

**AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF  
THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODES  
AND THE 2023 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE  
FOR THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD**

WHEREAS, the statutes of the State of Mississippi, Section 19-5-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, empowered the City to enact construction codes published by a nationally recognized code group which sets minimum standards and has the proper provisions to maintain up-to-date amendments with minimum standard guides for building, plumbing, electrical, gas, sanitary, and other related codes in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance of the City of Diamondhead adopting The Family of International Building Codes, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such structures in the City of Diamondhead; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and repealing all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, that the following The Family of International Building Codes and National Electric Code as herein below as follows:

**Section 1.** That The Family of International Building Codes and the National Electric Code one (1) copy in the Building Department, the City of Diamondhead being marked and designated as follows:

**International Building Code, 2024 edition**, including Appendix Chapters A, B, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and P, as published by the International Code Council;

**International Residential Code, 2024 edition**, including Appendix Chapters AA, BA, BB, BC, BD, BF, BG, BH, BO, and CF, as published by the International Code Council;

**International Mechanical Code, 2024 edition** Appendix Chapter C, as published by the International Code Council;

**International Plumbing Code, 2024 edition**, including Appendix Chapters C, E, and F as published by the International Code Council;

**International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 edition**, including Appendix Chapter D, as published by the International Code Council;

**International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2024 edition**, including Appendix Chapter A, as published by the International Code Council;

**International Existing Building Code, 2024 edition**, including Appendix Chapters B, C, D, and E, as published by the International Code Council;

**International Energy Conservation Code, 2024 edition**, including Appendix Chapters CA and RA, as published by the International Code Council;

**International Property Maintenance Code, 2024 edition**, including Appendix Chapters A and B, as published by the International Code Council;

**International Fire Code, 2024 edition**, including Appendix Chapters A, B, C, D E, F, H, I, J, and K, as published by the International Code Council;

**NFPA 70 National Electrical Code, 2023 edition**, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc.;

These codes are hereby adopted as the Building Codes of the City of Diamondhead, in the State of Mississippi for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, building, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Building Codes on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Diamondhead are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance.

**Section 2.** The following code sections are hereby revised:

#### **International Building Code, 2024 edition**

**Section 101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section 103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section 114.4.** Revise as follows: "... shall be ~~subject to penalties as prescribed by law~~ guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) 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 1612.3.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS, September 27, 2019

**Section B101.3.** Insert: five (5)

**Section K111.4.** Delete in its entirety.

#### **International Residential Code, 2024 edition**

**Section 101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section 103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section 105.2 Work exempt from permit** Revise as follows: "... Permits shall not be required for the following:

**Building:**

1. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter does not exceed 2 to 1.
2. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work.
3. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
4. Swings and other playground equipment.
5. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support. ..."

**Section 113.4.** Revise as follows: "... shall be ~~subject to penalties as prescribed by law~~ guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or by imprisonment not

exceeding ninety (90) 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."

**Table R301.2.** Insert the following information in the respective locations:

GROUND SNOW LOAD	5 lb/sqft
WIND DESIGN Speed (mph)	150
WIND DESIGN Topographic effects	No
WIND DESIGN Special wind region	No
WIND DESIGN Windborne debris zone	Yes
SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY	A
SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM Weathering	Negligible
SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM Frost line depth	Twelve (12) inches
SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM Termite	Very heavy
ICE BARRIER UNDERLayment REQUIRED	No
FLOOD HAZARDS	Initial NFIP: 09/09/1970 Effective FIS: Hancock County, MS and Incorporated Areas, 09/27/2019
AIR FREEZING INDEX	25%
MEAN ANNUAL TEMP	67.1 degrees Fahrenheit
MANUAL J Elevation	26 feet above mean sea level
MANUAL J Altitude correction factor	1.00
MANUAL J Coincident wet bulb	78 degrees Fahrenheit
MANUAL J Indoor winter design relative humidity	50%
MANUAL J Indoor winter design dry-bulb	70 degrees Fahrenheit
MANUAL J Outdoor winter design dry-bulb	35 degrees Fahrenheit
MANUAL J Heating temperature difference	35 degrees Fahrenheit
MANUAL J Latitude	30 degrees North
MANUAL J Daily range	M
MANUAL J Summer design grains	63
MANUAL J Indoor summer design relative humidity	50%
MANUAL J Indoor summer design dry-bulb	75 degrees Fahrenheit
MANUAL J Outdoor summer design dry-bulb	91 degrees Fahrenheit
MANUAL J Cooling temperature difference	16 degrees Fahrenheit

**Section R309.** Delete in its entirety and replace with: "**Section 309-Heat Detectors and Heat Alarms**

**R309.1 General.** Heat detectors and heat alarms shall comply with NFPA 72 and this section.

**R309.1.1 Listings.** Heat detectors and heat alarms shall be listed for the intended application.

**R309.1.2 Installation.** Heat detectors and heat alarms shall be installed in accordance with their listing and the manufacturer's instructions.

**R309.2 Where required.** Heat detectors and heat alarms shall be provided in accordance with this section.

**R309.2.1 New construction.** A heat detector or heat alarm shall be provided in new attached garages.

**R309.2.2 Alterations, repairs and additions.** Where *alterations, repairs or additions* requiring a *permit* occur, the individual *dwelling unit* shall be equipped with heat detectors or heat alarms as required for new *dwellings*.

**Exceptions:**

1. Work involving the exterior surfaces of *dwellings*, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck.
2. Installation, *alteration* or repairs or plumbing or *mechanical systems*.

**R309.3 Location.** A heat detector or heat alarm rated for the ambient outdoor temperatures and humidity shall be installed in new garages that are attached to or located under new and existing dwellings.

**R309.4 Interconnection.** Heat detectors and heat alarms shall be connected to an alarm or a smoke alarm that is installed in the *dwelling*. Alarms and smoke alarms that are installed for this purpose shall be located in a hallway, room, or other location that will provide occupant notification.

**R309.5 Power source.** Smoke alarms, heat alarms, and heat detectors shall receive their primary power from the building wiring where such wiring is served from a commercial source and, where primary power is interrupted, shall receive power from a battery. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than those required for overcurrent protection.

**Exceptions:**

1. Heat detectors and alarms shall be permitted to be battery operated where installed in *buildings* without commercial power.
2. Heat detectors and alarms installed in accordance with Section R309.2.2 shall be permitted to be battery powered.”

**Section N1101.14.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section N1102.5.1.2.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section N1103.3.7.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section N1103.6.6.3.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section N1103.6.4.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section N1104.2.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section N1104.3.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section N1108.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section N1110.25.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section P2603.5.1.** Insert: twelve (12) inches

**Section E3606** Delete sections E3606.5 through E3606.5.4

**Section E3901.4.2** Delete and replace with “**E3901.4.2 Island and peninsular countertops and work spaces.** Receptacle outlets, if installed to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, shall be installed in accordance with this following:

1. At least one receptacle outlet shall be provided for the first 9 square feet (0.84 square meters), or fraction thereof, of the countertop or work surface. A receptacle outlet shall be provided for every additional 18 square feet (1.7 square meters), or fraction thereof, of the countertop or work surface. [210.52.(C)(2)(a)]
2. At least one receptacle outlet shall be located within 2 feet (600 mm) of the outer end of a peninsular countertop or work surface. [210.52(C)(2)(b)]

A peninsular countertop shall be measured from the connected perpendicular wall

If a receptacle outlet is not provided to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, provisions shall be provided at the island or peninsula for future addition of a receptacle outlet to serve the island or peninsular countertop or work surface. [210.52(C)(2)]”

**Section E3901.4.3** Delete and replace with “**E3901.4.3 Receptacle outlet location.** Receptacle outlets rendered not readily accessible by appliances fastened in place, appliance garages, sinks, or rangetops as covered in the exception to Section E3901.4.1, or appliances occupying assigned spaces shall not be considered as these required outlets. Required receptacle outlets shall be located in one or more of the following:

1. On or above, but not more than 20 inches (508 mm) above, the countertop or work surface.
2. Receptacle outlet assemblies listed for the use in countertops or work surfaces shall be permitted to be installed in countertops or work surfaces.
3. Not more than 12 inches (305 mm) below the countertop or work surface. Receptacles installed below a countertop or work surface shall not be located where the countertop or work surface extends more than 6 inches (152 mm) beyond its support base. [210.52(C)(3)]”

**Section E3902** Delete “through 250-volt” in all sections E3902.1 through E3902.18

**Section E3902.6** Revise as follows: “... that serve ~~kitchens~~ countertop surfaces...”

**Section E3902.12** Delete items 5 through 9.

**Section E3902.14** Delete “this exception shall expire September 1, 2026.”

**Section E3909.21** Delete: "... kitchens, family rooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, sunrooms, recreations rooms, closets, hallways, laundry areas and similar rooms or areas..."

**Section AA101.3.** Insert: five (5)

### **International Mechanical Code, 2024 edition**

**Section 101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section 103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section 114.1.** Insert: misdemeanor, one thousand dollars (\$1,000), ninety (90) days

**Section C101.3.** Insert: five (5)

### **International Plumbing Code, 2024 edition**

**Section 101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section 103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section 114.1.** Insert: misdemeanor, one thousand dollars (\$1,000), ninety (90) days

**Section 305.4.1** Insert: twelve (12) inches

**Section 903.1.1** Insert: twelve (12) inches

**Section F101.3** Insert: five (5)

### **International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 edition**

**Section 101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section 103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section 113.4** Insert: misdemeanor, one thousand dollars (\$1,000), ninety (90) days

**Section D101.3** Insert: five (5)

### **International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2024 edition**

**Section 101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section 103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section 113.4** Insert: misdemeanor, one thousand dollars (\$1,000), ninety (90) days

**Section A101.3** Insert: five (5)

### **International Existing Building Code, 2024 edition**

**Section 101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section 103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section 113.4.** Revise as follows: "... shall be ~~subject to fines established by the AHJ~~ guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) 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 D101.3** Insert: five (5)

### **International Energy Conservation Code, 2024 edition**

**Section C101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section C103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section C110.4.** Revise as follows: "... shall be ~~subject to fines established by the AHJ~~ guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) 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 C406.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section C502.3.7.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section C503.6.** Delete in its entirety

**Section CA101.3.** Insert: five (5)

**Section R101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section R103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section R107.2.6.** Delete it in its entirety.

**Section R110.4.** Revise as follows: "... shall be ~~subject to fines established by the AHJ~~ guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) 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 RA101.3.** Insert: five (5)

**Section R401.3.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section R402.5.1.2.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section R403.3.7.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section R403.6.3.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section R403.6.5.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section R404.2.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section R404.3.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section R408.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section R502.2.5.** Delete in its entirety.

**Section R503.1.5.** Delete in its entirety

## **International Property Maintenance Code, 2024 edition**

**The following sections are hereby revised:**

**Section 101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section 103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section 107.4.** Revise as follows: "... shall be ~~prosecuted within the limits provided by state or local laws~~ guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment..."

**Section 302.4.** Insert: (12 inches)

**Section 304.14.** Insert: January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

**Section 602.3.** Insert: October 1<sup>st</sup> till May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Section 602.4.** Insert: October 1<sup>st</sup> till May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Section B101.3.** Insert: five (5)

## **International Fire Code, 2024 edition**

**Section 101.1.** Insert: City of Diamondhead, MS

**Section 103.1.** Insert: Building Department

**Section 113.4.** Insert: misdemeanor, one thousand dollars (\$1,000), ninety (90) days

**Section 1103.5.3.** Insert: December 31, 2025

**Section A101.3** Insert: five (5)

## **NFPA 70 National Electrical Code, 2023 edition**

**Sections 210.8(A) and 210.8(B)** Delete "... through 250-volt..."

**Section 210.8(A)(6)** Revise as follows: "Kitchens – where the receptacles are installed to serve the countertop surfaces"

**Section 210.8(D)** Delete items 8 through 12.

**Section 210.8(F)** Delete "this exception shall expire September 1, 2026."

**Section 210.12(B)** Delete items 1 through 7 and 9 through 14.

**Section 210.12(C)** Delete items 2 through 6.

**Sections 210.52(C)(2)** Delete and replace with “**210.52(C)(2) Island and Peninsular Countertops and Work Surfaces.** Receptacle outlets, if installed to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, shall be installed in accordance with this following:

1. At least one receptacle outlet shall be provided for the first 9 square feet (0.84 square meters), or fraction thereof, of the countertop or work surface. A receptacle outlet shall be provided for every additional 18 square feet (1.7 square meters), or fraction thereof, of the countertop or work surface. [210.52.(C)(2)(a)]
2. At least one receptacle outlet shall be located within 2 feet (600 mm) of the outer end of a peninsular countertop or work surface. [210.52(C)(2)(b)]

A peninsular countertop shall be measured from the connected perpendicular wall

If a receptacle outlet is not provided to serve an island or peninsular countertop or work surface, provisions shall be provided at the island or peninsula for future addition of a receptacle outlet to serve the island or peninsular countertop or work surface.”

**210.52(C)(3)** Delete and replace with “**210.52(C)(3) Receptacle Outlet Location.** Receptacle outlets rendered not readily accessible by appliances fastened in place, appliance garages, sinks, or rangetops as covered in the exception to Section E3901.4.1, or appliances occupying assigned spaces shall not be considered as these required outlets. Required receptacle outlets shall be located in one or more of the following:

1. On or above, but not more than 20 inches (508 mm) above, the countertop or work surface.
2. Receptacle outlet assemblies listed for the use in countertops or work surfaces shall be permitted to be installed in countertops or work surfaces.
3. Not more than 12 inches (305 mm) below the countertop or work surface. Receptacles installed below a countertop or work surface shall not be located where the countertop or work surface extends more than 6 inches (152 mm) beyond its support base.”

**Section 230.67** Delete in its entirety.

**Section 3.** That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City of Diamondhead hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**Section 4.** That nothing in this ordinance or in these Building Codes hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

**Section 5.** That the City Clerk of the City of Diamondhead is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published as per Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, Section 19-5-9, the full text of the order adopting and approving the codes, and will publish the city order in the official newspaper of the city three (1) time, and shall be completed within one (1) month after the passage of the order in compliance with state law.

**Section 6.** That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect one (1) month from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, that The 2024 edition of the Family of International Codes and the National Electric Code, 2023 edition, of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, and filed and recorded on the City Council Minute Book Number \_\_\_\_\_, Pages \_\_\_\_\_, in the office of the City Clerk, the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi.

Aye      Nay      Absent

Councilmember Finley	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Harwood	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Sheppard	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Clark	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Maher	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Liese	_____	_____	_____

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

SEAL

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF  
DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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CITY CLERK