

CITY OF HUMBLE

ORDINANCE NO. 15-766

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE IV FIRE CODE, SECTION 18-98 BY ADOPTING A LOCAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION CODE TO REQUIRE FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS FOR CERTAIN MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS AND REQUIRING MINIMUM SEPARATION OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A SAVING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Humble enacts this local amendment to its adopted fire and building codes solely to address imminent threats of destruction of property or injury to persons; and

WHEREAS, Section 1301 551 of the Texas Occupation Code prohibits municipal regulations requiring fire protection sprinkler systems in certain one- or two- family dwellings, and

WHEREAS, the Texas State Plumbing Board defines a two family dwelling as a detached structure with means of egress designed for the residence of two families (“duplex”);

WHEREAS, the City of Humble requires sprinkler systems in non-residential structures in accordance with its adopted life safety codes; and

WHEREAS, Section 214.211 of the Texas Local Government Code defines “residential” as having the character of a detached one-family or two-family dwelling or a multiple single-family dwelling that is not more than three stories high with separate means of egress, including the accessory structures of the dwelling, and that does not have the character of a facility used for the accommodation of transient guests or a structure in which medical, rehabilitative, or assisted living services are provided in connection with the occupancy of the structure, and

Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, THAT:

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Humble hereby adopts the following modifications to Chapter 18 of the City of Humble Code of Ordinances known as Fire Prevention and Protection, Article IV Fire Code, Section 18-98:

SECTION 1. Chapter 18 of the City of Humble Code of Ordinances, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article IV Fire Code, Section 18-98, Adopted, is amended to include the following new sections.

Sec. 18-98 (a) – Modifications to 2012 International Fire Prevention Code

- 1) Chapter 9, Section 903 2 8 “Group R” of the 2012 International Fire Prevention Code is hereby adopted with changes to read as follows: An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire area, including multi-family structures, townhouses, tri-plex and quadplex apartments with no minimum square footage and regardless of any fire rated walls, shall have a fire sprinkler system installed, when they contain three or more dwelling units

- 2) All Sections of Chapter 9 of the 2012 International Fire Prevention Code referencing a Fire Area of 12,000 Square Feet are hereby amended to reference a reduced Fire Area of 10,000 Square Feet, including Group A, E, F, H, I, M, and S. New construction and renovations consisting of 50% or more shall install a Fire Sprinkler System.

Sec. 18-98 (b) – Minimum Separation for Residential Structures

The minimum separation between residential structures, including detached one- and two-family dwellings, that do not have fire sprinkler systems shall be at least 7.5 feet.

SECTION 4 In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part of provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, and the City Council of the City of Humble, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

SECTION 5 This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and its publication, as provided by law

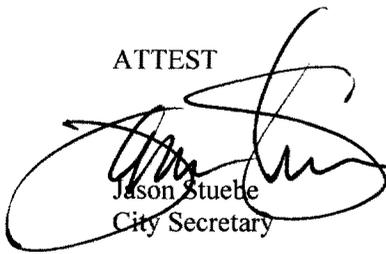
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 12th day of November, 2015

APPROVED



Merle Aaron
Mayor

ATTEST

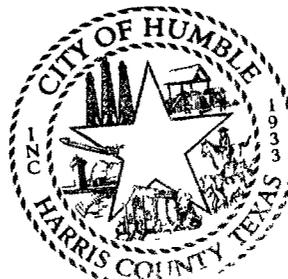
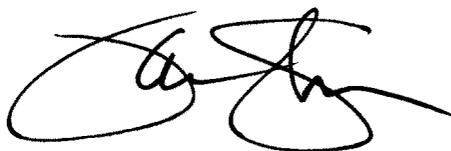


Jason Stuebe
City Secretary



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