



City of Columbus Legislation Report

Office of City Clerk
90 West Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215-9015
columbuscitycouncil.org

File Number: 2857-2025

30 Day

File ID: 2857-2025

Type: Ordinance

Status: Passed

Version: 1

***Committee:** Rules & Policy Committee

File Name: Code Change- Section 2509.11 Electric Fire Pump
Installation

File Created: 10/16/2025

Final Action: 11/19/2025

Auditor Cert #:

Auditor: When assigned an Auditor Certificate Number I , the City Auditor, hereby certify that there is in the treasury, or anticipate to come into the treasury, and not appropriated for any other purpose, the amount of money specified hereon, to pay the within Ordinance.

Contact Name/No.: Trisha Wentzel 5-6712

Floor Action (Clerk's Office Only)

Mayor's Action

Council Action

Mayor

Date

Date Passed/ Adopted

President of Council

Veto

Date

City Clerk

Title:

To amend Chapter 2509 of the Columbus City Codes to enact Section 2509.11 to establish the requirement for an emergency power supply when an electric motor-driven fire pump is installed within a structure. (\$0.00)

Sponsors: Emmanuel V. Remy

Attachments: 2857-2025 Code Change Form - 2509.11.docx, 2857
-2025 Proposed Section 2509.11 FINAL.docx

Related Files:

Approval History

Version	Seq #	Action Date	Approver	Action	Due Date
1	1	10/20/2025	SAFETY DIRECTOR	Approved	10/17/2025
1	2	10/20/2025	AUDITOR APPROVER	Approved	10/21/2025
Notes: MNK/bam					
1	3	10/22/2025	ATTORNEY APPROVER	Approved	10/21/2025
Notes: Inb					

History of Legislative File

Ver.	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Columbus City Council	11/03/2025	Read for the First Time				
1	Columbus City Council	11/17/2025	Approved				Pass
1	COUNCIL PRESIDENT	11/17/2025	Signed				
1	MAYOR	11/18/2025	Signed				
1	CITY CLERK	11/19/2025	Attest				

ODI: Following the review and approval, when required, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion certifies compliance with Title 39 as of date listed.

City Attorney: Following review and approval, when required, this ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office as to its form and legality only.

Explanation:

This ordinance establishes a proactive fire protection measure to ensure an electric motor-driven fire pump has an emergency power supply in the event the primary electrical supply fails. The emergency power supply ensures the electric motor-driven fire pump continues to operate in the event of an interruption in electrical power during a fire. This code is needed to ensure a reliable supply of electric power for electric motor-driven fire pumps for multi-story, wood frame residential structures in the event the primary source of electricity fails. Fire pumps increase water pressure and flow from municipal water sources or water tanks to a fire suppression system, such as sprinklers, to ensure the system effectively suppresses the fire. As water travels higher within a building and as sprinkler heads flow water during a fire, the water pressure within the system decreases. When the pressure decreases, the effectiveness of the fire suppression system decreases. An effective and properly functioning fire suppression system prevents the fire from spreading within a building. When the fire suppression system stops the spread of fire, the system provides additional time for occupants to escape a building and creates time for fire fighters to enter a structure, rescue and assist occupant evacuation, and complete extinguishing the fire. An electric motor-driven fire pump generally relies on the building’s electrical power to function. If the electrical power ceases-because of a general power outage or the fire interrupts power -then the fire pump no longer can maintain the necessary water pressure and flow for the fire suppression system to function.

..Fiscal Impact:

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the City.

Title:

To amend Chapter 2509 of the Columbus City Codes to enact Section 2509.11 to establish the requirement for an emergency power supply when an electric motor-driven fire pump is installed within a structure. (\$0.00)

Body:

WHEREAS, a mission of the Division of Fire is to serve the community by preventing fires through education and inspection and to minimize injury, death, and property destruction due to fire; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire has identified a fire prevention need to ensure that fire suppression systems properly function in the event of a power failure at a building; and

WHEREAS, the addition of Section 2509.11 is necessary to fulfill the Division of Fire’s mission by requiring an emergency power supply when an electric motor-driven fire pump is installed within a building; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to add Section 2509.11 of the Columbus City Codes; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That Section 2509.11 of Chapter 2509 of the Columbus City Codes is hereby enacted as follows:

SEE ATTACHMENT

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

2509.11 Electric Fire Pump installation.

Whenever a building includes the installation of an electric motor-driven fire pump, at least one Emergency Power Supply (EPS) with an energy source as outlined in Section 5.1.1 of NFPA 110, “Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems” or a successor Standard, shall be provided.