

ORDINANCE 2013-62

**TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, CHAPTER 2 OF THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2012 EDITION."**

**WHEREAS**, the International Fire Code exists for the purpose of regulating the safeguarding of life, property and public welfare to a reasonable degree from the hazards of fire, hazardous materials release and explosion arising from the storage, use and handling of dangerous and hazardous materials, substances and devices, conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy and use of buildings and premises, the operation, installation, construction, location, safeguarding and maintenance of attendant equipment, the installation and maintenance of adequate means of egress not provided for by the building code, therefore promoting the public safety of the people of Franklin; and

**WHEREAS**, in its legislative judgment the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has found that building regulations and standards must be dynamic and modified from time to time to reflect changes in model codes, construction materials, recognized construction methods, and safety standards necessary to preserve and promote the private and public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, adopted the 2009 edition of the International Fire Code via Ordinance 2010-43 in October 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Code Annotated Title 68, Chapter 120, requires that for cities that enforce their own building construction safety standards, the building codes adopted by reference must be current within seven years of the date of the latest editions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen believes it is in the best interest of the City of Franklin to update its adopted fire code to the International Fire Code, 2012 Edition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FRANKLIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I.** That Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 7-202 of the City of Franklin Municipal Code is hereby amended to delete the following text noted with a ~~strikethrough~~; to add the following text noted in **bold**; and is approved to read as follows:

Sec. 7-202. Fire code adopted.

(1) Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 et seq., and for the purpose of regulating and governing the safe-guarding of life and property from fire or explosion, hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises, and providing for the issuance of permits in the City of Franklin, the ~~2009~~ **2012** edition of the International Fire Code, including Appendix B, Appendix C, and Appendix ~~H D~~, and ~~Appendix J~~ as prepared by the International Code Council, Inc., is hereby adopted by reference and included herein as

part of this Code. Pursuant to the requirement of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one copy of the International Fire Code has been filed with the recorder and is available for public use and inspection. The International Fire Code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits.

(2) Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502(c), the fire chief or his designee shall adopt administrative regulations to incorporate subsequent amendments to the International Fire Code, ~~2009~~ **2012** edition, as published by the International Code Council, including its referenced standards in chapter ~~4580~~, incorporating National Fire Protection Association amendments. These amendments shall be identified by the fire chief as to date and source and shall take effect as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, unless disapproved by resolution of the board of mayor and alderman. Administrative regulations adopting amendments to the International Fire Code, ~~2009~~**2012** edition will be placed on file at the city recorder's office when they are published by the fire chief, and at least 15 days before their effective date.

**SECTION II:** That the section header for Section 7-206 is amended as follows, deleting the text in strikethrough and replacing with the text in bold so that it reads as follows:

Sec. 7-206. Amendments to the ~~2009~~ **2012** edition of the International Fire Code.

**SECTION III:** BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, Tennessee, that this ordinance shall be in full force and in effect for any permit application received by the Building and Neighborhood Services Department on or after **March 1, 2014**, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Franklin, Tennessee requiring it.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric S. Stuckey  
City Administrator/Recorder

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Ken Moore  
Mayor of Franklin

PASSED FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED SECOND READING \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form by:

  
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Kristen L. Corn, Staff Attorney