

CITY OF LIBERTY HILL
ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY HILL AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 5 (ENTITLED FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADOPTING CERTAIN EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the mission of the Code of Ordinances is to promote the public health, safety, general welfare and quality of life for both present and future inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, the implementation, responsiveness and effectiveness of said Code depends on the periodic review and re-evaluation of its provisions to determine if amendments and updates are warranted so that it may function optimally and effectively; and

WHEREAS, upon such review and re-evaluation, the City Council of the City of Liberty Hill ("City Council") desires to update its ordinances governing building and construction as well as fire prevention and protection; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the amendments imposed by this Ordinance are reasonable, necessary, and proper for the good government of the City of Liberty Hill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, WILLIAMSON COUNTY TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The matters and facts recited in the preamble of this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are incorporated as a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. That both Article 5.01, entitled *General Provisions*, and Article 5.02, entitled *Fire Code*, out of Chapter 5, entitled *Fire Prevention and Protection*, of the Liberty Hill Code of Ordinances, are hereby amended as follows (additions, ~~deletions~~):

ARTICLE 5.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 5.01.001 Authority

The City Council hereby authorizes the Williamson County Emergency Service District, Number 4 (the "District"), to administer and enforce all regulations regarding fire prevention and protection within the City's corporate limits. The District's Fire Marshal shall be designated as the Fire

Marshal of the City for the purposes of carrying out these provisions and any appendices of this Code.

ARTICLE 5.02 FIRE CODE

Sec. 5.02.001 Adopted

(a) ~~The city council hereby adopts the following building code and incorporates it herein by reference as if copied verbatim as one of the building codes that will govern the city:~~

~~2006 International Fire Code.~~

The City Council hereby adopts the International Fire Code, as adopted by the Board of the District, for the purpose of regulating fire prevention and protection within the City's corporate limits, thereby incorporating it herein by reference as if copied verbatim as one of the building and safety codes that will govern the city.

(b) The code adopted by this section shall apply to any construction, alteration, remodeling, removal, demolition, movement, enlargement, replacement, equipment, use and occupancy location, and repair of any structure in the city.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Liberty Hill not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That this code is hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this legislation, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this legislation is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this law, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. That nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this

law; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this legislation.

SECTION 7. That the City Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this legislation to be published as required by applicable law.

SECTION 8. The meeting at which this ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

SECTION 9. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this ordinance and the City Secretary to attest. This Ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication as required by law.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the 27th day of April 2020, by a vote of 5 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions) of the City Council of Liberty Hill, Texas.

CITY OF LIBERTY HILL



Rick Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:


Barbara Zwernemann, City Secretary