

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 ORDINANCE NO. 2011-20

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4 AN ORDINANCE

5
6 AMENDING SECTION 12-2 SFCC 1987; ADOPTING THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL
7 FIRE CODE AS AMENDED BY THE GOVERNING BODY.

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9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:

10 Section 1. Section 12-2.1 SFCC 1987 (being Ord. #2004-53, §3 as amended) is
11 amended to read:

12 12-2.1 Adoption of Fire Code.

13 A. Pursuant to Section 3-18-11 NMSA 1978, the city may adopt regulations for the
14 prevention of fire.

15 B. For the purposes of reasonably safeguarding life and property from the hazards of
16 fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials
17 and devices, and from hazardous conditions in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises, the
18 2009 International Fire Code (IFC) as published by the International Code Council (ICC) is
19 adopted by reference and incorporated as fully as if set out herein except as amended by the
20 governing body. The amendments are set forth in Exhibit A attached to the end of this chapter.
21 The 2009 International Fire Code as amended by the governing body shall be known as "the fire
22 code of the city of Santa Fe". This paragraph shall be effective July 1, 2011.

23 C. A copy of the fire code of the city of Santa Fe shall be kept on file at the Santa Fe
24 fire prevention bureau, 1751 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 and shall be, at all
25 reasonable times, available and subject to inspection. A copy of the fire code of the city of Santa

1 Fe shall be available to any individual upon request and payment of a reasonable charge as set by
2 the chief of the fire department.

3 **Section 2. Exhibit A of Chapter 12 SFCC 1987 (being Ord. #2008-33, §4) is**
4 **amended to read:**

5 **CITY OF SANTA FE**
6 **CHAPTER 12**
7 **EXHIBIT A**
8 **AMENDMENTS TO THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**
9 **(SUBSECTION 12-2.1 SFCC 1987)**

10 ADOPTED: June 8, 2011 (effective July 1, 2011)

11 AMENDED:

12 **1. Section 101.1 of the 2009 International Fire Code is amended to read:**

13 **101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the city of
14 Santa Fe, hereinafter referred to as "this code."

15 **2. Section 105.3.7 of the 2009 International Fire Code is amended to read:**

16 **105.3.7 Information on the permit.** The fire code official may issue any permits
17 required by this code on an approved form furnished for that purpose. The permit shall
18 contain a general description of the operation or occupancy and its location and any other
19 information required by the fire code official. Issued permits shall bear the signature of
20 the fire code official or other approved legal authorization.

21 **3. Section 108.1 of the 2009 International Fire Code is repealed in its entirety**
22 **and a new Section 108.1 is ordained to read:**

23 **108.1 Appeal of Department Decisions.** When the fire department
24 disapproves an application or refuses to grant a permit applied for as required by this
25 code or when it is claimed that the provisions of this code do not apply or that the true

1 intent and meaning of this code has been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the
2 applicant may appeal the decision of the fire department to the city manager within thirty
3 (30) days of the decision. The applicant may appeal the decision of the city manager to
4 the governing body within ten (10) days of the city manager's decision.

5 **4. Section 108.2 of the 2009 International Fire Code is repealed in its entirety.**

6 **5. Section 108.3 of the 2009 International Fire Code is repealed in its entirety.**

7 **6. Section 109.3 of the 2009 International Fire Code is repealed in its entirety**

8 **and a new Section 109.3 is ordained to read:**

9 **109.3 Violation penalties.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this
10 code or failing to comply with any order made thereunder, building in violation of any
11 detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved, any certificate or
12 permit issued thereunder and from which no appeal has been taken; or failing to comply
13 with an order as affirmed or modified by the governing body or by a court of competent
14 jurisdiction within the time defined herein, shall severally for each noncompliance be
15 punished as provided by Section 1-3 SFCC 1987. The imposition of a penalty for any
16 violation shall not excuse the violations or permit it to continue. All such persons shall be
17 required to correct or remedy the violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when
18 not otherwise specified, each ten (10) days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall
19 constitute a separate offense.

20 **7. Section 111.4 of the 2009 International Fire Code is amended to read:**

21 **111.4 Failure to comply.** Any person who shall continue any work after
22 having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to
23 perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine as provided in
24 Section 1-3 SFCC 1987.

25 **8. A new Section 508.5.1.1 of the 2009 International Fire Code is ordained to**

1 read:

2 **508.5.1. Fire Protection in Recreational Vehicles, Mobile Home and**
3 **Manufactured Housing Parks, Sales Lots, and Storage Lots.** Fire protection in
4 recreational vehicles, mobile home and manufactured housing parks, sales lots, and
5 storage lots shall provide and maintain fire hydrants and access roads in accordance with
6 Sections 503 and 508.5.

7 **Exception:** Recreational vehicle parks located in remote areas shall be provided with
8 protection and access roadways as required by the fire code official.

9 **9. Section 603.9 of the 2009 International Fire Code is amended to read:**

10 **603.9 Gas meters.** Where required by the fire code official, above-ground gas
11 meters, regulators and piping subject to damage shall be protected by a barrier complying
12 with Section 312 or otherwise protected in an approved manner.

13 **10. The following definition of Section 902.1 of the 2009 International Fire Code**
14 **is amended to read:**

15 **STANDPIPE SYSTEM, CLASSES OF.** Standpipe classes are as follows:

16 **Class I system.** A system providing 2.5-inch (64 mm) hose connections to supply water
17 for use by fire departments and those trained in handling heavy fire streams.

18 **Class II system.** A system providing 1.5-inch (38 mm) hose stations to supply water for
19 use primarily by the building occupants or by the fire department during initial response.

20 1.5 inch hoses and hose cabinets shall not be provided, unless required by the New
21 Mexico laws applicable to fire protection for class I and class III standpipe systems.

22 **Class III system.** A system providing 1.5-inch (38 mm) hose stations to supply water for
23 use by building occupants and 2.5-inch (64 mm) hose connections to supply a larger
24 volume of water for use by fire departments and those trained in handling heavy fire
25 streams. 1.5-inch hoses and hose cabinets shall not be provided, unless required by the

1 New Mexico laws applicable to fire protection for class II and class III standpipe
2 systems.

3 **11. Section 904.11 of the 2009 International Fire Code is amended to read:**

4 **904.11 Commercial cooking systems.** The automatic fire-extinguishing system
5 for commercial cooking systems shall be of a type recognized for protection of
6 commercial cooking equipment and exhaust systems of the type and arrangement
7 protected. Pre-engineered automatic dry- and wet-chemical extinguishing systems shall
8 be tested in accordance with UL 300 and listed and labeled for the intended application.
9 Other types of automatic fire-extinguishing systems shall be listed and labeled for
10 specific use as protection for commercial cooking operations. The system shall be
11 installed in accordance with this code, its listing and the manufacturer's installation
12 instructions. Automatic fire-extinguishing systems of the following types shall be
13 installed in accordance with the referenced standard indicated, as follows:

- 14 1. Carbon dioxide extinguishing systems, NFPA 12.
- 15 2. Automatic sprinkler systems, NFPA 13.
- 16 3. Foam-water sprinkler system or foam-water spray systems, NFPA 16.
- 17 4. Dry-chemical extinguishing systems, NFPA 17.
- 18 5. Wet-chemical extinguishing systems, NFPA 17A.

19 **12. Section 906.1 of the 2009 International Fire Code is amended to read:**

20 **906.1 Where required.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in the
21 following locations.

- 22 1. In new and existing Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R- 1, R-2, R-4 and S
23 occupancies.

24 **Exception:** When allowed by the fire code official, in all Group A, B and E occupancies
25 equipped throughout with quick-response sprinklers, portable fire extinguishers shall be

1 required only in locations specified in items 2 through 6.

2 2. Within 30 feet (9144mm) of commercial cooking equipment.

3 3. In areas where flammable or combustible liquids are stored, used or
4 dispensed.

5 4. On each floor of structures under construction, except Group R-3
6 occupancies, in accordance with Section 1415. 1.

7 5. Where required by the sections indicated in Table 906. 1.

8 6. Special-hazard areas, including but not limited to laboratories, computer
9 rooms and generator rooms, where required by the fire code official.

10 **13. Section 3404.2.9.6.1 of the 2009 International Fire Code is amended to read:**

11 **3404.2.9. 6.1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited.** Storage
12 of Class I and 11 liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within
13 the limits established by law in subsection 12-2.4 SFCC 1987.

14 **14. Section 3406.2.4.4 of the 2009 International Fire Code is amended to read:**

15 **3406.2.4.4 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited.** The
16 storage of Class I and 11 liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited within the limits
17 established by law in subsection 12-2.4 SFCC 1987.

18 **15. Appendix B of the 2009 International Fire Code is adopted in its entirety.**

19 **16. Appendix D, of the 2009 International Fire Code is adopted with the**

20 **following amendments:**

21 (a) **D103.1 Access road width with a hydrant.** Where a fire hydrant is
22 located on a fire apparatus access road, the minimum road width shall be 20 feet
23 (6096mm).

24 (b) **D103.5 Fire apparatus access road gates.** Where required by the fire
25 code official, gates securing the fire apparatus access roads shall comply with all of the

1 following criteria:

- 2 1. The minimum gate width shall be 20 feet (6096 mm).
- 3 2. Gates shall be of the swinging or sliding type.
- 4 3. Construction of gates shall be of materials that allow manual
- 5 operation by one person.
- 6 4. Gate components shall be maintained in an operative condition
- 7 at all times and replaced or repaired when defective.
- 8 5. Electric gates shall be equipped with a means of opening the gate
- 9 by fire department personnel for emergency access. Emergency opening devices
- 10 shall be approved by the fire code official.
- 11 6. Manual opening gates shall not be locked with a padlock or
- 12 chain and padlock unless they are capable of being opened by means of forcible
- 13 entry tools.
- 14 7. Locking device specifications shall be submitted for approval by
- 15 the fire code official.

16 **(c) D104.1 Buildings exceeding three stories or 30 feet in height.**

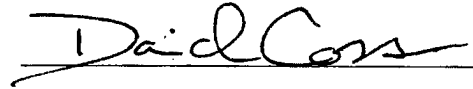
17 Buildings or facilities exceeding 30 feet (9144 mm) or three stories in height shall have at
18 least two means of fire apparatus access for each structure.

19 **(d) D104.2 Buildings exceeding 62,000 square feet in area.** Buildings or
20 facilities having a gross building area of more than 62,000 square feet (5760 m²) shall be
21 provided with two separate and approved fire apparatus access roads.

22 **Exception:** When required by the fire code official, projects having a gross building area
23 of up to 124,000 square feet (11520 m²) that have a single approved fire apparatus access
24 road when all buildings are equipped throughout with approved automatic sprinkler
25 systems.

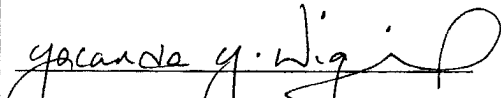
1 (e) **D105.1 Where required.** Where required by the fire code official,
2 buildings or portions of buildings facilities exceeding 30 feet (9144 mm) in height above
3 the lowest level of fire department vehicle access shall be provided with approved fire
4 apparatus access roads capable of accommodating fire department aerial apparatus.
5 Overhead utility and power lines shall not be located within the aerial fire apparatus
6 access roadway.

7 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2011.

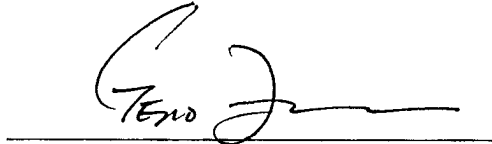
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10 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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14 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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19 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY