

ORDINANCE NO. 02 OF 2014

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARD CODES RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Austin City Council to adopt, in all respects, the various standard codes as approved by the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the various codes is done to facilitate proper inspection activities within the City of Austin relating to public safety, health and general welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AUSTIN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION1: The following codes as approved by the State of Arkansas are adopted by reference as though copied herein fully:

The Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, 2012 Edition (to include all appendices)
*based on the International Building Code, 2006 Edition

The National Fire Protection Association, Life Safety Code, 2009 Edition

The National Electric Code, 2014 Edition

The Arkansas State Plumbing Code, 2006 Edition

The Arkansas State Gas Code, 2006 Edition

The Arkansas State Mechanical Code, 2010 Edition

SECTION2: A copy of each code book is now on file in the Office of the City Clerk and the same and subsequent amendments and revisions as approved by the State of Arkansas are hereby adopted and incorporated, as amended, as if fully set out herein and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during normal office hours. From the date on which this Ordinance shall take effect, the provisions of the aforementioned codes shall be controlling in the construction of all buildings and other structures within the corporate city limits of the City of Austin, Arkansas, except as regulated by other Ordinances of the City of Austin.

SECTION3: Arkansas Code Annotated 14-55-102 empowers municipal corporations to adopt ordinances to provide for the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of inhabitants of the city. Violations of any of the provisions of any of the codes herein adopted shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance, and shall be punishable as a misdemeanor offense and punishable by a fine up to \$250.00 per day and each day said violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION4: A copy of each code book is now on file in the office of the City Clerk and the same and subsequent amendments and revisions as approved by the State of Arkansas are hereby adopted and incorporated, as amended from time to time, as if set out herein and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during normal office hours.

SECTION5: SEVERABILITY. If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions thereof which are valid, but such valid portions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION6: REPEAL. Any matters in said codes adopted herein which are contrary to existing Ordinances of the City of Austin prevail, and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict only. For purposes of codification and proper record keeping, the following Ordinances are each hereby repealed in their entirety: Ordinance No. 01-96; and Ordinance No. 8, 2002.

SECTION7: EMERGENCY. The most current version of standard codes as adopted by the State of Arkansas is of great importance to the health and welfare of the citizens of Austin. An emergency is therefore declared and this Ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

SPONSOR:

DATE:

APPROVED:


Bernie Chamberlain, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Greg Crumpton, City Attorney