

CITY OF HUMBLE

ORDINANCE NO. 24-969

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION”, ARTICLE 04 “FIRE CODE” SECTION 001 “ADOPTED; AMENDMENTS”, SUBSECTION B “MODIFICATIONS” BY AMENDING A LOCAL AMENDMENT TO THE FIRE CODE REQUIRING FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN GROUP A, E, F, H, I, M and S BUILDING CLASSIFICATIONS WITH A FIRE AREA OF 5,000 OR MORE SQUARE FEET IN ORDER TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE CITY; PROVIDING A PENALTY UP TO \$2,000 PER DAY FOR EACH VIOLATION; AND MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Humble approved Ordinance 19-836 adopting the 2018 International Fire Code, incorporating local amendments concerning the requirement for fire sprinkler systems to be installed within certain building group classifications of a certain fire area square footage on February 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Humble has experienced exponential growth in the construction of office / warehouse and manufacturing space, with many of these spaces storing and/or preparing flammable materials; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it a public necessity in the interest of health, safety and the general welfare of the citizens to adopt additional regulations requiring the installation of fire-sprinkler systems in all Group A, E, F, H, I, M, and S group structures with a fire area of 5,000 square feet or more;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Humble, Texas, is hereby amended by amending Chapter 6, Article 04, Section 001, Subsection (b), Items (4) and (5) to read as follows:

“Sec. 6.04.001(b)

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(4) Chapter 9, Section 903.2.4 of the 2018 Fire Prevention Code is hereby adopted with changes to read as follows:

An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group F-1 and F-2 occupancy where one of the following conditions exist:

- (A) A group F-1 or F-2 fire area exceeds ~~10,000~~ 5,000 square feet;
- (B) A group F-1 or F-2 fire area is located more than three stories above grade plane;
- (C) The combined area of all Group F-1 and F-2 fire areas on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds ~~10,000~~ 5,000 square feet;
- (D) A group F-1 occupancy used for the manufacture of upholstered furniture or mattresses exceeds 2,500 square feet or 232 square meters.

(5) All sections of chapter 9 of the 2018 International Fire Prevention Code referencing a fire area of 12,000 square feet are hereby amended to reference a reduced fire area of ~~10,000~~ 5,000 square feet, including Group A, E, F, H, I, M, and S. New construction and renovations consisting of 50% or more shall install a fire sprinkler system.
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Section 2. In the event any clause phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Humble, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

Section 4. That, this ordinance supersedes all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions stated herein.

Section 5. In accordance with Section 1.01.009 of the City Code, any person who shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final reading and adoption of this Ordinance when the caption hereof is caused to be published once in the official newspaper of the City, by the City Secretary, within ten days after the passage of the ordinance, as required by law and Article II, Section 12 of the City Charter.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2024.

Norman Funderburk
Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Jackson
City Secretary

PUBLICATION CERTIFICATION

THIS ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 13 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE TEXAS ON:

ATTEST: