



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Council Session

Item F-1

#9808 - Consideration of Approving City Code Amendments to Chapter 16, Adoption of the 2018 International Fire Code

Staff Contact: Fred Hotz

Council Agenda Memo

From: Fred Hotz, Fire Prevention Division Chief

Meeting: December 8, 2020

Subject: Amendment to Chapter 16 of the Grand Island City Code to Adopt the 2018 International Fire Code

Presenter(s): Fred Hotz, Fire Prevention Division Chief

Background

The City of Grand Island has for generations adopted and enforced fire codes which regulate the construction of buildings within the City for the purpose of ensuring life safety and protecting property from fire and to provide safety to firefighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

Discussion

The City currently adopts and enforces the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code as published by the International Code Council. The Building Code Advisory Board has recently reviewed the 2018 edition of the International Building Code and recommended its adoption with the revisions as outlined and adopted in last council meeting 11/10/2020. The Fire Prevention Division recommends the adoption of the “sister” code to this Building Code, the International Fire Code 2018 edition, with the revisions as outlined in the attached amended Chapter 16 of the City Code.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the request and amend the City Code to adopt the International Fire and Residential code.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the request.
3. Modify the conditional use to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that Council approve the recommendation of the Fire Prevention Division and begin enforcement January 1, 2021.

Sample Motion

Move to approve amending Chapter 16 of the Grand Island City Code and adopting the 2018 Edition of the International Fire code and associated amendments.

ORDINANCE NO. 9808

An ordinance to amend Chapter 16 of Grand Island City Code; to amend Sections 16-1, 16-3.4, 16-3.5, 16-3.8, 16-3.9 and 16-3.10; to clarify and/or make general corrections to various code sections, to repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Sections 16-1, 16-3.4, 16-3.5, 16-3.8, 16-3.9 and 16-3.10 of the Grand Island City Code Chapter 16 are amended to read as follows:

§16-1. International Fire Code (IFC) Adopted

The International Fire Code, 2015 2018 Edition, published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted, except for such portions as heretofore or hereafter have been deleted, modified, or amended by ordinance and set forth in this Code. The following sections of the Appendix shall also be adopted:

- Appendix B – Fire Flow Requirements for Buildings
- Appendix C – Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution
- Appendix D – Fire Apparatus Access Roads
- Appendix E – Hazard Categories
- Appendix F – Hazard Rankings
- Appendix I – Fire Protection Systems-Noncompliant Conditions
- Appendix K – Construction Requirements For Existing Ambulatory Care Facilities
- Appendix N – Indoor Trade Shows and Exhibitions

One copy of said Code shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk as provided by law.

§16-3.4. IFC – Amendment of Section 109.4

Section 109.4 of the International Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~109.4 Violation penalties. Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by law. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.~~

§16-3.5. IFC – Amendment of Section 111.4 112.4

Section 111.4 112.4 of the International Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

111.4 112.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by law.

§16-3.8. IFC – Amendment of Section 106.2 107.2

Section 106.2 107.2 of the International Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

106.2 Inspections. The *fire code official* is authorized to conduct such inspections as are deemed

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
December 4, 2020	☐ City Attorney

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necessary to determine the extent of compliance with the provisions of this code and to approve reports of inspection by *approved* agencies or individuals. All reports of such inspections shall be prepared and submitted in writing for review and approval. Inspection reports shall be certified by a responsible officer of such *approved* agency or by the responsible individual. The *fire code official* is authorized to engage such expert opinion as deemed necessary to report upon unusual, detailed or complex technical issues subject to the approval of the governing body.

If violations of this Chapter 16, Article I and this code are identified during a routine Occupancy Use Inspection the Fire Prevention Chief may revoke the Fire Safety Occupancy Permit until such time as corrections are made. Such actions shall be in writing and shall contain the reasons for the revocation.

§16-3.9. IFC – Amendment of Section 108 Board of Appeals

Section ~~108~~ 109 of the International Fire Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section ~~108~~ 109 Board of Appeals

The Building Code Advisory Board established by city ordinance §8.6 is hereby recognized for purposes of determining the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction.

§16-3.10. IFC – Amendment of Section ~~109~~ 110 Violations

Section 109 of the International Fire Code is hereby amended as follows:

[A] ~~109.4~~ 110.4 **Violation penalties.** Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the *approved construction documents* or directive of the *fire official*, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 2. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication pursuant to law beginning January 1, 2021.

Enacted: December 8, 2020.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk