

**ORDINANCE 2024-27**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 7-505(2) OF THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE LIFE SAFETY CODE AND DETERMINING BUILDING OCCUPANT LOAD**

**WHEREAS**, for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare of the people of Franklin, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin is authorized to prescribe and enforce regulations and standards for the design, construction, repair, and occupancy of structures and property within the City of Franklin; and

**WHEREAS**, in its legislative judgment the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has found that regulations and standards regarding the process for obtaining Certificates of Use and Occupancy and Certificates of Completion must be dynamic and modified from time to time to respond better and more expeditiously to building codes and life safety standards necessary to preserve and promote the private and public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Franklin, as required by the State of Tennessee, has adopted the International Code Council's (ICC) Building Code Series as its model construction code and, the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) 101, Life Safety Code to help ensure both new and existing buildings and structures incorporate strategies that help protect people from fire and related hazards; and.

**WHEREAS**, when determining the occupant load the ICC Building Code and NFPA, 101 Life Safety Code have slightly different definitions and criteria that require an amendment to allow for consistent interpretation without compromising the accessibility and safe occupancy of buildings and structures for people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Mayor and Aldermen find that this action to be in the best interest of buildings owners, occupants, and first responders of all buildings and structures located within the City of Franklin.

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

**SECTION I.** That Title 7, Chapter 5, Section 7-505(2) of the City of Franklin Municipal Code is hereby amended to add the following text; and is approved to read as follows:

Sec. 7-505.- Amendments to the 2018 edition of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code.

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- (2) Means of Egress Capacity.
- (a) In assembly, educational, day care, industrial, storage, mercantile, and business occupancies, the capacity, in inches, of means of egress stairways shall be calculated by multiplying the occupant load served by such stairways by a means of egress capacity factor of 0.2-inches per occupant in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with NFPA 13 and an emergency voice/alarm communications system in accordance with NFPA 72.
- (b) In assembly, educational, day care, industrial, storage, mercantile, and business occupancies, the capacity, in inches, of means of egress components other than stairways shall be calculated by multiplying the occupant load served by such component by a means of egress capacity factor of 0.15-inches per occupant in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with NFPA 13 and an emergency voice/alarm communications system in accordance with NFPA 72.

**SECTION II. BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon second and final reading for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Franklin, Tennessee requiring it.

ATTEST:

By:   
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**Angie Skarp**  
 City Recorder

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:

By:   
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**Dr. Ken Moore**  
 Mayor of Franklin

Approved as to Form:

  
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**Shauna R. Billingsley**, City Attorney

PASSED FIRST READING      8/27/24 , 7-0

PASSED SECOND READING      9/10/24 , 8-0