

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING
MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO

WHEREAS a certain Ordinance, to-wit: Ordinance Governing Minimum Housing Standards, passed by the City Council on March 18, 1968, and approved by the Mayor on March 18, 1968, and

WHEREAS a certain Ordinance, to-wit: Ordinance of Amendment of An Ordinance Governing Minimum Housing Standards, was passed by the Urbana City Council on April 20, 1970, and approved by the Mayor on April 20, 1970, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has advised certain changes would be necessary to make the present Ordinance sufficient under Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the City Council of Urbana to be in the best interests of the People of Urbana that such Amendments be made.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED THAT:

1. The present paragraph of Section 15.3 of the Ordinance Governing Minimum Housing Standards, which defines BASEMENT, is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof, the following definition shall be inserted:

"Basement" is a portion of a building partly underground, but having less than half its clear height below the average grade of the adjoining ground.

2. The present paragraph of Section 15.3 of the Ordinance Governing Minimum Housing Standards, which defines CELLAR, is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof, the following definition shall be inserted:

"Cellar" is a portion of a building partly underground having half or more than half of its clear height below the average grade of the adjoining ground.

3. The present paragraph of Section 15.7 of the Ordinance Governing Minimum Housing Standards, and the Amendment thereto contained in An Ordinance of Amendment of An Ordinance Governing Minimum Housing Standards, Section 15.7 thereof, is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof, the following is inserted:

Below Ground Habitable Space -

(a) A basement may be used as a habitable dwelling unit or habitable rooming unit provided that:

(1) Floors and walls are watertight;

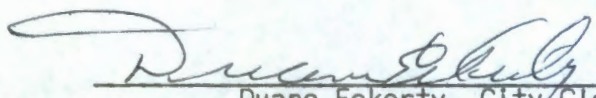
- (2) Total window area, total operable area and ceiling height in accordance with this Code; and
- (3) Required minimum window area of every habitable room is entirely above the grade of the ground adjoining such window area.

(b) Utilization of cellar space as a habitable area is prohibited.

4. The present paragraph of Section 15.9 (e) of the Ordinance Governing Minimum Housing Standards is hereby amended by striking the number 63 following the word least in the first sentence thereof, and substituting therefore, the number 70.


This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Urbana, Illinois, this 5th day of October, 1970.



Duane Eckerty, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE Mayor this 5th day of October, 1970.



Charles M. Zippodt, Mayor

