

ORDINANCE NO. 24-1292

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO; AMENDING CHAPTER 15.04 AND 15.10 OF THE LAKE FOREST PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE 2021 STATE BUILDING CODE AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND CORRECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Building Code Council (SBCC) was created by the Legislature to establish the minimum building, mechanical, fire, plumbing, and energy code requirements necessary to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the SBCC reviews, develops, and adopts the state building code; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023, the SBCC voted to delay the effective date of the 2021 codes for 120 days; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2023, the SBCC agreed to another delay on the effective date, setting a new effective date for all building codes of March 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2024, the Washington State Legislature passed Engrossed Senate Bill 6120 relating to the Wildland Urban Interface Code and postponed its inclusion in the state building code until completion of a statewide wildfire hazard map and a base-level wildfire risk map for each county of the state consistent with the International Wildland Urban Interface Code; and

WHEREAS, the City's Community and Economic Development Department and the Shoreline Fire Department have recommended to the City Council amendments to Title 15 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code to adopt the 2021 State Building Code and Local Amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed amendments are in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. LFPMC Section 15.04.015 Amended. Section 15.04.015 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

15.04.015 Building Code Adopted.

A. The city of Lake Forest Park, pursuant to state law (chapters [19.27](#) and [19.27A](#) RCW) adopts as its building code the Washington State Building Code, as modified by chapters [15.06](#) and 15.10 LFPMC, as follows:

1. The ~~2018-2021~~ Edition of the International Building Code (“IBC”), as adopted and amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapter [51-50](#) WAC.
2. The ~~2018-2021~~ Edition of the International Residential Code (“IRC”), as adopted by the State Building Code Council in Chapter [51-51](#) WAC, as published by the International Code Council.
3. The ~~2018-2021~~ Edition of the International Mechanical Code (“IMC”), as adopted by the State Building Code Council in Chapter [51-52](#) WAC.
4. The ~~2018-2021~~ Edition of the International Fire Code (“IFC”), as adopted by the State Building Code Council in Chapter [51-54A](#) WAC, along with Appendix B thereto (Fire Flow).
5. The ~~2018-2021~~ Edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code (“UPC”), as adopted by the State Building Code Council in Chapter [51-56](#) WAC, excluding Chapter 1, “Administration.”
6. The ~~2018-2021~~ Edition of the National Fuel Gas Code (NFPA 54), as adopted by the State Building Code Council in Chapter [51-52](#) WAC.
7. The ~~2018-2021~~ Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code, as adopted by the State Building Code Council in Chapter [51-52](#) WAC.
8. The ~~2018-2021~~ Edition of the International Existing Building Code, together with amendments and/or additions thereto, as adopted by the State Building Code Council in Chapter [51-50](#) WAC.
9. The ~~2018-2021~~ Edition of the National Electrical Code as adopted by the Department of Labor and Industries in Chapter 296-46B WAC and Chapter 19.28 RCW.
10. The ~~2018-2021~~ Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, Commercial and Residential, as adopted by the State Building Code Council in Chapters [51-11C](#) and [51-11R](#) WAC.

12. All appendices to any code referenced above and adopted by the Washington State Building Code Council as published in WAC Title 51 are hereby adopted, unless specifically excluded above.

B. The city shall at all times keep on file with the city clerk, for reference by the general public, a copy of the foregoing codes, as they may be amended from time to time. The copies of codes on file may be placed by the city clerk in the custody of the office of the building inspector in order to make them more readily available to inspection and use by the general public.

Section 2. LFPMC Chapter 15.10 Repealed and Reenacted. Chapter 15.10 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, Fire Code, is amended to update IFC code sections and to read as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

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Section 3. Severability. If any one or more section, subsection, or sentence of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Corrections by Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY the Lake Forest Park City Council this XXX day of XXX, 2024.

APPROVED:

Tom French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matthew McLean
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kim Adams Pratt
City Attorney

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EXHIBIT A

Chapter 15.10 – FIRE CODE