

ORDINANCE NUMBER O21-009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAFFORD, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING CITY OF SAFFORD MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 15, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, CHAPTER 15.10 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, SECTION 15.10.020 AMENDMENTS AS IT PERTAINS TO THE SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (7,500) SQUARE FOOT REQUIREMENT FOR AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Ordinance # 212, adopted in January 1969, provided miscellaneous building, electrical and plumbing regulations applying to construction and alterations; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance # 212 D, adopted in April 1975, provided for the adoption of the 1973 Uniform Fire Code including Appendix D with an amendment requiring the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in any commercial building when the total floor area of the story exceeds seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet; and,

WHEREAS, In July 2017, the 2015 International Building Codes were adopted, and that adoption included an amendment to the City of Safford Municipal Code Title 15, Chapter 15.10, Section 15.10.020 continuing the requirement for automatic sprinkler systems for all new or altered structures exceeding seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet; and,

WHEREAS, the International Building Code and the International Fire Code have clear and concise regulations and requirements for automatic sprinkler systems that includes, but is not limited to, type of occupancy, method of construction, and square footage; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to follow the 2015 International Building Code and the 2015 International Fire Code, along with any subsequent adopted codes, as they relate to regulations and requirements for automatic sprinkler systems and has done so by adopting such codes and amendments thereto pursuant to Ordinance Number O17-003 in order to provide for the preservation of property and public health, safety, and welfare for the residents of the City of Safford; and,

WHEREAS, in light of the adoption by reference of the 2015 International Building Code and 2015 International Fire Code and subsequent amendments thereto, the City Code provision relating to regulations and requirements for automatic sprinkler systems is no longer necessary; and,

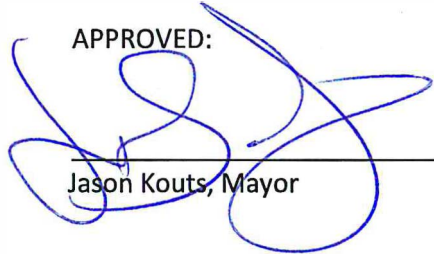
WHEREAS, the effective date of the amendment, dated May 10, 2021 shall be June 10, 2021, or upon completion of publication and posting as provided by law, whichever is later.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, that Title 15 Buildings and Construction, Chapter 15.10.010 International Building Code, Section 15.10.020 Amendments of the Municipal Code of the City of Safford is hereby amended as follows:

City of Safford Municipal Code Section 15.10.020 - Amendments

- ~~A.~~ Automatic fire sprinkler systems shall be required for occupancy areas of all new structures having a total floor area exceeding seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet. Automatic sprinkling systems shall be required for occupancy areas within existing structures: when building additions or alterations result in a gross floor of seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet or more; when modifications within existing buildings affect seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet or more of the total floor area. This provision shall not exempt these structures and occupancies for which the currently adopted edition of the International Building Code requires automatic fire sprinkler systems or automatic fire extinguishing systems for structures and occupancies with total floor areas less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet.
- ~~BA.~~ No building shall hereafter be erected, reconstructed, structurally altered, or enlarged which shall exceed forty-five (45) feet from grade to the highest point of the building or which shall exceed thirty (30) feet from grade to top of the highest outside wall.
- ~~CB.~~ At Section 101.1 (Title), change to read: These regulations shall be known as the Building Code of the City of Safford, hereinafter referred to as "this code."
- ~~DC.~~ Delete Section 110.3.7 (Energy Efficiency Inspections)
- ~~ED.~~ At Table 2304.10.1 (Fastening Schedule), insert #43—Connection: Story-to-story tie at 48" o.c. by minimum 18-gauge strap with minimum 9" lap on studs. Fastening: per schedule in manufacture's installation instructions, or continuous sheathing with minimum 9" lap on studs.

APPROVED:



Jason Kouts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tamara Webster, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



William J. Sims, III, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss
 County of Graham)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Ordinance Number O21-009 was duly passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, at a regular council meeting held May 10, 2021 with an effective date of June 10, 2021. A quorum of the Council was present at the meeting.



Tamara Webster, CMC, City Clerk

May 10, 2021

Date: