone, spoken word or otherwise, information to the effect that there is a fire, medical emergency, rescue request, or other need for emergency service at or near the place indicated by the person giving, signaling, or transmitting such information, and there is found to be no need for emergency services.

CHAPTER 3

Section 315 is amended by adding section 315.7.8 to read as follows:

Section 315.7.8 Outside storage of pallets, palletized packing boxes, bin boxes and other combustibles.

Section 315.7.8.1 Operational permit required. An operational permit shall be obtained to store pallets, palletized packing boxes, bin boxes and other combustible materials in excess of 2500 cubic feet.

Section 315.7.8.2 Height

Pallets, palletized packing boxes, bin boxes and other combustible materials shall be stored or piled with due regard to stability but in no case greater than 15 feet in height.

Exception: Bin boxes may be stacked to a maximum height of 20 feet.

Section 315.7.8.3 Proximity to other combustible yard storage

Pallets, palletized packing boxes and bin boxes shall be stored within the limitations to other combustible yard storage as per Table 315.7.8.3 (a). The distance of stacked pallets, palletized packing boxes or bin boxes adjacent to buildings on the same lot shall comply with Table 315.7.8.3 (b).

Table 315.7.8.3 (a)

Minimum distance of piled storage to other combustible yard storage

Table 315. 7. 8. 3 (a)

Minimum distance of piled storage to other combustible yard storage

<u># of Pallets Bins or of Pallets, Bins or Boxes</u>	<u>Min. Ft.</u>
>50	20 Feet
50- 200	30 Feet
>200	50 Feet

Table 315. 7. 8. 3 (b)

Minimum distance of piled or combustible storage to buildings

<u>Building Wall Construction</u>	<u># of Pallets, Bins or Boxes</u>
	50 50- 200 1> 200
Masonry without openings	0 ft. 0 ft 15 ft.
Wood or metal With outside sprinklers	110 ft. 20 ft 130 ft
Wood, Metal or Masonry W/O sprinklers	20 ft. 30 ft. 50 ft.

Section 315.7.8.4 Proximity to property line

Where pallets, palletized packing boxes, bin boxes or other combustibles are piled or stored adjacent to a property line, the distance from such storage or pile shall not be less than 20 feet to the property line.

Section 315.7.8.5 Fire access

Fire access driveways between and around pallets, palletized packing boxes, bin boxes or other combustibles shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width and maintained free from accumulation of rubbish, weeds, machinery, equipment or other obstructions that may block access or add to the fire hazard. Driveways shall be spaced so as to establish a

maximum grid of storage not to exceed 50 feet by 50 feet and no pile shall exceed 2500 square feet in dimension or more than 50 feet in any one dimension. An approved turning radius around such piles shall be maintained at all times.

Section 315.7.8.6 Fencing

Outside storage of pallets, palletized packing boxes, bin boxes or other combustibles operating under a permit shall be enclosed by a suitable fence not less than 6 feet in height.

Section 315.7.8.7 Water Supply

An approved water supply and hydrants capable of supplying the required fire flow shall be provided within 400 feet or all portions of the storage area in accordance with section 507 of the 2019 California Fire Code or NFPA 1142 (where municipal water supplies are not available).

CHAPTER 4

Section 401.5 is amended by adding subsection 401.5.1 Cost to read as follows:

Section 401.5.1 Cost recovery. All costs incurred by the City to any response to a false alarm will be charged to that person, property owner, firm or corporation causing the transmission of the false alarm.

CHAPTER 5

Section 503.6 is amended to read as follows:

Section 503.6 Security gates. The installation of security gates across a fire apparatus access road shall require, prior to installation, approval by the fire code official. Where security gates are installed they shall have an approved means of emergency operation. The security gates and the emergency operation shall be maintained operational at all times. All electrically operated automatic gates across fire apparatus access roads shall be equipped with traffic preempting optical signal receivers compatible with the emitters utilized by the Fire Department, which will activate the gate and override all command functions of the gate controller. Knox Switches shall be provided at automatic gates. The traffic preemptive optical signal receiver and key switch shall be provided on both sides of an automatic access gate where an exit loop is not provided. The automatic gate shall have a battery backup or manual mechanical disconnect readily accessible to emergency personnel in case of power failure. All gates must meet Fire Department standards deemed necessary by the fire code official for rapid, reliable access. Electric gate operators, where provided, shall be listed in accordance with UL 325. Gates intended for automatic operation shall be designed, constructed and installed to comply with the requirements of ASTM F 2200. All manual gates shall be equipped with a Knox-Box containing a key to the gate, or an approved Knox-Padlock.

Section 505.1 is amended to read as follows:

Section 505.1 Address Identification. New and existing buildings shall be provided and maintained with approved address identification. The identification shall comply with all of the following:

1. Not less than 4" high with a 1/2" stroke width
2. Located minimum of 6' above grade
3. Illuminated at night. Illumination shall be either internally or externally at an intensity of 5.0 foot-candles
4. Numbers shall contrast with the background.
5. Numbers shall be placed on a portion of the building that is both legible and visible from the street that fronts the property
6. Numbers shall not be placed on a moveable door and shall not be obstructed from view from the street.
7. Addresses shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters and conventional in form

Additionally, where access is by means of a private road and/or the building address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other approved sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. Where required by the fire code official, address numbers/figures shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response.

Multiple tenant spaces serviced by vehicular access to the rear of the building through any driveway, alleyway, or parking lot shall have numbers or addresses placed prior to occupancy on all new and existing buildings as to be plainly visible and legible from the rear access way.

Multiple tenant spaces serviced by rear access through a corridor, exit court, or exit yard shall have approved numbers or addresses displayed on the rear of the tenant space.

Multiple tenant spaces that front on interior walkways or pedestrian malls shall have approved numbers or addresses placed over the entrance door in all new and existing buildings. An illuminated annunciator or directory board shall be required at every entrance where deemed necessary by the fire code official.

Section 506.1 is amended to read as follows:

Section 506.1 Where required. Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life safety or firefighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box in which all keys necessary for entering any portion of the property, building or area shall be contained. The key box shall be manufactured by Knox (listed in accordance with UL 1037) and as a minimum size, shall be a Knox-Box 3200 series box with exterior dimensions of 5"x4"x3 3/4". Larger boxes will be required dependent upon the number of

keys to be set within the box. The Knox-Box shall be installed at a height of 72" above finished grade in an accessible location approved by the fire code official. Keys within the box shall be permanently and readily identified.

Section 506 is amended by adding subsection 506.3 to read as follows:

Section 506.3 Hazardous materials management plan box. When a facility stores or uses hazardous materials, the fire code official may require the installation of a secured box manufactured by KNOX and located at the facilities primary entrance or fire control room. The plan box shall contain up-to-date hazardous materials inventory sheets (HMIS) of all of the hazardous materials stored or used within the facility, hazardous materials management plan (HMMP) and contact information of the company liaison to the fire department. The plan box shall be water proof and of sufficient size to contain HMMP and HMIS information without the need to fold the documentation.

Section 509 is amended by adding subsection 509.3 to read as follows:

509.3 Fire Control Room. All new buildings protected with an automatic fire extinguishing system shall be provided with a Fire Control Room in which shall contain system control valves and where practical, fire alarm panel, smoke exhaust controls and all other equipment (excluding fire pump) as designated by the fire code official. If the electrical power equipment is not located within the Fire Control Room, then, it shall be located in a room immediately adjacent thereto or as approved by the fire code official. The fire control room shall be located so as to be directly accessible from the exterior of the building and provided with a durable and permanent sign on the exterior of the access door to identify the space as the fire control room.

CHAPTER 9

Section 903 is amended by adding subsection 903.2.20 to read as follows:

Section 903.2.20 Automatic fire sprinklers. In addition to the requirements specified in Section 903 of this code, an automatic fire sprinkler system shall be installed throughout and maintained in operable condition in the following buildings:

1. Every building hereafter constructed in which the total area of the building is greater than 6,000 square feet including overhangs.
2. Every building hereafter constructed of three or more stories in height as defined in the building code.
3. Every building hereafter remodeled or improved within a three-year period of time when the cost of improvements (alterations and/or structural repairs to the building) requiring permits exceeds a valuation threshold as specified below and the total area of the building exceeds 6,000 square feet.

The calculation is determined using a valuation threshold of \$100,000 based on the 1985 "ENR US20 Cities" Average Construction Cost Index of 4195 adjusted

by area cost factors. The City will annually update the valuation threshold to a current amount based on the increase in the index since the last figure used.

4. Every building hereafter changed in occupancy classification and the total area is greater than 6,000 square feet, and the proposed use is deemed to be more hazardous based on risk analysis by the fire code official.
5. Every building hereafter in which square footage is increased by 50% or more within a three-year period and the total square footage of the building exceeds 6000 square feet. If the additional square footage added to a building creates a total that exceeds the minimum code requirement for sprinklers for that occupancy type, then automatic sprinklers shall be required.
6. (Exception) Minor additions; not greater than 500 square feet in area to existing non-sprinklered buildings and the purpose of the addition is for accessory storage or disabled access upgrades.

Section 912.5 is amended to read as follows:

Section 912.5 Signs. A metal sign with raised letters at least 1 inch (25 mm) in size shall be mounted on all fire department connections serving automatic sprinklers, standpipes or fire pump connections. Such signs shall read: AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS or STANDPIPES or TEST CONNECTION or a combination thereof as applicable. Where the fire department connection serves a portion of a building or a specific building among multiple buildings a sign shall be provided to reflect the appropriate building or portion of a building served.

Section 913 is amended by adding the following text to the end of the section:

Section 913.7 Meters and testing devices. Where fire pumps are provided, they shall have a test loop installed in accordance with the applicable portions of NFPA 20 Section 4.21.2.

CHAPTER 11

Section 1103.2 amended to read as follows:

Section 1103.2 Emergency responder radio coverage in existing buildings. Existing buildings that do not have approved radio coverage for emergency responders within the building based upon the existing coverage levels of the public safety communication systems of the jurisdiction shall be equipped with such coverage when any of the following conditions apply:

1. Where the use or occupancy group of the building has been changed and the use or occupancy is more hazardous.
2. Where the addition of metal racking systems, equipment, or interior walls utilizing metal, masonry or concrete materials that interfere with emergency responder radio coverage within the building as noted below:
 - a. Where multiple tenant spaces exist within a single structure, only the tenant

space where improvements are made that trigger radio coverage shall have radio coverage. The improvements made to provide adequate radio coverage shall be designed, however, to have the capability to expand indoor radio coverage to all other areas of the building by adding cable and antennas if needed for subsequent improvements in these other areas of the building. Survivability of the cable pathway and "junction" locations between tenant spaces shall be addressed.

- b. New metal racks (including required aisle and flue space) or equipment installed that increase existing metal racks (including required aisle and flue space) or equipment by 40% or greater of tenant spaces up to 100,000 square feet, 35% or greater of tenant spaces up to 400,000 square feet and 25% or greater of tenant spaces greater than 400,000 square feet shall require radio coverage.
 - c. New metal racks (including required aisles and flue spaces) or equipment that cover 30% or greater area of the tenant space where no such improvements previously existed shall require radio coverage in tenant spaces up to 100,000 square feet; 25% or greater of tenant spaces up to 400,000 square feet and 20% or greater of tenant spaces greater than 400,000 square feet.
 - d. New masonry or concrete walls and elevated floor/ceilings and metal-framed walls or floor/ceilings installed that increase existing masonry or concrete walls and elevated floor/ceilings and metal-framed walls and floor/ceilings (area calculation) by 40% or greater of tenant spaces up to 100,000 square feet, 35% or greater of tenant spaces up to 400,000 square feet and 25% or greater of tenant spaces more than 400,000 square feet shall require radio coverage.
 - e. New masonry or concrete walls and elevated floor/ceilings and metal-framed walls or floor/ceilings installed that cover 30% or greater area of the tenant space (area calculation) where no such improvements previously existed shall require radio coverage in tenant spaces up to 100,000 square feet, 25% or greater of tenant spaces up to 400,000 square feet and 20% or greater of tenant spaces more than 400,000 square feet.
3. Every building hereafter in which square footage of the building is increased by 50% or more within a three-year period and the total square footage of the building exceeds 10,000 square feet.

Exception: 1). Group R Division 3 Occupancies and buildings constructed entirely of structural members made of wood.

Chapter 57

Section 5704.2.9.6.1 is amended to include the geographical areas such storage is prohibited:

All LOR, MOR, HOR, MDC, RMH, LOR-TH, MOR-TH, HOR-TH, and residential portions of both ESP and PUD zoning designations as identified by Title 10 of the City of Tracy Municipal Code;

- Exception: Above ground tanks located at public safety facilities.

Section 5706.2.4.4 is amended to include the geographical areas such storage is prohibited:

All LOR, MOR, HOR, MDC, RMH, LOR-TH, MOR-TH, HOR-TH, and residential portions of both ESP and PUD zoning designations as identified by Title 10 of the City of Tracy Municipal Code

Chapter 58

Section 5806.2 is amended to include the geographical areas such storage is prohibited:

All LOR, MOR, HOR, MDC, RMH, LOR-TH, MOR-TH, HOR-TH, and residential portions of both ESP and PUD zoning designations as identified by Title 10 of the City of Tracy Municipal Code

Chapter 61

Section 6104.2 is amended to include the geographical areas restricting the storage of liquefied petroleum gas:

The incorporated boundary within the City of Tracy.

APPENDIX B

Section B105.2 is amended by adding the following text to the end of the section:

Exception:

5. A maximum reduction in required fire-flow of up to 50 percent, as approved by the fire code official, is allowed when the building is provided with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2 as opposed to the 75% reduction values given for minimum fire flows in Table B1105.2. A reduction in required fire-flow of up to 75 percent, as approved by the fire code official, is allowed for warehouse buildings of Type I, Type II, and Type III construction provided with ESFR automatic fire sprinkler systems. The resulting fire-flow for any of these reductions shall not be less than 1500 gallons per minute for the prescribed duration according to Table B105.1(2). Reduction of fire-flow applies to the fire hydrants requirements as specified in Appendix C.

APPENDIX BB

Section B8105.1 and Exception is amended to read as follows:

Section B8105.1 The minimum fire-flow and flow duration for school buildings shall be as specified in Table B8105.1.

Exception: A reduction in required fire flow of up to 50 percent is allowed when the building is provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system. When a reduction in fire flow is used, fire flow shall not be less than 1500 gallons per minute for the prescribed duration as specified in Table B8105.1. Reduction of fire-flow applies to the fire hydrants requirements as specified in Appendix CC.

APPENDIX C

Appendix C is amended by adding section C106 to read as follows:

Section C106 Hydrant type. The fire code official shall approve the type of fire hydrants to be installed in the public right of way or on private property prior to any such installation.

Table C102.1 Number and Distribution of Fire Hydrants, footnote "b" is repealed and amended to read as follows:

Table C102.1 footnote "b"

b. Where streets are provided with median dividers that make access to hydrants difficult, cause time delay, or create undue hazard or both, or where arterial streets are provided with four or more traffic lanes, hydrant spacing shall average 500 feet on each side of the street and be arranged on an alternating basis.

APPENDIX CC

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SECTION 2: Title, chapter, and section headings contained herein shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify, or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions of any title, chapter, or section hereof.

SECTION 3: If any provision or the application of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each subsection or provision of this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed and the balance of the Ordinance enforced.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage and adoption.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall either (1) be published once in a newspaper of general circulation, within 15 days after its final adoption, or (2) be published in summary form and posted in the City Clerk's office at least five days before the ordinance is adopted and within 15 days after adoption, with the names of the Council Members voting for and against the ordinance. (Gov't. Code §36933.)

The foregoing Ordinance 1304 was introduced at a regular meeting of the Tracy City Council on the 2nd day of February 2021, and finally adopted on the 16th day of February, 2021, by the following vote:

SIGNED: Nancy D. Young, Mayor

ATTESTED: Adrienne Richardson, City Clerk

