

FIRE CODE

St. Charles County adopted the 2015 International Codes with amendments, which will go into effect on Monday, August 14, 2017. All building permit applications received on or after that date will be required to meet the newly adopted code.

Below are the amendments to the adopted code:

ARTICLE XI: FIRE CODE

Section 500.400. Adoption of Fire Code of St. Charles County.

- A. St. Charles County hereby adopts the **2015 International Fire Code, including Appendices B and F**, a copy of which shall be deposited in the Office of the County Registrar with this ordinance, with the following amendments by additions, insertions, deletions and changes so that such section and subsections to read as follows:

(CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION)

(SECTION 101 GENERAL)

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of **St. Charles County, Missouri** ~~[[NAME OF JURISDICTION]],~~ hereinafter referred to as "this code."

(SECTION 102 APPLICABILITY)

102.4 Application of building code. The design and construction of new structures shall comply with the International Building Code or International Residential Code based on the scope of the respective code. Any alterations, additions, changes in use or changes in structures required by this code ~~[, which are within the scope of the International Building Code,]~~ shall comply with the International Existing Building

Code or International Residential Code based on the scope of the respective code [be made in accordance therewith].

(SECTION 103 DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY)

103.1 Creation of enforcement agency. **The Division of Building and Code Enforcement of the Department of Community Development shall be the enforcement agency for this Code and the Division's director shall be the fire code official referred to in this code.** ~~[The department of fire prevention is established within the jurisdiction under the direction of the fire code official. The function of the department shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.]~~

103.2 Appointment. The fire code official shall be appointed **as provided by ordinance** ~~[by the chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction; and the fire code official shall not be removed from office except for cause and after full opportunity to be heard on specific and relevant charges by and before the appointing authority.]~~

(SECTION 105 PERMITS)

105.4.1 Submittals. Construction documents and supporting data shall be submitted, **as required by the fire code official,** ~~[in two or more sets]~~ with each application for a permit and in such form and detail as required by the fire code official. The construction documents shall be prepared by a registered design professional where required by the statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.

Exception:

The fire code official is authorized to waive the submission of construction documents and supporting data not required to be prepared by a registered design professional if it is found that the nature of the work applied for is such that review of construction documents is not necessary to obtain compliance with this code.

105.7 Required construction permits. The fire code official is authorized to issue construction permits for work as set forth in Sections 105.7.1 through 105.7.18. The term "construction permit" shall mean building permit and shall follow the requirements of Section 105 of the Building Code in addition to the requirements of this code.

(SECTION 106 INSPECTIONS)

106.90 Workmanship. All work shall be executed in a workmanlike and skilled manner so that, for example, floors are level, walls are plumb and square, windows and doors are plumb, square and easily operable, exterior building envelopes are weather-tight and exclude the elements, building materials are undamaged, and surfaces are unmarred. All work performed shall be in compliance with this code, per industry standards, and in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

(SECTION 108 MEANS OF APPEAL)

108.1 General. **For the purposes of this code, all appeals shall be in accordance with the procedure established for the Building Code of St. Charles County, Missouri, in Section 113 of 500.010.** ~~In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the fire code official relative to the application and interpretation of this code, there shall be and is hereby created a board of appeals. The board of appeals shall be appointed by the governing body and shall hold office at its pleasure. The fire code official shall be an ex officio member of said board but shall not have a vote on any matter before the board. The board shall adopt rules of procedure for conducting its business, and shall render decisions and findings in writing to the appellant with a duplicate copy to the fire code official.~~

108.2 Limitations on authority. **Delete in its entirety.**

108.3 Qualifications. **Delete in its entirety.**

(SECTION 109 VIOLATIONS)

109.4 Violation penalties. Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, and each day's continuance of a violation shall be deemed a separate offense. ~~[[SPECIFY OFFENSE], punishable by a fine of not more than [AMOUNT] dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding [NUMBER OF DAYS], or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.]~~

(SECTION 111 STOP WORK ORDER)

111.2 Issuance. A stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property involved, or to the owner's authorized agent, or to the person performing the work. Upon issuance of a stop work order, the cited work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for the order and the conditions under which the cited work will be permitted to resume. *Any person served with a stop work order shall pay an administrative penalty of up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).*

111.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of **not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00)** ~~[not less than [AMOUNT] dollars or more than [AMOUNT] dollars].~~

(CHAPTER 11 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS)

(SECTION 1103 FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS)

1103.5.3 Group I-2 Condition 2. In addition to the requirements of Section 1103.5.2, existing buildings of Group I-2 Condition 2 occupancy shall be equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1. The automatic sprinkler system shall be installed as established by the **local fire district and the State of Missouri** ~~[adopting ordinance].~~

(CHAPTER 56 EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS)

(SECTION 5601 GENERAL)

5601.1.3 Fireworks. **Fireworks shall comply with the Ordinances of St. Charles County, Missouri.** ~~[The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited.]~~

Exceptions:

1. ~~Storage and handling of fireworks as allowed in Section 5604.~~
2. ~~Manufacture, assembly and testing of fireworks as allowed in Section 5605.]~~

(SECTION 5609 TEMPORARY STORAGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS)

5609.1 General. **Delete in its entirety.**

(CHAPTER 57 FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS)

(SECTION 5704 STORAGE)

5704.2.9.6.1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. Storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited **as defined by the applicable ordinance of the fire district having competent jurisdiction.** ~~[within the limits established by law as the limits of districts in which such storage is prohibited (see~~

~~Section 3 of the Sample Legislation for Adoption of the International Fire Code on page xxi).]~~

(SECTION 5706 SPECIAL OPERATIONS)

5706.2.4.4 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. The storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited **as defined by the applicable ordinance of the fire district having competent jurisdiction.** [~~within the limits established by law as the limits of districts in which such storage is prohibited (see Section 3 of the Sample Legislation for Adoption of the International Fire Code on page xxi).~~]

(CHAPTER 58 FLAMMABLE GASES AND FLAMMABLE CRYOGENIC FLUIDS)

(SECTION 5806 FLAMMABLE CRYOGENIC FLUIDS)

5806.2 Limitations. Storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings is prohibited within the limits established by law as the limits **as defined by the applicable ordinance of the fire district having competent jurisdiction.** [~~of districts in which such storage is prohibited (see Section 3 of the Sample Legislation for Adoption of the International Fire Code on page xxi).~~]

(CHAPTER 61 LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GASES)

(SECTION 6104 LOCATION OF LP-GAS CONTAINERS)

6104.2 Maximum capacity within established limits. **As defined by the applicable ordinance of the fire district having competent jurisdiction,** [~~Within the~~] limits established by law restricting the storage of liquefied petroleum gas for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas, the aggregate capacity of any one installation shall not exceed a water capacity of 2,000 gallons (7570 L) [~~(see Section 3 of the Sample Legislation for Adoption of the International Fire Code on page xxi).~~].