

ORIGINAL

ORDINANCE O-05-15A-01

FIRE SPRINKLER CODES

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARDS AS RELATING TO THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ALL NEW MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES AND ALL NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS 2000 SQUARE FEET IN FLOOR SPACE OR GREATER; AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARDS AS RELATING TO THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ALL EXISTING MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES AND ALL EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS 2000 SQUARE FEET IN FLOOR SPACE AND GREATER WHEN THE STRUCTURE IS BEING UPGRADED 20% OR GREATER OF THE BUILDING'S ESTIMATED VALUE, TO PROVIDED FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AND EFFECTIVE DATE

**Section 1
Adoption of Standard Codes**

Whereas it is the desire of the Newton County Board of Commissioners to adopt, in all respects, the various standard codes relating fire sprinkler systems in Multi-family Residential Occupancies and Commercial Buildings 2000 square feet in floor space and greater;

Whereas it is the desire of the Newton County board of Commissioners to apply said Codes to all new Multi-Family Residential Occupancies and Commercial Buildings 2000 square feet and greater and to existing Multi-Family Residential Occupancies and Commercial Buildings 2000 square feet and greater when such structure is being upgraded twenty percent (20%) or greater of the buildings estimated value.

Whereas the adoption of these codes are done to facilitate proper inspection activities by the Newton County Fire Service related to the construction and maintenance of buildings within the fire districts of Newton County.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED BY THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE FOLLOWING CODES ARE HEREBY ADOPTED BY REFERENCE AS THOUGH THEY WERE COPIED HEREIN FULLY AND THAT SAID CODES SHALL ENFORCED IN ALL NEW MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS 2000 SQUARE FEET AND GREATER AND TO EXISTING MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS 2000 SQUARE FEET AND GREATER WHEN SUCH STRUCTURE IS BEING UPGRADED TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OR GREATER OF THE BUILDINGS ESTIMATED VALUE:

NFPA 13: Installation of Sprinkler Systems - 1999 Edition

- A. Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Small Commercial Buildings.
- B. Installation of Sprinkler System in Multi-family Residential Occupancies.
- C. Fire Sprinkler Installer Competency Act.
- D. Reinspection Fee Program
- E. Plan Review Fee Program

**Section II
Enforcement**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that within said Codes when reference is made to the duties of certain officials named therein that designated official of Newton County who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said Codes shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing provisions of said Codes are concerned.

**Section III
Exceptions**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all duplexes, as that term is defined by the Zoning Ordinance of Newton county, shall be excepted from this Ordinance provided they are not served by a public water supply system.

**Section IV
Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of any conflict, repealed.

**Section 4
Effective Date**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be in force and effect beginning the 15th day of May, 2001

SO ORDAINED this the 15th day of May, 2001

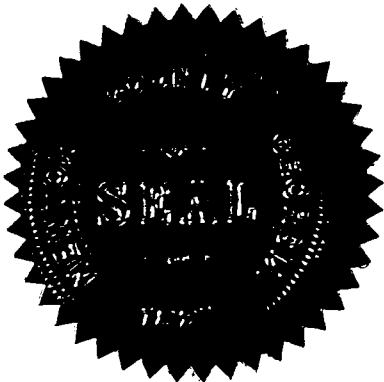


Aaron Varner, Chairman

Attest:



Jackie B. Smith, Clerk



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Chairman stated this ordinance was discussed at the work session for this meeting. He introduced Fire Marshall Johnny Evans inviting him to recap the Sprinkler Ordinance and discussion.

- Johnny Evans commented every 2000 square feet commercial buildings and multi-family units would be sprinkled, with the exception of duplexes that are on the well system in the county.
- Instead of fire doors and firewalls a sprinkler system will be in place.
- Cost savings to developers and homeowners.
- An estimated saving in insurance coverage is 40-60%.
- Commissioner Strickland stated he felt we would not only save dollars, but lives, which is the most important.
- Commissioner Fleming expressed appreciation to Johnny Evans for his insight and planning. He stated things like this brings our county up another level.

Motion: To adopt Newton County Sprinkler Ordinance O-05-15-01 as presented.

Proposed by: Commissioner Ester Fleming, District Three

Second: Commissioner Billy Strickland, District Five

Motion Carried Unanimously

Note: The original resolution is contained in file number O-051501, incorporated herein by reference and expressly made a part of these minutes.