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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CITY OF LABELLE CODE, CHAPTER 6, FIRE PREVENTION, ARTICLE II, FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTIONS 6-12, CODE ADOPTED; APPLICABILITY, AND 6-13, AMENDMENTS TO FIRE PREVENTION CODE; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND RELATED STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION OF PRIOR ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of LaBelle, Florida has the authority to adopt this Ordinance pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, 166, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 633, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, provides for the adoption and periodic update of the Florida Fire Prevention Code by the State Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to amend Chapter 6, Article II, Sections 6-12 and 6-13 of the City of LaBelle Code of Ordinances to update the City’s local fire prevention code language to reference the current edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, its appendices, and other related standards; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that updating Sections 6-12 and 6-13 promotes consistency with applicable state fire prevention standards and furthers the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was properly advertised and has received public hearings before the City Commission on August 13, 2026, and September 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that adoption of this Ordinance serves a valid municipal and public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of LaBelle, Florida:

Section 1. Recitals. The forgoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and hereby made a part of this Ordinance and adopted as legislative findings.

Section 2. Amendment to the City Code of Ordinances. Chapter 6, Fire Prevention, Article II, Fire Prevention and Life Safety Standards, Section 6-12, Code adopted; applicability, and 6-13, Amendments to fire prevention code, of the City of LaBelle Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, which is incorporated by reference as if set forth herein.

Section 3. Ratification of Prior Actions. All actions previously taken by the City Commission and City staff in furtherance of the preparation, notice, consideration, and adoption of this Ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. Codification. The City Commission intends that this Ordinance be made part of the LaBelle Code of the City of LaBelle, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish codification.

Section 5. Severability. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Conflicts. The provisions of this Ordinance shall supersede any provisions of existing ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of said conflict.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING this 13th day of August 2026.

APPROVED ON SECOND READING, PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 10th day of September 2026.

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE,
FLORIDA**

By: _____
Vince Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

By: _____
City Attorney

Vote:	AYE	NAY
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Mayor Ross	_____	_____
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Commissioner Spratt	_____	_____
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104 EXHIBIT A

105 THE LABELLE CODE

106 CHAPTER 6 – FIRE PREVENTION

107 ARTICLE II. FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY STANDARDS

108 **Sec. 6-12. Code adopted; applicability.**

- 109 (a) This article shall be known as the "City of LaBelle Fire Prevention Code." This Code adopts
110 the current edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, as amended from time to time, 2004
111 which includes the current edition of the NFPA 1, save and except those portions ~~such as that~~
112 are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended. The same are hereby adopted and incorporated
113 as ~~fully as~~ if set out at length herein. ~~Not less than one (1) copy of the adopted issue of the~~
114 ~~Florida Fire Prevention Code and the adopted standards and codes of the National Fire Codes~~
115 ~~shall be located in the clerk's office of the City Hall~~ and the provisions thereof shall be
116 controlling within the limits of the City of LaBelle, Florida.
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118 (b) The provisions of the City of LaBelle fire prevention code shall apply equally to both public
119 and private property, and it shall apply to all structures and their occupancies, except as
120 otherwise specified.

121 **Sec. 6-13. Amendments to fire prevention code.**

122 All of the appendices of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, as amended from time to time, are
123 hereby included as a part of the City of LaBelle fire prevention code. The same are hereby
124 adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein.