

Ordinance NO. 849-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HILSHIRE VILLAGE, TEXAS, BY DELETING SECTION 5.101 OR ARTICLE 5.100 FIRE PROTECTION OF CHAPTER 5 FIRE PROTECTION AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW SECTION 5.101 ADOPTING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 FOR VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF, PROVIDING THAT THE CODES ADOPTED HEREIN AND THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HILSHIRE VILLAGE:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Hilshire Village, Texas, is hereby amended by deleting Section 5.101 of Article, 5.100, Fire Protection, of Chapter 5, Fire Protection, and substituting therefor new Section 5.101 and Section 5.102, to read as follows:

“ARTICLE 5.100. FIRE PROTECTION”

Sec. 5.101. The International Fire Code adopted.

The International Fire Code, 2021 Edition, as amended, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Code," with the following Appendices is hereby adopted:

Appendix B Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings

Appendix C Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution

Appendix D Fire Apparatus Access Roads

Appendix E Hazard Categories

Appendix F Hazard Ranking

Appendix G Cryogenic Fluids- Weights and Volume Equivalents

Appendix H Hazardous Materials Management Plan (HMMP) and Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement (HMIS) Instructions

Appendix I Fire Protection Systems- Noncompliant Conditions

Sec. 5.102. Amendments to the International Fire Code.

(a) Section 307.1 of said Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

307.1 *General.* Open burning of rubbish, combustible vegetation, and other waste is prohibited.

(b) *Section 903.2* of said Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

903.2 Where required. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all new buildings and structures built for or to be utilized as one of the occupancy classifications defined by the International Fire Code. Provided however, automatic sprinkler installation shall not be required for additions to existing structures, to structures being renovated or remodeled, or to structures being restored as a result of damage or destruction, unless the cost of the addition, renovation or remodeling, or restoration, over a twelve (12) month period, exceeds fifty (50) percent of either the most recent Harris County Appraisal District's appraised value, or the value established in a certified appraisal submitted by the owner and completed by a state certified appraiser within the past six (6) months, whichever is higher, of the structure subject to such construction.

(c) *Sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.12.2* of said Code are hereby deleted.

(d) *Section 903.3* of said Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

903.3 Installation requirements. Automatic sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with Sections 903.3.2 through 903.3.7.

(e) *Sections 903.3.1 through 903.3.1.3* of said Code are hereby deleted.

(f) *Section 905.3* of said Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

905.3 Required installations. Class I standpipe systems shall be installed at all Residential Group R occupancies located on flag lots, the location of which shall be approved by the fire chief; otherwise, standpipe systems shall be provided as set forth in Sections 905.3.1 through 905.11.

(g) *Section 907.2.3* of said Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

907.2.3 Educational Group E. Educational Group E Occupancies, including day nurseries, day care centers, and preschool centers, having an occupancy load of six (6) or more persons shall be required to install an automatic fire alarm system to include an approved manual pull-down station. Each system shall incorporate smoke detection devices in each occupiable area, with all detectors interconnected in such a way that activation of any required detector shall automatically activate all detectors.

(j) *Section 5601.1* of said Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

5601.1 General. The manufacture, assembly and testing of explosives, ammunition, blasting agents and fireworks is prohibited.

(m) *Section 5704.2* of said Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

5704.2 Locations where above ground tanks are prohibited. Except as otherwise provided in this section, storage of Class I and Class II liquids in aboveground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the city limits of the City of Hilshire Village. The fire marshal may approve temporary storage of Class I and Class II liquids in portable aboveground tanks at construction sites. Storage by political subdivisions of this state of diesel fuel in aboveground tanks enclosed in concrete is exempt from the provisions of this section.

Section 2. Any person who shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence violate any provision of this Ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 3. The Codes adopted herein and the City's Zoning Ordinance shall be cumulative. To the extent there may exist any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of the City's Zoning Ordinance, as amended, and the Codes adopted herein, the more restrictive of the two documents shall prevail and shall be interpreted and enforced according to its own terms.

Section 4. In the event any clause phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Hilshire Village, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2025.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19 day of August, 2025.

Robert Buesinger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cassie Stephens, City Secretary