

ORDINANCE NO. _____

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 20-017

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION; MAKING FINDINGS; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5703, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR LOCAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE, 6TH EDITION; AMENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS; PROVIDING DEFINITION OF ENCLOSED STRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Fire Marshal has adopted the Florida Fire Prevention Code, 6th Edition, by promulgated Rule 69A-60, Florida Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Fire Prevention Code applies uniformly throughout the State, with such local amendments as municipalities and counties may make to the Code in order to strengthen the protections afforded by the Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has adopted the Florida Fire Prevention Code, 6th Edition, with local modifications, by adoption of City of Lakeland Ordinances 5703 and 5770; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the City of Lakeland to adopt additional modifications to the Florida Fire Prevention Code, 6th Edition, as provided herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing findings of fact are hereby adopted and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. The Florida Fire Prevention Code, 6th Edition, which incorporates NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code, 2015 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, 2015 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., and the Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 69A, as adopted with modifications by the City Commission of the City of Lakeland by Ordinance No. 5703, as amended (the “Fire Code of the City of Lakeland, Florida”), is hereby amended as provided herein.

SECTION 3. Section 13.3.2.31 of the Fire Code of the City of Lakeland, Florida, is amended as follows:

Section 13.3.2.31 Automatic Sprinkler Systems.

13.3.2.31 This section applies to any construction of a new or modified structure, except where other more stringent requirements are established by another code, ordinance, or other regulation of the City.

(1) Automatic sprinkler systems shall be installed in:

(a) Any building having three or more stories, as referenced in F.S. 553.895.

(b) ~~Any enclosed structure exceeding 12,000 square feet per floor gross area.~~ Any new enclosed structure that exceeds 12,000 square feet, determined by using the gross floor area measurement for all stories combined, except for one and two-family dwellings.

(c) Existing enclosed structures that exceed 12,000 square feet, determined by using the gross floor area measurement for all stories combined, where a change of occupancy classification or use occurs, except where the new occupancy or use is a one or two-family dwelling.

(d) Existing enclosed structures when any or all additions to the structure will result in the structure exceeding 12,000 square feet, determined by using the gross floor area measurement for all stories combined, except for one and two-family dwellings.

- (2) Any repair garage or parking garage two stories or more in height shall be required to have a Class I or Class III wet standpipe system.
- (3) Dry standpipe systems shall not be permitted within the City except for areas subject to freezing, as determined by the fire official.
- (4) An automatic sprinkler system shall consist of such equipment as is necessary to ensure it is in proper operating condition, including electrical connections to a UL listed central monitoring station capable of providing notice of any closed water supply valve or other condition adversely affecting the system, and to provide notice of any flow of water in the system. The system shall be capable of immediately providing an alarm to a central monitoring station in case of fire, and being restored to operative condition subsequent to any failure of the system.
- (5) Location of Fire Department Connections shall be approved by the Fire Official. An approved fire hydrant shall be located within 100 feet of the fire department connection. The distance shall be measured along the road surface.

SECTION 4. Chapter 3, Definitions, of NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code, 2015 Edition, as incorporated into the Fire Code of the City of Lakeland, Florida, is amended to add Section 3.3.252.1, which shall provide as follows:

3.3.252.1 Enclosed Structure. A structure with a roof or ceiling and at least two walls that can present fire hazards to employees, such as accumulations of smoke, toxic gases and heat, similar to those found in buildings.

SECTION 5. Except as amended herein, the Fire Code of the City of Lakeland, Florida shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. If any word, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance, for any reason, is held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE this 6th day of April, 2020

A.D.

H. WILLIAM MUTZ, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
KELLY S. KOOS
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS: _____
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