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COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO    )

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Legal Director and ex officio Keeper of the Records and Seal of the City of Rockford, Winnebago and Ogle Counties, Illinois (the "City"), and as such official I am the keeper of the official journal of proceedings, books, records, minutes and files of the City and of the City Council (the "City Council") thereof.

I do further certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2015, there was published in pamphlet form, by authority of the City Council, a true, correct and complete copy of Ordinance No. **2015-218-O** and said resolution was so published on said date readily available for public inspection and distribution, in sufficient number, at my office as Legal Director and ex officio Keeper of the Records and Seal located in the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed hereto my official signature and the seal of the City, this 4th day of December, 2015.

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LEGAL DIRECTOR AND EX OFFICIO  
KEEPER OF THE RECORDS AND SEAL

AH:sa Committee report passed: November 2, 2015

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-218-0

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Chapter 105 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, and the 2015 International Fire Code are hereby amended and modified, repealing and replacing any provision of ordinances, as attached hereto.

The provisions and sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

All orders, resolutions, or ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as such conflict exists, and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication, as required by law.

A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published within ten (10) days after passage in pamphlet form by and under authority of the Corporate Authorities.

APPROVED: November 3, 2015.

  
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MAYOR

AYES: DURKEE, GETCHIUS, MCNAMARA, FROST, CONNELL, THOMPSON-  
KELLY, ODDO, NEWBURG, BEACH, ELYEA, BECK, CHIARELLI

NAYS: MCNEELY  
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ABSENT: HERVEY  
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ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTESTED:


  
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LEGAL DIRECTOR

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED:


FILED in my office this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2015, and published in pamphlet form this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2015 by order of the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois.

  
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Legal Director and ex officio  
Keeper of the Records and Seal

APPROVED BY:

  
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Patrick W. Hayes, Legal Director

RECOMMENDED BY:

  
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Angela Hammer, Assistant City Attorney

**Amendments to the International Fire Code.**

**The ICC International Fire Code/2015 is amended as follows:**

(1) Section 101.1 is amended as follows:

**101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the *Fire Code* of the City of Rockford, State of Illinois and hereinafter referred to as such or as "this code".

(2) Section 103.1 General is deleted and replaced as follows:

**103.1 General.** The department of fire prevention is established within the jurisdiction under the direction of the Fire Code official. The Fire Code Official shall mean the Chief of the Fire Department, or his designee, of the City of Rockford, Illinois. The function of the department shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

(3) Section 103.5 is added as follows:

**103.5 Restriction of employees.** An official or employee connected with the enforcement of this code, except whose only connection is that of a member of the board of appeals established under the provisions of section 108 of this code, shall not be engaged in, or directly or indirectly connected with, the furnishing of labor, materials or appliances for the construction, alteration or maintenance of a building, or the preparation of construction documents thereof, unless that person is the owner of the building; nor shall such officer or employee engage in any work that conflicts with official duties or with the interests of the department.

(4) Section 105.1.1.1 is added as follows:

**105.1.1.1 Operational Permit Fees.** Operational permits shall be 1% of operation with a minimum of \$25.00 and a maximum of \$500.00.

(5) Section 105.1.1.2 is added as follows:

**105.1.1.2 Operational Permits for fireworks and pyrotechnics special effects:** The permit fees for an operational permit in accordance with Section 105.6,14 shall be 1% of the contract value with a minimum of \$50.00 and a maximum of \$500.00.

(6) Section 105.1.1.3 is added as follows:

**105.1.1.3 Operational Permits for removal or installation of flammable or combustible liquid tanks.** The permit fees for a construction permit for flammable or combustible liquid tanks:

Fee per tank            \$100.00

(7) Section 105.6.43 is deleted and replaced with the following:

**105.6.43 Temporary membrane structures, canopies and tents.** An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an aggregate area in excess of 120 square feet. An operational permit is required to operate a canopy having an aggregate area in excess of 400 square feet.

Exceptions:

1. One day use in conjunction with residential uses unless the tent, canopy requires electrical permit and inspections due to use of electric equipment.
2. Tents used exclusively for private recreational purposes.
3. Tents or canopies used in conjunction with funeral services.
4. Tents open on all sides which comply with all of the following:
  - a. Individual tents shall have a maximum size of 400 square feet.
  - b. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet shall not exceed 700 square feet total.
  - c. Tents, canopies or membrane structures shall not be located within 20 feet of *lot lines*, buildings or other tents or membrane structures, parked vehicles or combustion engines unless approved by the fire code official.

(8) Section 105.7.14 deleted and replaced with the following:

**105.7.14 Temporary membrane structures, canopies and tents.** A construction permit is required to construct an air-supported temporary membrane structure and tent having an aggregate area in excess of 120 square feet. A construction permit is required to construct a canopy having an aggregate area in excess of 400 square feet.

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  - c. Tents, canopies or membrane structures shall not be located within 20 feet of *lot lines*, buildings or other tents or membrane structures, parked vehicles or combustion engines unless approved by the fire code official.

(9) Section 105.8 is added as follows:

### **105.8 Licenses.**

- (a) A license shall be the authority issued by the comptroller in connection with the recommendation of the fire department, for the conducting of a business, trade, occupation or calling.

(b) License requirements are as set out specifically in the ICC International Fire Code and the amendments adopted thereto, and Rockford Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Business, Trades and Occupations.

(10) Section 108.1 is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

**108.1 Board of appeals established.** The board of appeals shall be the same board of appeals as set forth in Section 113 and appendix B of the ICC *International Building Code*.

(11) Section 109.2.1 is deleted and replaced as follows:

**109.2.1 Service.** Such notice shall be deemed to be properly served if a copy thereof is:

1. Delivered to the owner personally; or
2. Sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the owner at the last known address; or
3. Sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the owner at the last known address with return receipt requested, if required by law.

(12) Section 109.3 is amended as follows:

**109.3 Violation penalties.** *Persons* who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the *approved construction documents* or directive of the *fire code official*, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be subject to penalties within the limits provided in state and local laws and punishable by a fine of not less than 50 and not more than \$750.00 dollars. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

(13) Section 110.5 is added as follows:

**110.5 Debris as nuisance.** Debris remaining at the scene of a fire after the site has been released by the fire department shall constitute a nuisance. Property owner shall be notified of said nuisance and, if not rectified to standards established by fire inspectors, said debris shall be removed by the city or its duly authorized agent. Costs for removal shall become a lien against the property or other actions permitted by law.

(14) Section 114 is added as follows:

## **Section 114**

### **Fire Alarm Personnel Qualifications**

**114.1 Installation and Service Personnel Qualifications.** Manual fire alarm, automatic fire detection systems, and single and multiple station smoke alarm installation and service personnel are required to be electricians registered with the City of Rockford.

**114.2 Approved Certifications.** Manual fire alarm, automatic fire detection systems, and emergency communications systems installation and service personnel shall be certified to a NICET Fire Alarm level II or higher or IMSA Interior Fire Alarm Level II.

**114.2.1 Other Certifications.** Personnel who are certified by a nationally recognized certification organization other than NICET or IMSA must submit a certification review request to the fire code official for acceptance prior to the commencement of any work. Submittal package must include:

1. Name of installer
2. Name and contact information of installation company
3. Name and contact information of certification organization
4. Copy of License/certificate showing installer's name, license/certification number and expiration date.

Submittal of review request does not constitute acceptance of the license/certification. All submittals will be reviewed by the fire code official for approval prior to the commencement of any work.

**Exception:** Any nationally recognized certification organization approved by the fire code official in a prior submittal and listed by the fire code official as an approved certification organization.

**114.3 Training of Personnel.** Trainees must be supervised by licensed/certified installation and service personnel to the level listed in Section 114.2.

**114.3.1 Trainee to trainer ratio.** Trainee to trainer ratio cannot exceed 2 trainees to 1 trainer.

**114.4 Evidence of Qualification.** Evidence of qualifications must be kept with the installer and/or service personnel and/or on file at their place of employment. Evidence of qualification must be presented at the request of the fire code official.

**114.5 Stop Work Orders.** If the system installer fails to provide evidence of their qualification and/or certifications, when requested by the fire code official, the fire code official may issue a stop work order until a qualified installer is on site.

(15) Section 307.1.1 is amended as follows:

**307.1.1 Prohibited open burning.** Open burning shall be prohibited.

Exceptions:

1. Where approved by the local jurisdiction
2. Un-incorporated areas with a burn ordinance

(16) Section 307.1.2 is added as follows:

307.4.4 Materials. Fuel for all recreational fires and bonfires shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and other material approved by the fire code official. The fire shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants.

(17) Section 307.4.1.1 is added as follows:

307.4.1.1 Permit. All permits, required by section 105.6.31, shall be requested by and issued to the owner of the land upon which the bonfire is to be kindled.

(18) Section 505.3 is added as follows:

**505.3 Strip malls.** When a strip mall has multiple tenant spaces and a dedicated sprinkler control/fire alarm room, the room shall have its own street address.

(19) Section 901.4.2.1 is added as follows:

901.4.2.1 Discontinuance of use. "All non-required fire protection systems shall be approved for discontinuance upon written approval of both the fire code official and the building code official after inspection of the premises and system."

(20) Section 903.2.11.1 item #3 is added as follows:

903.2.11.1 Stories without openings.

3. An interior stairway that conforms to requirements of Section 1005 with a fire separation assembly enclosure of not less than 1 hour, which has a door directly to the exterior and the stairway does not connect more than 2 stories. The basement or windowless story floor level shall be 15 feet (4572 mm) or less vertically from the exterior door threshold level and the door threshold shall be within 10 feet (3048 mm) of grade. Interior stair doors or openings shall be provided in each 50 linear feet (15240 mm) or fraction thereof on at least one side of the basement or windowless story.

(21) Section 903.3.9 is added as follows:

903.3.9 Interior control valves. The fire code official may require interior control valves to be installed to isolate occupancies that share a fire suppression system. Where valves are installed in a system, valves shall be supervised or locked in the "open" position.

(22) Section 903.3.10 is added as follows:



**903.3.10 Exterior Control valves:** All exterior fire suppression control valves shall have an exterior Indicator Valve (PIV or WPIV) provided in a location approved by the fire code official. Valves shall be locked in the "open position".

(23) 903.4.2.1 is added as follows:

903.4.2.1 Strip malls. Strip malls shall provide individual tenant space notification to comply with IFC 907.1

(24) 907.1.2.1 is added as follows:

**907.1.2.1 Qualifications.** Shop drawings for fire alarm systems shall be prepared by one of the following:

(1) An Illinois licensed Professional Engineer with formal training in fire alarm layout/design.

(2) A holder of a valid NICET level III or higher certification in Fire Alarm System Layout, who is either employed by or hired by the fire alarm installation contractor.

(25) 907.1.4 is added as follows:

**907.1.4 Strip malls.** Fire alarm systems shall be capable of identifying a fire alarm device activation or waterflow device activation in each tenant space. An audio/visual device shall be provided at the front entrance to each tenant space to identify the location of an activated device(s).

(26) Section 912.2.2 is added as follows:

**912.2.2 Existing buildings.** On existing buildings, wherever the fire department connection is not visible to approaching fire apparatus, the fire department connection shall be indicated by an *approved* sign mounted on the street front or on the side of the building. **Such sign shall be reflective and constructed of material designed to resist weathering. The sign shall have a white background with all lettering and graphics red in color.** Such sign shall have the letters "FDC" not less than 6 inches (152 mm) high and words in letters not less than 2 inches (51 mm) high or an arrow to indicate the location **not less than 3 inches (75 mm) high.** Such signs shall be subject to the approval of the fire code official.



(27) Section 912.6 is amended as follows:

**912.6 Backflow protection.** A water supply serving a fire suppression system shall be protected against backflow with a Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) backflow device and comply with the requirements of *Illinois Plumbing Code*.

(28) Section 1008.3.3 Rooms and Spaces is amended as follows:

**1008.3.3 Rooms and Spaces.** In the event of power supply failure, an emergency electrical system shall automatically illuminate all of the following areas:

3. Electrical equipment rooms
4. Fire commands centers
5. Fire pump rooms
6. Generator rooms
7. Public restrooms

(29) Section 5601.2.2 is amended as follows:

**5601.2.2 Sale and retail display.** Persons shall not construct a retail display nor offer for sale *explosives, explosive materials, or fireworks (1.3G or 1.4G)*.

(30) Section 5601.1 is amended as follows:

**5601.1 General.** Outdoor fireworks displays, use of pyrotechnics before a *proximate audience* and pyrotechnic special effects in motion picture, television, theatrical and group entertainments productions shall comply with Section 5608.2 through 5608.10 and NFPA 1123, 1126 and all requirements of the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

(17) Appendix B "Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings" is added as part of this Code.

(18) Appendix C "Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution" is added as part of this Code.

(19) Appendix D "Fire Apparatus Roads" is added as part of this Code.

(20) Appendix F "Hazard Ranking" is added as part of this Code.

(21) Appendix H "Hazardous Materials Management Plan (HMMP) and Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement (HMIS) Instructions" is added as part of this Cod