

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-00108

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS, WITH REGARD TO ADOPTING THE 2000 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO SUCH CODE IN ORDER TO MEET LOCAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council that the best interests of the citizens of the City of Lubbock would be served by adopting the 2000 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code for Lubbock with certain amendments to meet local conditions; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK:

SECTION 1. THAT Section 6-601 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas, shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-601. International Fuel Gas Code adopted.

The 2000 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code is a copyrighted work owned by the International Code Council, Inc; A copy of said fuel gas code is attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set out herein in detail. References to the fuel gas code in this chapter shall mean the 2000 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code. One copy of the 2000 Fuel Gas Code shall be filed with the City Secretary and a copy shall be maintained in the office of the City Building Official. All such copies, with the amendments thereto, shall be open to public inspection during the usual hours of business of the offices where they are maintained.

SECTION 2. THAT Section 6-602 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-602 Title

101.1 Title. Amend to read:

These regulations shall be known as the Fuel Gas Code of the City of Lubbock, Lubbock, Texas, hereinafter referred to as “this code”.

SECTION 3. THAT Section 6-603 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-603 Administrative Authority.

103.1 General. Delete sub-section.

103.2 Appointment. Delete sub-section

103.3 Deputies. Delete title and amend title and sub-section to read as follows:

1. **Administrative Authority.** The administrative authority duly appointed to enforce this Code shall be the Building Official of the City of Lubbock, however, said building official is hereby authorized to designate qualified employees serving under his discretion and control to assist in the discharge of such duty. These employees shall also be referred to as “code officials”.

SECTION 4. THAT Section 6-604 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-604 Fee schedule.

106.5.2 Fee schedule. Amend to read:

The fees for permits shall be referenced from the plumbing and mechanical fee schedules.

SECTION 5. THAT Section 6-605 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-605 Fee refunds.

106.5.3 Fee refunds. Shall be amended to read:

1. The code official shall authorize the refunding of fees as indicated in the plumbing and mechanical ordinances

SECTION 6. THAT Section 6-606 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-606 Violation penalties.

108.4 Violation penalties. Shall be amended to read:

Persons who shall violate a provision of the code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred (\$200.00). Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 7. THAT Section 6-607 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-607 Stop work orders.

108.5 Stop work orders. This section is amended to read:

Upon notice from the code official that work is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner, such work shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work on the system after having been served a stop work order, except such work as the person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$200.00 or more than the presiding judge shall set.

SECTION 8. THAT Section 6-608 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-608 Means of appeal.

109 Means of appeal. This section is amended to read:

1. The Building Board of Appeals shall serve as the fuel gas board of the City of Lubbock and shall perform the duties set out herein or as may be hereafter specified by the City.
2. It shall be within the power and duty of this board to examine new developments and changing conditions for additions, deletions, amendments and changes to the fuel gas code from time to time as it may deem proper, and to submit to the City Council its written suggestions for the improvement of the fuel gas code of the City.
3. Appeals to the board may be made by the City Building Official or any interested person and it is hereby made the power and duty of the board when disputes arise between any person, firm, association, partnership or corporation as to the meaning of the fuel gas code to interpret same, and when a majority of said board has interpreted the fuel gas code as to its meaning, said interpretation by the board shall be final and binding on all persons, firms, associations, partnerships and corporations.
4. In cases where the International Fuel Gas Code gives discretionary power to the building official to permit deviation from the provisions of said code, only those deviations or changes approved by the building official involving required material substitutions

must also be approved by the board before the same can be performed in the City of Lubbock

SECTION 9. THAT Section 6-609 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-609 Prohibited locations.

303.3 Prohibited locations. Amend by deleting:

3. Toilet rooms.
4. Storage Closets.

SECTION 10. THAT Section 6-610 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-610 Sloped roofs.

306.5.1 Sloped roofs. This section is amended by replacing, 3 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (25 percent slope), to read as follows::

4 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (33 percent slope).

SECTION 11. THAT Section 6-611 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-611 Guards.

306.6 Guards. Amend to read:

Guards shall be provided where appliances, fans or other components that require service are located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of a roof edge or open side of a walking surface and such edge or open side is located more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor, roof or grade below. The top of the guard shall be located not less than 42 inches (1067 mm) above the elevated surface adjacent to the guard. The guard shall be constructed so as to prevent the passage of a 21-inch-diameter (533 mm) sphere and shall comply with the loading requirements for guards specified in the adopted building code.

SECTION 12. THAT Section 6-612 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-612 Connecting appliances.

411.1 Connecting appliances. Item no. 2 shall be amended to read:

2. Semi-rigid metallic tubing and metallic fittings. Lengths shall not exceed 6 feet and shall be located entirely in the same room as the appliance.

SECTION 13. THAT Section 6-613 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-613 Appliance fuel connectors.

411.1.2 Appliance fuel connectors. Amend to read:

Connectors shall have an overall length not to exceed 3 feet (914m mm), except for range and domestic cloths dryer connectors, which shall not exceed 6 feet (1829 mm) in length. Connectors shall not be concealed within, or extended through walls, floors partitions, or ceilings. A shutoff valve not less than the nominal size of the connector shall be installed ahead of the connector in accordance with Section 409.5. Connectors shall be sized to provide the total demand of the connected appliance.

SECTION 14. THAT Section 6-614 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-614 Limitations of use.

503.7.4 Limitations of use. Amend by adding the following sentence:

A single wall ell and 18 inch section will be permitted for attic furnace installations.

SECTION 15. THAT Section 6-615 through 6-500 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas shall read as follows:

Sec. 6-615 through 6-700 Reserved

SECTION 16. THAT violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor punishable as provided by Section 1-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock.

SECTION 17. THAT should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 18. THAT the City Secretary is hereby authorized to cause publication of the descriptive caption of this Ordinance as an alternative method provided by law.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Passed by the City Council on first reading this 10th day of October, 2002.
Passed by the City Council on second reading this 24th day of October, 2002.

MARC McDOUGAL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rebecca Garza, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

/s/ Aubrey Long
Aubrey Long, Interim Building Official

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John Knight, Assistant City Attorney