

ORDINANCE NO. 7475-68

CITY OF URBANA

LIFE SAFETY CODE

ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 8

URBANA CITY CODE

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE N.F.P.A. NO. 101.  
ENTITLED "LIFE SAFETY CODE" AND SUPPLEMENT  
THERETO WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS

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WHEREAS, Section 1-2-4 and 1-3-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and Section 1002 of Chapter 85, Illinois Revised Statutes, 1973 provide that, where rules and regulations for the construction of new buildings and safe use and occupancy of existing buildings or any parts thereof have been printed in book or pamphlet form, such rules and regulations or portions thereof may be adopted by reference, and

WHEREAS, three (3) copies of each of the pamphlets containing the rules and regulations hereinafter adopted have been filed in the office of the City Clerk for use and examination by the public at least thirty (30) days prior to their adoption, as provided by said Statute, and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Illinois, on the date hereof contains a population in excess of 25,000 persons and is therefore a Home Rule unit under the provisions of the Illinois Constitution 1970, and this Ordinance is to be regarded as an exercise in Home Rule Powers of said City,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 8-2-1. ADOPTION OF LIFE SAFETY CODE

There is hereby adopted by the City of Urbana, Illinois, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, installation of equipment, use and occupancy, and maintenance of buildings and structures so as to

minimize property losses and loss of life, because of fire, explosion or other hazardous happenings which could lead to a panic situation, that certain life safety code known as the N.F.P.A. 101 Life Safety Code, 1973 edition as written and recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, of which not less than three (3) copies of said code and supplement have been and are now filed in the office of the City Clerk, and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction, partially in the area of protection of structures and safety of occupants from fire and explosion, within the Corporate Limits of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

#### Section 8-2-2. EFFECT OF STATE LAW

The adoption of the Life Safety Code herein pursuant to Home Rule Powers is not intended to negate any State statute on the same subject except insofar as this ordinance imposes a more stringent requirement or standard than does the State statute.

#### Section 8-2-3. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance, or who fails or refuses to perform any duty or obligation imposed upon such person by this ordinance, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$200.00. Each day that a violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

In addition, the City may seek relief by way of injunction or mandamus against any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, to compel observance of the requirements of this ordinance or to prevent a failure in performance by such person

of any of the provisions hereof.

#### Section 8-2-4. DEFINITIONS

a. Wherever the word "municipality" or "city" is used in the Life Safety Code, it shall be held to mean the City of Urbana, Illinois.

b. Wherever the "authority having jurisdiction" is used in the Life Safety Code, it shall be held to mean the Building Official or his authorized agent, provided, however, any decision of the Building Official is subject to appeal as set forth herein.

c. Existing buildings, as used in this ordinance, shall mean those structures fully constructed and legally used on the effective date of this ordinance, or any building for which a valid certificate of occupancy has been issued after the effective date of this ordinance. (See also Sec. 8-1-5(127.7).

#### Section 8-2-5. AMENDMENTS

The said Life Safety Code is amended and changed in the following respects.

a. Subsection 11-333 entitled "Alarm Systems" is hereby amended to be read as follows: "11-333 Alarm Systems."

11-3331. Every apartment building shall be provided with automatic sprinkler protection in accordance with Section 6-4, or automatic fire alarms in accordance with Section 6-3 if such apartment building is more than three (3) stories in height or more than twelve (12) apartment units."

#### Section 8-2-6. ENFORCEMENT OF LIFE SAFETY CODE

The Code Enforcement Department, as established under Section 8-1-5(a) of the Urbana City Code, which amended subsection 107.1 of the basic building code,

shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Life Safety Code.

#### Section 8-2-7. APPEALS BOARD

The Building Code Board of Appeals established under Section 8.5 of the Urbana City Code is hereby authorized to hear appeals from Life Safety Code as outlined in the amended basic building code Section 127.11 and variations from Life Safety Code as outlined in the amended building code Section 127.21. The Building Code Board of Appeals has the authority to resolve conflicts between the Life Safety Code and basic building code, in instances involving new building. The Minimum Housing Code Board of Appeals also has the general authority to resolve conflicts between Life Safety Code and building code in instances involving existing residential buildings. (See also Sec. 8-1-5(127.7)).

#### Section 8-2-8. CONFLICTS WITH BUILDING CODE

Wherever in the 101 Life Safety Code there is a conflict with the basic building code of the City of Urbana, the provision which offers more protection to life and property shall prevail.

#### Section 8-2-9. SAVING CLAUSE

Nothing in this ordinance or in the 101 Life Safety Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court, or any right acquired, or liability incurred, nor any cause or causes of action accrued or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby nor shall any right or remedy of any character be continued, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 8-2-10. INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES REPEALED

Ordinances or parts thereof in force at the time that this ordinance shall take effect and inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the terms of Section 1 - 2 - 4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council on the 3 day of March, 1975.

PASSED by the City Council this 3 day of March, 1975.

Duane Eckerty  
Duane Eckerty, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 13 day of March, 1975.

Hiram Paley  
Hiram Paley, Mayor

I, Duane Eckerty, City Clerk, City of Urbana, Illinois, do herewith certify that I caused the above Ordinance to be duly published in pamphlet form on the 18 day of April, 1975.

Duane Eckerty  
Duane Eckerty, City Clerk