

**ORDINANCE NO. 405**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, AMENDING LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15A.14.030, REGARDING ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Washington State Legislature passed SHB 1734, which in part adopted the International Fire Code (2003 ed.) as promulgated by the International Code Council; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 19.27 of the revised Code of Washington, cities in the State of Washington are responsible for enforcement of the construction and fire codes as adopted by state statute; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood adopted the International Fire Code through City of Lakewood Ordinance No. 347, which was adopted on June 21, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 19.27.020, the state's intent in adopting the International Codes is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the occupants or users of buildings and structures and the general public by providing building codes throughout the state; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 19.27.040, local jurisdictions may amend the International Codes so long as the minimum performance standards announced in RCW 19.27.020 are not diminished; and,

WHEREAS, in consideration of the responsibilities imposed by state law, in the interest of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lakewood while recognizing the unique local circumstances and conditions of the City, it is the intent of the Lakewood City Council to adopt the amendments and modifications to the International Fire Code as set forth in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That section 15A.14.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code is hereby amended, as follows:

15A.14.030 - Additional Provisions to the International Fire Code

In addition to the provisions of the International Fire [Code](#), pursuant to Chapter 15A.14 of the City Code, the following provisions shall be a part of the City's International Fire Code:

A. Amend 101.1 Title to read:

These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the City of Lakewood, hereinafter referred to as "this code".

B. Delete Section 103.1 and replace with the following:

General. There is hereby established a Fire Prevention Division with the Fire Department, under the direction of the Fire Chief. The function of the Fire Prevention Division shall be to assist the Fire Chief in the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Lakewood Fire Code. The Fire Chief shall appoint an authorized representative shall be known as the Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal shall be appointed and discharged by the Fire Chief with the approval of the Fire Commissioners. Selection of the Fire Marshal shall be on the basis of proper qualification.

C. Add Section 104.1.2 to read:

Coordination with other departments. When requested and authorized to do so by the fire code official, the chief of police may assign such available police officers and the code compliance supervisor may assign such available code compliance officers as may be necessary to assist the community development department and/or the fire department in enforcing provisions of this code.

D. Add Section 104.1.3 to read:

Inspection authority. The fire code official and members of the fire prevention bureau have limited police powers for the purpose of enforcing the International Fire Code. Such powers shall include the ability to issue verbal and written notices of violation, to determine appropriate times within which violations shall be removed or repaired, to issue infraction and criminal citations for violations of the International Fire Code and all applicable state and local fire regulations, and to enter, as necessary, buildings and premises for the purposes of inspection as necessary to and as described within the International Fire Code.

E. Add Section 104.1.4 Special limited commissions to read:

Special limited commission. The scope of the special limited commission herein shall not grant the fire code official or any member of the fire prevention bureau any power of arrest and this special limited commission shall not grant any

member of the fire prevention bureau authority to carry firearms or other weapons while conducting activities related to enforcement of the International Fire Code. Fire prevention personnel shall, however, be authorized to carry and use chemical defensive weapons.

- F. Delete Section 104.6 Official records and replace with the following:

Official records. The fire code official, as authorized, shall maintain official records as required by this section for a minimum period of time as required by the laws of the state of Washington.

- G. Delete Section 105.1.1 Permits required and replace with the following:

Permits required. Permits required by this code shall be obtained from the fire code official. Permit fees, if any, shall be paid at the time of application for permit. Permits are not issued until the fire code official has approved the permit and a copy of the permit and approved plans are in the possession of the person or company applying for said permit. Issued permits and approved plans shall be kept on the premises designated therein at all times and shall be readily available for inspection.

- ~~H.~~ ~~Delete Item No. 2, Section 105.1.2 construction permit.~~

- I. H Add Section 105.1.4 to read:

Working without a permit. Any person working without a permit shall be liable to a fee of two (2) times the appropriate amount as identified and set forth in the City's Master Fee Schedule. Working without a permit shall include not having plans approved by the fire department on site or not having a copy of the permit regulating such trade on site.

- J. I Add Section 105.1.5 as follows:

Non-profit organizations. Operational permits submitted by non-profit organizations will be charged fifty percent of fees. Non-profit organizations are organizations that have established a non-profit exemption from the Internal Revenue Service.

- K. J Delete Section 105.4 and replace with the following:

Construction documents. Construction documents for fire protection systems shall be in accordance with this section.

- L. K Delete Section 105.4.1 and replace with the following:

Submittals. Submittals are required for the following fire protection systems:

1. Fire sprinkler systems with ~~10~~three (3) or more sprinklers installed or a tenant improvement.
2. Fire alarm systems with five or more devices installed or a tenant improvement.
3. Underground fire mains for all installations except where underground piping that serves both fire and domestic purposes (such as to an apartment building sprinkling system) and does not have a fire department connection attached.
4. Gaseous suppression systems with one or more nozzles installed.
5. Standpipe systems with one or more risers installed.

| LM Delete Section 105.6.13.

| MN. Delete Section 105.6.16.

| NO. Add Section 105.6.48 to read:

105.6.48 Special operational permit. The fire code official is authorized to require and issue a special operational permit for any operation not listed elsewhere in this section if it is determined by the fire code official that an operation has the potential for presenting a hazardous condition and should continue only with the ability to track and monitor the situation that a permit will provide.

| OP. Delete Section 105.7 and replace with the following:

105.7 Required construction permits. The fire code official is authorized to issue permits for work as set forth in Sections 105.7.1 through 105.7.12. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to perform installation or tenant finish of any fire protection system without first having obtained a permit from the fire department. Permits shall not be required for maintenance.

Exceptions:

1. Permits shall not be required for installation of tenant finish or fire protection when:
  - 1.1 Not more than ~~ten (10)~~ two (2) -sprinklers are installed or relocated.
  - 1.2 Special agent systems are self-contained and do not require auxiliary controls or piping to operate
2. Underground fire main that serves both fire and domestic purposes (such as to an apartment building sprinkler system) and does not have a fire department connection or fire hydrant(s).

| PE. Add Section 105.8 Fees to read:

105.8 General. Upon application for a construction permit in accordance with Section 105 for fire protection systems, the applicant shall be required to pay all fees associated with the installation or tenant finish work as identified and set forth in the adopted City fee schedule.

| 105.8.1 ~~+~~ Pre-engineered extinguishing systems. Construction permit fees for these systems shall be one half of the fees designated in the adopted fee schedule for “Other Suppression Systems.”

105.8.2 Penalty. Fees specified in the adopted fee schedule will be doubled if a contractor starts installation or tenant finish work without a valid permit.

105.8.3 Additional plan review. Three (3) sets of original plans shall be submitted for review. An additional plan review fee of \$100 shall be charged to the fire protection system contractor for each additional plan review conducted.

| 105.8.4 ~~+~~ Permit re-inspection fees. All fees must be paid prior to scheduling of re-inspection(s).

| QR. Add Section 106.2.1 to read:

106.2.1 Inspection request. It shall be the duty of the person doing the work authorized by permit to notify the fire department that such work is ready for inspection. The fire code official is authorized to require that every request for inspection be filled not less than two (2) working days before such inspection is desired. It shall be the duty of the person requesting any inspection to provide access to and means for proper inspection of such work.

106.2.2 Partial inspections. The Fire Department shall not perform inspection on partial systems unless approved by the fire code official.

| RS. Delete Section 202 False Alarm and replace with:

202 False alarm. A false alarm is defined as an alarm which causes the emergency response by the fire department and which is initiated by one of the following:

1. A fire alarm system malfunction.
2. Improper maintenance of a fire alarm or an automatic fire suppression system.
3. Improper use or misuse of a fire alarm system or an automatic fire suppression system.
4. Damage to a fire alarm system or automatic fire suppression system due to carelessness while performing other procedure in the building.

5. The initiation of a fire alarm system during construction, painting, or other procedure in which care should have been taken to protect initiating devices from sending a false signal.

| ST. Add Section 401.3.1.1 to read:

401.3.1.1 False alarm complaints. False alarm complaints will be filed with the Fire Prevention Bureau by either the responding fire companies or by Fire Communication Center whenever it is noticed that more than two false alarms have occurred at the same address during any twelve month period. The complaint should include incident number, date, time, and nature of each call to the address being referenced.

401.3.2.2 Notification. Upon receiving a false alarm complaint, a member of the Fire Prevention Bureau will verify the validity of the complaint. The owner or manager of the premises in question will then be issued a written notice to take measures to correct any problem that may be causing the false alarms. The notice will state that future false alarms at the referenced address, which occur within twelve months of the original complaint, will cause the owner or manager of the establishment to be invoiced in accordance with Section 401.3.1.4, Fees.

401.3.1.3 Invoice for false alarms. A member of the Fire Prevention Bureau will deliver an invoice to any establishment for all reported false alarms which occur after the written notification in accordance with Section 401.3.1.2 is issued, and which occur before a period of twelve months has passed since the written notification. The invoice will be accordance with Section 401.3.1.4, Fees.

401.3.1.4 Fees. A fee will be assessed for each false alarm reported to the Fire Prevention Bureau after written notification is issued in accordance with Section 401.3.1.2. The amount of the fee shall be set forth in the City's Fee Schedule.

| TU. Add Section 408.2.3 to read:

408.2.3 Crowd management. All assembly occupancies exceeding 150 occupants shall have ~~a~~ personnel trained in accordance with 406.3 assigned as crowd control managers. The ratio of ~~one~~ crowd control managers shall be one manager for every 150 occupants.

| UV. Delete Section 408.3.2 and replace with:

408.3.2 Documentation. The operator of premises housing an educational occupancy shall maintain a written report of each fire drill in the office of the operator of the premises and, when requested, provide the fire code official with a copy of the written report of each drill.

| VW. Add Section 408.3.5 to read:

408.3.5 Matter of drill. The operator of the premises housing an educational occupancy shall conduct fire drills in the matter that will affect all students to immediately leave the structure upon hearing the fire drill signal. A roll call by class shall be conducted outside the structure and doors are to be closed as each area is evacuated.

WX. Add Section 503.1.2.1 to read:

Buildings more than 55 feet in height. A building which is more than fifty-five (55) feet in height shall be accessible by a dedicated street or fire apparatus access road that is not less than fifteen (15) feet nor more than twenty-five (25) feet from the inside curb to the building face along at least one-half of the length of two sides of the building.

X. Add Section 503.2.1 to read as follows:

503.2.1 Dimensions. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 24 feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches (13' 6"). If parking of automobiles is allowed on the access road, then the road widths shall not be less than 28 feet if parking is allowed on one side and not less than 36 feet if parking is allowed on both sides of the access road.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Vertical clearance may be reduced; provided such reduction does not impair access by fire apparatus and approved signs are installed and maintained indicating the established vertical clearance when approved by the Fire Code Official.
2. For access roads serving no more than two single family dwellings or one duplex dwelling the width of the access road may be reduced to 15 feet. Where the access road turns, a wider width shall be provided to allow for the turning radius of fire apparatus as the same shall be approved by the Fire Code Official.

503.2.1.1 Required access roadways shall be 30 feet in width within 20 feet of any fire hydrant along the access roadway and within the immediate vicinity of any structure over 35 feet in height. When access roadways are provided for structures that are in excess of 35 feet in height the roadway shall be located no closer to the structure than 15 feet and no further from the structure than 25 feet away.

Y. Delete Section 503.2.3 and replace with the following:

503.2.3 Surface. Fire apparatus roads shall be either asphalt or reinforced concrete, a minimum of two inches (2”) thick, or other material approved during plan review. Fire apparatus access roads shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of fire apparatus and shall be provided with a surface so as to provide all-weather driving capabilities.

ZY. Change Section 503.3 to read:

503.3 Marking. Approved striping and signs shall be provided and maintained for fire apparatus roads to identify such roads and prohibit the obstruction thereof. Signs and striping shall be maintained in a clean and legible condition at all times and be replaced or repaired when necessary to provide adequate visibility.

1. Striping. Painted lines of red traffic paint shall mark fire apparatus access six (6) inches in width to show the boundaries of the lane. The words “NO PARKING FIRE LANE” shall appear in four (4) inches of white letters at 25 feet intervals on the red boarder markings along both sides of the fire lanes. Where a curb is available, the striping shall be on the vertical face of the curb.
2. Signs. Shall read “NO PARKING FIRE LANE” and shall be twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches high. The signs shall have letters and background of contrasting colors, readily legible from a 50-foot distance. Signs shall be permanently affixed to a stationery post and bottom of the sign shall be six feet, six inches (6’6”) above finished grade. Signs shall be spaced not more than fifty (50) feet apart. Signs may be installed on permanent buildings or walls or as approved by the code official.

AA. Add Section 503.6.1 to read:

503.6.1 Opticom activation system. Electronically operated gates shall be activated automatically using opticom activation system or an equivalent automated system.

EXCEPTION: Gates across access roads serving less than 10 dwellings may be opened by an approved key operated electronic switch.

All electronically activated gates will have default capabilities to the unlocked position. The minimum clear width of the gate shall be the same as the required width of the fire apparatus access road. Gates locked and maneuvered manually shall be provided with an approved rapid enter system. Chains across roadways shall be provided with an approved rapid entry system. Reflective devices shall be installed on all chains across roadways.



BBZ. Delete Section 505.1 and replace with the following:

Address Numbers. Approved numbers or addresses shall be placed on all new and existing buildings and private driveways or roadways leading to buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the public street or road fronting the property. Numbers shall contrast with their background and be ~~of sufficient sized as follows: -to be seen by emergency responders from the public street where a private driveway or building access is located. Street signs shall conform to city engineering standards and be provided at all public and private roads as designated by the fire code official. When required the code official, premises identification shall also be placed on the rear access to a structure or unit.~~ Numbers shall be a minimum of four (4) inches high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches.

1. For residential or individual apartment units the numbers shall be a minimum of four (4) inches high with minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches.
2. For commercial or industrial uses, including apartment complexes, address numbers shall conform to the following:

<u>Setback from main road</u>	<u>Number or letter size</u>
<u>25 feet or less</u>	<u>4 inches</u>
<u>26 to 50 feet</u>	<u>6 inches</u>
<u>51 to 150 feet</u>	<u>12 inches</u>
<u>150 feet and over</u>	<u>18 inches</u>

CCAA. Delete Section 508.5.1 and replace with the following:

Required installations. All fire hydrants shall be accessible to the fire department apparatus by roadways meeting the requirements of Section 503.

Fire hydrants shall be installed in accordance with the following criteria:

- For all R-3, R-4 and Group U Occupancies, fire hydrants shall be installed such that there is not more than 700 feet (350 foot radius) of space between hydrants along a direct horizontal line.
- For all R-1 and R-2 Occupancies, fire hydrants shall be installed such that there is not more than 700 feet (350 foot radius) of space between hydrants along a direct horizontal line. No point on a building shall exceed a 500-foot hose lay distance using the route of access that fire department personnel would travel between the hydrant and the building.
- For all other land uses (except occupancies mentioned above), hydrant distribution shall be as listed in Appendix C, Table C105.1.
- A fire hydrant shall be installed no more than 100 feet from fire department connections for a standpipe system, and 100 feet from fire department connections for a sprinkler system and/or combined system.

5. All fire hydrants shall be installed at least two (2) feet, but not more than nine (9) feet, from the curb face of a paved street or edge of a designated approved fire access roadway.
6. All hydrant threads must be compatible with those in use by the Lakewood Fire Department and Lakewood Water District. All hydrants shall have a five (5) inch quick release adapter (Storz fitting) installed.
7. Fire hydrants on private property shall be accessible to the fire department at all times.
8. All fire hydrants placed on private property shall be adequately protected by either curb stops of concrete post or other approved methods. Such stops shall be the responsibility of the landowner on which the fire hydrant is installed.
9. Fire hydrants shall be not closer than fifty (50) feet of a structure or one and one half (1 1/2) times the height of the structure.
10. An approved blue, two-sided reflector shall be utilized to identify each hydrant location. The reflector shall be affixed to the centerline of each roadway or fire access lane.

DDBB. Add a second exception to Section 804.1.1 as follows:

1. Trees shall not be prohibited inside private dwelling units of Group R-2 Occupancies.

EECC. Add Section 804.1.4 to read:

804.1.4 Tags. Trees shall bear a tag stating date of placement in public building, type of flame retardant treatment used, name of the person who applied the flame retardant, name of the person affixing the tag and of designated person making the daily test for dryness.

FF. Add Section 702.2 as follows:

702.2 Fire Wall. A “Fire Wall “ as described in section 702 of the International Building Code shall not be considered to separate a building so as to avoid the required automatic fire extinguishing system

GGDD. Delete Section 901.7 and replace with the following:

901.7 Systems out of service. Where a required fire protection system is out of service or in the event of an excessive number of accidental activations, the fire code official shall be notified immediately and, where required by the fire code official, the building shall either be evacuated or an approved fire watch shall be provided for all occupants left unprotected by the shut down until the fire protection system has been returned to service.

Where utilized, fire watches shall be provided with at least one approved means for notification of the fire department and their only duty shall be to perform constant patrols of the protected premises and keep watch for fires.

| ~~HHEE~~. Delete Section 903.2.1 and replace with the following:

903.2.1 Group A. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings and portions thereof. For group A-5 occupancies, the automatic sprinkler system shall be provided in the spaces indicated in Section 903.2.1.5.

| ~~IIFE~~. Delete Section 903.2.1.1 and replace with the following:

903.2.1 Group A-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-1 where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building exceeds 5,000 square feet;
2. The building has an occupant load of 300 or more;
3. The building contains a multi-theater complex.

| ~~JJGG~~. Delete Section 903.2.1.2 and replace with the following:

903.2.1.2 Group A-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-2 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building exceeds 5,000 square feet;
2. The building has an occupant load of 100 or more.

| ~~KKHH~~. Delete Section 903.2.1.3 and replace with the following:

903.2.1.3 Group A-3. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-3 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building exceeds 5,000 square feet;
2. The building has an occupant load of 300 or more.

| ~~LLH~~. Delete Section 903.2.1.4 and replace with the following:

903.2.1.4 Group A-4. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-4 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building exceeds 5,000 square feet;
2. The building has an occupancy load of 300 or more.

| ~~MMJJ~~. Add Section 903.2.1.6 to read:

903.2.1.6 Group B. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group B occupancies as follows:

1. The building exceeds 5,000 square feet.

| ~~NNKK~~ Delete Section 903.2.2 and replace with the following:

903.2.2 Group E. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group E occupancies as follows:

1. The building exceeds 5,000 square feet;
2. Throughout every portion of educational buildings below the level of exit discharge.

| ~~OOLL~~. Delete Section 903.2.3 and replace with the following:

903.2.3 Group F. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group F occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building exceeds 5,000 square feet.

| ~~EXCEPTION~~~~Exception~~: Buildings containing Group F-2 occupancies and with the construction Type IA/IB, Type IIA/IIB, Type IV/V-A or Type IIB/IIIB; the building exceeds 12,000 square feet.

2. Where the Group F occupancy is located more than three stories above grade.

| ~~PPMM~~. Delete Section 903.2.6 and replace with the following:

903.2.6 Group M. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings containing a Group M occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building exceeds 5,000 square feet;
2. Where the Group M is located more than three stories above grade.

| ~~QQNN~~. Add Section 903.2.7.1 as follows:

Licensed Care Group LC. An automatic sprinkler system installing accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group LC occupancy.

EXCEPTION: An automatic sprinkler system need not be installed if the license care facility is licensed for six or fewer clients.

~~RR00~~. Delete Section 903.2.8 and replace with the following:

903.2.8 Group S. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group S occupancy where one of the following conditions exist:

1. The building exceeds 5,000 square feet.

~~EXCEPTION~~~~Exception~~: Buildings containing Group S-2 occupancies and with the construction Type IA/IB, Type IIA/IIB, Type IV/V-A or Type IIB/IIIB; the building exceeds 12,000 square feet, except as provided in Section 903.2.9.

- ~~3.~~ 2. Where a Group S area is located more than three stories above grade.

~~SSPP~~. Delete Section 903.2.8.1 and replace with the following:

903.2.8.1 Repair garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings used as repair garages in accordance with International Building Code, as follows:

1. Building exceeds 5,000 square feet.
2. Buildings with a repair garage servicing vehicles parked in the basement.

~~TTQQ~~. Add Section 903.2.12.3 to read:

903.2.12.3 Spray booths and rooms. New and existing spray booths and spraying rooms shall be protected by an approved automatic fire-extinguishing system.

~~UURR~~. Delete Section 903.3.1.1.1 and replace with the following:

903.3.1.1.1 Exempt locations. Sprinklers shall not be omitted from any room merely because it is damp, of fire-resistance rated construction or contains electrical equipment.

1. Any room where the application of water, or flame and water, constitutes a serious life or fire hazard.
2. Any room or space where sprinklers are considered undesirable because of the nature of the contents, when approved by the fire code official.

3. Generator and transformer rooms separated from the remainder of the building by walls and floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assemblies having a fire-resistance rating of not less than 2 hours.

UU. ~~Delete 903.3.1.2 and replace with the following:~~

~~903.3.1.2 NFPA 13R sprinkler systems. Where allowed, all buildings with more than four units or more than 5,000 square feet of floor area, automatic sprinkler systems shall be installed throughout in accordance with NFPA 13R.~~

VV. Change Section 903.4.2 to read:

903.4.2. Approved audible devices shall be connected to every automatic sprinkler system. Such sprinkler water-flow alarm devices shall be activated by water flow equivalent to the flow of a single sprinkler of the smallest orifice size installed in the system. Alarm devices shall be provided on the exterior of the building in an approved location. An approved audible sprinkler flow alarm to alert the occupants shall be provided in the interior of the building in a normally occupied location.

WWUU. Add Section 907.1.3 to read:

907.1.3 Fire alarm control panel. Information provided by the fire alarm control panel when a signal(s) is/are received from a device or other system equipment shall include the location of the signal(s) in a manner as specific as the fire alarm system allows. The location description of the signal(s) shall be distinct English, not code, providing the location of the device to fire department personnel.

XXVV. Add Section 907.1.4 to read:

907.1.4 Design standards. All alarm systems, new or replacement, serving 50 or more alarm actuating devices, shall be addressable fire detection systems. Alarm systems serving more than 75 smoke detectors or more than 200 total alarm activating devices shall be analog intelligent fire detection systems.

EXCEPTIONS: ~~exceptions;~~

1. Existing systems need not comply unless the total system remodel or expansion initiated after adoption of this code exceeds 30% of the building.
2. When building remodel or expansion exceeds 50%, the building must comply within 18 months of permit application.

YYWW. Delete Section 912.1 and replace with the following:

912.1 Installation. Fire department connections shall be installed in accordance with the NFPA and Lakewood Fire Department standards applicable to the system design.

~~ZZXX.~~ Delete Section 912.2 and replace with the following:

912.2 Location. With respect to hydrants, driveways, buildings and landscaping, fire department connections shall be so located that fire apparatus and hose connected to supply the system will not obstruct access to the buildings for other fire apparatus. The fire department connection shall not be closer than 50 feet from a structure or 1 ½ times the height of the structure.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such validity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of this Ordinance or a summary thereof in the official newspaper of the City as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council this ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ 17th day of January, 2006.

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Claudia B. Thomas, Mayor

Attest:

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Alice M. Bush, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney