

O-080508

ORDINANCE

Newton County Sprinkler Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARDS AS RELATING TO THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF APPROVED SUPERVISED AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ALL MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES THAT CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING: 3600 SQUARE FEET OR GREATER, THREE STORIES OR MORE IN HEIGHT, OR THE COMBINATION OF BOTH.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARDS AS RELATING TO THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF APPROVED SUPERVISED AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ALL COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS 5000 SQUARE FEET OR GREATER, THREE STORIES OR MORE IN HEIGHT, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARDS AS RELATING TO THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF APPROVED SUPERVISED AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ALL GROUP HOMES THAT HAVE AN OCCUPANCY LOAD OF THREE OR MORE AND IN HOME DAY CARES WITH AN OCCUPANCY LOAD OF FIVE OR MORE.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARDS AS RELATING TO THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF APPROVED SUPERVISED AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ALL EXISTING MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND ALL EXISTING COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES WHEN REMODELING OR UPGRADING 50% OR MORE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSED VALUE.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARDS AS RELATING TO THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF APPROVED SUPERVISED AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AS TO ADOPT APPENDEX B OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE FOR RECCOMENDED FIRE FLOWS NEEDED PER CONSTRUCTION TYPE AND OCCUPANCY TYPE, AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDE FOR AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Newton County Board of Commissioners to adopt, in all respects, the various standard codes relating to approved supervised automatic fire sprinkler systems in the following classifications of buildings:

- A. All Multi-Family Residential Buildings 3600 square feet or greater and/or three or more stories in height. Examples of Multi-Family Residential include apartment complexes, duplexes and condominiums.
- B. All Commercial Buildings 5000 square feet or greater and/or three stories or more in height.
- C. All group homes with an occupancy load of three or more and all in home day cares with an occupancy load of five or more. Group homes include the following: Personal Care Homes (Adult or Child), Residential Care Homes (Adult or Child) and Foster Care Homes that provide twenty-four hour care and room and board.
- D. All existing Multi-Family Residential and all existing commercial structures, when remodeling or upgrading 50% or more of the County assessed value.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Newton County Board of Commissioners to adopt Appendix B of The International Fire Code for recommended fire flows.

WHEREAS, the adoption of these codes is done to facilitate the proper inspection activities by Newton County Fire Services related to the construction and maintenance of buildings within the fire district of Newton County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Newton County Board of Commissioners as follows:

SECTION 1

Adoption of Standard Codes

The following codes are hereby adopted by reference as though they were set out fully herein:

1. *NFPA 13: The Installation of Sprinkler Systems 2007*
 - a. *Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Small Commercial Buildings.*
 - b. *Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Multi-family Residential Occupancies.*
 - c. *Installation of Sprinkler Systems in 13 R (Group Home Installation).*

- d. Installation of Sprinkler Systems in 13D (In Home Day Care).**
- e. Fire Sprinkler Competency Act.**
- f. Plan Review Fee Program.**

2. APPENDIX B OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

Said Codes shall be enforced in the following classifications of buildings:

- A. All Multi-Family Residential Buildings 3600 square feet or greater and/or three or more stories in height. Examples of Multi-Family Residential include apartment complexes, duplexes and condominiums.**
- B. All Commercial Buildings 5000 square feet or greater and/or three stories or more in height.**
- C. All group homes with an occupancy load of three or more and all in home day cares with an occupancy load of five or more. Group homes include the following: Personal Care Homes (Adult or Child), Residential Care Homes (Adult or Child) and Foster Care Homes that provide twenty-four hour care and room and board.**
- D. All existing Multi-Family Residential and all existing commercial structures, when remodeling or upgrading 50% or more of the County assessed value.**

Section II

Enforcement

The Chief of the Newton County Fire Service, or his designee, shall be charged with the enforcement of said Codes.

Section III

Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to extent of any conflict, repealed.

Section IV

Effective Date

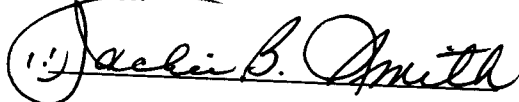
This Ordinance shall be in force and effect beginning the 6th day of August, 2008.

SO ORDAINED this the 5th day of August 2008.



Aaron Varner, Chairman

Attest:



Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

