

## ORDINANCE #

### THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ORDAINS

That Chapter 5, Article VIII – **ALARM SYSTEMS** and Article IX – **ADOPTED FIRE CODES** of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth be amended as follows (deletions from existing language **stricken**; additions to existing language **bolded**; remaining language unchanged from existing):

#### CHAPTER 5

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PREVENTION REGULATIONS

#### ARTICLE VIII: ALARM SYSTEMS

##### Section 5.802: SERVICE FEE

The owner of any premises served by an alarm system shall be obligated to pay a service fee to the City of Portsmouth for ~~all~~ unfounded emergency calls to that premises in ~~excess of the number of such calls permitted by this Article. This service fee shall be in such amounts as shall be determined by the adoption of fees by budget resolution or the City Council in accordance with Chapter 1, Article XVI of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth. The service fee may be graduated to increase based upon an increasing number of unfounded emergency calls.~~ **accordance with the adoption of fees by budget resolution of the City Council in accordance with Chapter 1, Article XVI of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth.**

##### ~~Section 5.803: PERMISSIBLE UNFOUNDED EMERGENCY CALLS~~

~~The owner of any premises served by an alarm system shall be permitted the following number of unfounded emergency calls prior to the imposition of a service fee:~~

~~A. Unfounded Emergency Calls to Police Department  
Five calls per calendar year~~

~~B. Unfounded Emergency Calls to Fire Department  
Four calls per six calendar month period (January to June inclusive or July to December inclusive)~~

#### ARTICLE IX: ADOPTED FIRE CODES

The City of Portsmouth formally adopts the “New Hampshire Fire Code”. This includes the N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Chapter Saf-C 6000 and is defined in NH RSA 153:VI-a as the adoption by reference of the Life Safety Code 2015 Edition and the Uniform Fire Code NFPA1, **20092015** Edition, as published by the National Fire Protection Association and as amended by the State Board of Fire Control.

The City of Portsmouth adopts the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition (IFC) and the provisions of any other national code, model code or standard referred to in the IFC as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted as **Chapter 5, Article IX**, of the ordinances

of the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, subject to the following amendments, additions and deletions:

## SECTION 105 PERMITS

~~**105.1.1 Permits required.** All permits required by this Code for the installation, modification, or maintenance of fire alarm or fire sprinkler systems shall be obtained prior to the initiation of any work being performed. Issued permits shall be kept on the premises designated therein at all times and shall be subject to inspection by fire code official.~~

~~**105.2 Application.** Application for permits shall be made using the City's on-line permitting system located at <https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/>. Applications for permits shall be accompanied by construction documents as required by the fire code official for evaluation of the application.~~

~~**105.3** All fees for permits and applications shall be determined by the adoption of fees by budget resolution of the City Council in accordance with Chapter 1, Article XVI of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth.~~

~~**105.6 Required operational permits.** Permits shall be required by the fire code official in accordance with Sections 105.6.32 and 105.6.36.~~

*Change subsections to read as follows:*

~~**105.7 Required fire system construction permits.** Permits shall be required by the fire code official in accordance with Sections 105.7.1 through 105.7.17.~~

~~**105.7.1 Automatic fire extinguishing systems.** Applications for fixed fire extinguishing systems may be obtained from the building inspection department.~~

~~**105.7.6 Fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment.** Applications for fire alarm systems may be obtained from the building inspection department.~~

~~**105.7.17 Standpipe systems.** Applications for standpipe systems may be obtained from the city building inspection department.~~

## SECTION 903 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

*Change subsection to read as follows with exceptions remaining unchanged:*

~~**903.4.1 Monitoring.** Alarm, supervisory and trouble signals shall be distinctly different and shall be automatically transmitted to an approved central station, remote supervising station, or proprietary supervising station as defined in NFPA 72 or, when approved by the building or fire official shall sound an audible and visual signal at a constantly attended location.~~

*Change subsection to read as follows with exceptions remaining unchanged:*

~~**903.4.3 Floor Control Valves.** Approved supervised indicating control valves shall be provided at the point of connection to each floor at the direction of the Fire Code Official.~~

## SECTION 907 FIRE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS

*Add new item 4 to end of subsection:*

### 907.2.11.1 Group R-1.

4. In all exit access corridors, all exit enclosure stairs and in common areas on each floor level, including basements, when the building is not equipped with an automatic fire alarm system. Single-or multiple-station smoke ~~detectors~~ **alarms** in common areas shall be interconnected but shall not be interconnected with guest room smoke detectors.

*Add new item 4 to end of subsection:*

### 907.2.11.2 Groups R-2, R-3, R-4, and I-1.

4. In all exit access corridors, all exit enclosure stairs and in common areas on each floor level, including basements, when the building is not equipped with an automatic fire alarm system. Single- or multiple-station smoke detectors in common areas shall be interconnected but shall not be interconnected with dwelling unit smoke detectors. In some Group R-2 or R-3 occupancies, as determined by the fire official, additional single- or multiple-station smoke ~~detectors~~ **alarms** may be required in the basement, interconnected with a dwelling unit(s)-~~detector~~ **alarm** (s).

*Add new subsection to read as follows:*

**907.2.11.2.1. Groups E, I-2 and I-4.** Single- or multiple-station smoke ~~detectors~~ **alarms** shall be installed and maintained on all stories and all sleeping rooms of Group E day care facilities, Group I-2 child care facilities, Group I-4 day care facilities and Group I-4 child care facilities as defined in Section 202.

**Exception:** Single- or multiple-station smoke ~~detectors~~ **alarms** shall not be required when the building is equipped with an automatic fire alarm system with smoke detection in all sleeping rooms.

## CHAPTER 10 MEANS OF EGRESS

~~Delete all sections within this chapter and replace with the following subsections:~~

### ~~SECTION 1001 ADMINISTRATION~~

~~Change subsections to read as follows:~~

~~**1001.1 General.** Buildings or portions thereof shall be provided with a means of egress system as required by this chapter and Saf C 6000. The provisions of this chapter and Saf C 6000 shall control the design, construction and arrangement of means of egress components required to provide an approved means of egress from structures and portions thereof. Sections 1003 through 1029 shall apply to new construction. Section 1030 shall apply to existing buildings.~~

~~**1001.2 Minimum requirements.** It shall be unlawful to alter a building or structure in a manner that will reduce the number of exits or the capacity of the means of egress to less than required by the code referenced in Section 1001.1.~~

### ~~SECTION 3201 GENERAL~~

~~**3201.1 Scope.** Delete in item 4, the reference to NFPA 230 and replace with NFPA 1.~~

## CHAPTER 80 REFERENCED STANDARDS

*Insert the following Codes and Standards:*

New Hampshire State Building Code

Department of Safety  
33 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03305  
(603) 271-~~3294~~**7965**  
[bldgcodebrd@dos.nh.gov](mailto:bldgcodebrd@dos.nh.gov)

### **New Hampshire Architectural Barrier Free Design Code**

Governor's Commission on Disability  
121 South Fruit Street, Suite 101  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 271-2773  
1-800-852-3405 (NH)

<https://www.nh.gov/disability/abcommittee.html>

### **New Hampshire Energy Code**

Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429  
(603) 271-2431

[www.puc.state.nh.us/EnergyCodes/energypg.htm](http://www.puc.state.nh.us/EnergyCodes/energypg.htm)

### **New Hampshire Elevator and Accessibility Lift Law, RSA 157-B**

NH ~~Labor~~ Department of **Labor**  
Boiler & Elevator Division  
PO Box 2076  
Concord, NH 03302-2076  
(603) 271-~~2584~~**2585**

[www.nh.gov/labor/inspection/boilers-elevators.htm](http://www.nh.gov/labor/inspection/boilers-elevators.htm)

*Amend in the NFPA Section the following referenced Standards:*

~~Change 13-02 to 13-13 Design & Installation of Sprinkler Systems~~

~~Change 13D-02 to 13D-13 Design & Installation of Sprinkler Systems in 1 & 2 Family  
Dwellings~~

~~Change 13R-02 to 13R-13 Design & Installation of Sprinkler Systems in  
Residential Occupancies 4 Stories in Height or Less~~

~~Change 30-03 to 30-12 Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code~~

~~Change 30A-03 to 30A-15 Code for Motor Fuel dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages~~

~~Change 30B-02 to 30B-15 Manufacture and Storage of Aerosol Products~~

~~Change 31-01 to 31-11 Installation of Oil Burning Equipment~~

~~Change 58-04 to 58-14 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code~~

~~Change 72-02 to 72-13 National Fire Alarm Code~~

~~Change 211-03 to 211-13 Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel Burning  
Appliances~~

~~Change 230-03 to 01-09 Uniform Fire Code~~

~~Change 409-01 to 409-11 Aircraft Hangers~~

**70-14 -17 National Electric Code**

*Insert in the NFPA Section the following referenced Codes and Standards:*

**54-15** National Fuel Gas Code

~~**70-14** National Electric Code~~

**96-14** Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations

The City Clerk shall properly alphabetize and/or re-number the ordinances as necessary in accordance with this amendment.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby deleted.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED:

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Jack Blalock, Mayor

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL:

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Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk