

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROCK TEXAS AMENDING THE 2015 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, WITH AMENDMENTS, REPEALING ALL OTHER PARTS OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Commission to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, as part of the ongoing efforts to do so, it is necessary to adopt certain codes to reflect current policies and procedures of the City and to be consistent with changing state and federal statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted the 2015 International Fire Code (“IFC”) with amendments as recommended by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (“NCTCOG”) to be read in harmony with the 2015 International Building Code (“IBC”); and

WHEREAS, Brock now desires to clarify those amendments regarding fire suppression and fire-fighting capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BROCK, TEXAS;

SECTION 1. That all of the recitals and preambles hereinabove stated are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the 2015 IFC with amendments as recommended by the NCTCOG previously adopted as the Fire Code of Brock, Texas is amended as follows:

- A. High Rise Buildings shall be defined as a building with an occupied floor located more than 55 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.
- B. Buildings more than 35 feet or more in height shall require an automatic sprinkler system other than penthouses in compliance with Section 1510 of the IBC except for open parking structures in compliance with Section 406.5 of the IBC, having no other occupancies above the subject garage.
- C. Compliance with Chapter 32 of the IFC must be verified for any building with a clear height exceeding 12 feet.
- D. Automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all new or enlarged buildings with an area of 7,500 sq. ft. or greater except for open parking garages in compliance with section 406.5 of the IBC. Fire walls may separate individual spaces if approved by the Fire Chief and the Commission.

SECTION 3. That all other portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby superseded by this ordinance and repealed. Specifically the provisions in this Ordinance take precedence over any conflict in the 2015 IBC previously adopted by the City.

SECTION 4. That, if any provision of this ordinance will be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of such ordinance will continue in full force and effect, the same as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision had never been a part hereof.

SECTION 5. That nothing in this legislation or in the Fire Code hereby adopted 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 6 of this law; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this legislation.

SECTION 6. That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Each day such violation shall continue, or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 7. Said ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 20 DAY OF MAY 2019.


Troy Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kerri Prentice, City Secretary