



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Council Session

Item F2

#9143 - Consideration of Amending City Code Chapter 8 Relative to Insurance Requirements for Movers and Wreckers

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Craig A. Lewis, Building Department Director

Meeting: November 13, 2007

Subject: City Code Amendments to Chapter 8, Buildings
Chapter 15, Electricity
Chapter 18, Gas
Chapter 26, Plumbing
Chapter 31, Signs

Item #'s: F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, & F-6

Presenter(s): Craig Lewis, Building Department Director

Background

This request is for City Council approval to modify the City Code to increase the limit of insurance covering the operation of registered contractors in the area of building movers and wreckers, electrical contractors, water conditioning contractors, and sign installers. Additionally section 18-25 will increase the time required to be in the trade for apprentice and journeyman mechanical fitters.

Discussion

The minimum requirement for insurance provided by registered contractors has remained the same for several years at \$300,000, it appears reasonable to increase the minimum amount to \$1,000,000. The City council recently approved an increase for plumbing and mechanical contractors and these modifications will bring the remaining contractors to the same minimum level of required coverage.

Additional amendments are requested in the amount of time spent in the trades for apprentice and journeyman mechanical fitters, from two years in the trade to three and four years respectively. The requested amendments will also delete the language for open and closed book test when the plumbing and mechanical boards administer testing of licenses. The current philosophy is for open book testing through out the test. These requested revisions have been reviewed by the various boards and approval is recommended.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the request.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the request.
3. Modify the request to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve Ordinances No. 9143, 9144, 9145, 9146 and 9147.

Sample Motion

Move to approve Ordinances No. 9143, 9144, 9145, 9146 and 9147.

ORDINANCE NO. 9143

An ordinance to amend Chapter 8 of the Grand Island City Code; to amend Sections 8-76 and 8-100 pertaining to insurance; to repeal Sections 8-76 and 8-100 as now existing, and 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. Section 8-76 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§8-76. Insurance

(A) Every registrant shall maintain in full force and effect insurance policies written by a company or companies authorized to do business in Nebraska, with the following coverages and amounts:

(1) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance covering the operations of the registrant, including coverage for completed operations, with limits of not less than ~~\$1,000,000~~\$300,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

(2) A provision that the City of Grand Island is an additional insured as to any third party claims for bodily injury or property damage based upon occurrences in connection with the registrant's operations, including completed operations, within the City's zoning jurisdiction.

(B) The registrant shall furnish the city building department with a certificate or certificates of insurance for the above insurance coverage which shall contain a statement that said policies contain a provision that said policies may not be canceled without written notice of such cancellation having been served on the City at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of cancellation.

SECTION 2. Section 8-100 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§8-100. Insurance

(1) Every registrant shall maintain in full force and effect insurance policies written by a company or companies authorized to do business in Nebraska, with the following coverages and amounts:

(a) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance covering the operations of the registrant, including coverage for completed operations, with limits of not less than ~~\$1,000,000~~\$300,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

(b) The City of Grand Island shall be listed as an additional party insured as to any third party claims for bodily injury or property damage based upon occurrences in connection with the registrant's operations, including completed operations, within the City's zoning jurisdiction.

(2) The registrant shall furnish the City building department with a certificate or certificates of insurance for the above insurance coverage which shall contain a statement that said policies contain a provision that said policies may not be canceled without written notice of such cancellation having been served on the City at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of cancellation.

ORDINANCE NO. 9143 (Cont.)

SECTION 3. Sections 8-76 and 8-100 as now existing, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 4. The validity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect January 1, 2008.

Enacted: November 13, 2007.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk