

## 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.

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**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 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 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 2021 Edition of the International Mechanical Code (“IMC”), as adopted by the State Building Code Council in Chapter [51-52](#) WAC.
4. The 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 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 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 2021 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code, as adopted by the State Building Code Council in Chapter [51-52](#) WAC.
8. The 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 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 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.
11. All current and future amendments, supplements, modifications, exclusions, exemptions and additions to the codes identified in subsections (A)(1) through (8) and (11) and (12) of this section adopted by the Washington State Building Code

Council and published in WAC Title [51](#), including, but not by way of limitation, Chapters [51-11](#), [51-50](#), [51-51](#), [51-52](#), [51-54A](#), and [51-56](#) 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.

**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:

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Tom French  
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Matthew McLean  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kim Adams Pratt  
City Attorney

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**CHAPTER 15.10**  
**FIRE CODE**

**15.10.020 IFC Section ~~105.6, Required operation permits, amended.~~ 105.5.32, Mobile food preparation vehicles.**

Section 105.5 is revised to read as follows:

105.5.32 Mobile food preparation vehicles. A permit is required for mobile food preparation vehicles equipped with appliances that produce smoke or grease-laden vapors or that utilize flammable gases such as LP-gas or natural gas. The fire code official is authorized to develop policies that clarify the permit requirements and participate in a regional permitting program.

**15.10.025 IFC Section 105.5.42, Required construction permits, amended.**

Section 105.5 is amend by adding the following section:

105.5.44 Mechanical refrigeration. A construction permit is required to install, modify or expand any mechanical refrigeration system containing more than 220 pounds of a Group A1 refrigerant or more than 30 pounds of any other group refrigerant.

**15.10.030 IFC SECTION 109.6, Overcrowding, amended.**

Section 109.6, Overcrowding, is amended to read as follows:

109.6 Overcrowding. Overcrowding or admittance of any person beyond the approved capacity of a building or a portion thereof shall not be allowed. The fire code official, upon finding any overcrowding conditions or obstructions in aisles, passageways or other means of egress, or upon finding any condition which constitutes a life safety hazard, shall be authorized to direct actions to be taken to reduce the overcrowding or to cause the event to be stopped until such condition or obstruction is corrected.

**15.10.035 IFC Section 111.1 Board of appeals.**

Section 111.1 is deleted and replaced as follows:

Appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the fire code official shall be made to the hearing examiner pursuant to section 16.26.035, ministerial administrative decisions. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder has been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply or an equally good or better solution is proposed. The hearing examiner shall have not authority relative to interpretation of the administrative provisions of this code nor shall the hearing examiner be empowered to waive requirements of either this code or the technical codes which are the codes, appendices and referenced code standards adopted by the city.

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#### **15.10.125 IFC Section 5604, Explosives storage.**

Section 5604.2 is amended by adding the following:

The storage of blasting agents, detonators, explosives, explosive materials and special industrial explosive devices is prohibited within the city limits.

Exception:

1. Approved storage areas in law enforcement facilities and as otherwise provided in the municipal code.
2. When approved by the fire code official.