

First Reading: December 13, 2022
Second Reading: December 20, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 13930

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 17, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND CERTAIN APPENDICES AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL FIRE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED OCCUPANCIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 17, Article I, Section 17-1, is amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 17-1. – Fire Code and Life Safety Code adopted.

The 2018 edition of the International Fire Code published by the International Code Council (“2018 International Fire Code”), including all referenced standards and publications specified therein at Chapter 80, as amended in this chapter, is hereby adopted as the official fire code of the City of Chattanooga (“Fire Code”). In addition, for state buildings, educational occupancies, and any other occupancy requiring an inspection by the State Fire Marshal for initial licensure, the 2018 edition of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code published by the National Fire Protection Association (“2018 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code”) is hereby adopted. One (1) copy each of the 2018 International Fire Code and the 2018 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code are on file, and have been on file for more than fifteen (15) days, in the Office of the City Council Clerk.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 17, Article I, Section 17-2, is amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 17-2. – Appendices to Code adopted.

The following appendices to the 2018 International Fire Code, as amended in this chapter, are hereby adopted as part of the City's Fire Code:

Appendix B – Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings
Appendix C – Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution
Appendix D – Fire Apparatus Access Roads
Appendix E – Hazard Categories
Appendix F – Hazard Ranking
Appendix G – Cryogenic Fluids – Weight and Volume Equivalents
Appendix H – Hazardous Materials Management Plan (HMMP) and Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement (HMIS)
Appendix I – Fire Protection Systems – Noncompliant Conditions

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 17, Article I, Section 17-3, is amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 17-3. – Amendments to Code adopted.

The following provisions of the 2018 International Fire Code are hereby amended as follows and made a part of the City's Fire Code:

- (1) Sections 109.1, 109.2, and 109.3 are amended by deleting said sections in their entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

109.1 Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals. The Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals for all of the adopted building codes of the City of Chattanooga, as established by Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Section 2-625, shall act as the board to hear appeals from any decision of the Fire Marshal or their designee and to consider variances to the Fire Codes as adopted by the City.

- (2) Section 1103.5.1 is amended by deleting said section in its entirety.
- (3) Appendix D, Section D103.6.1 is amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

D103.6.1 Roads 22 feet to 26 feet in width. All fire access roads shall be at least 22 feet in width with wider areas for hydrants and designated parking areas which shall be approved by the City Engineer. Designated pull-offs of 8 feet in width shall be approved by the City Engineer on any

streets less than 24 feet in width. Fire access roads 22 feet to 26 feet in width shall be posted on both sides as a fire lane.

- (4) Appendix D, Sections D106 and D107 are amended by deleting said sections in their entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

D106- Developments requiring more than one access road. All residential or multiple-family residential developments shall be provided with at least two (2) separate and approved fire access roads that meet the International Fire Code, 2018 Edition D107.2 Remoteness requirement, whenever any development project has more than 199 dwelling units, regardless of whether the dwelling units are equipped with an approved automatic sprinkler system.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its passage, but the Fire Marshal shall have discretion to accept drawings and designs based upon the 2012 International Fire Code and 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and the amendments to those codes adopted by the City Council upon a showing of significant financial effect upon existing projects submitted up to and including February 28, 2023.

Passed on second and final reading: December 20, 2022

CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED:____ DISAPPROVED:____

MAYOR

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