

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE, 2018.

An ordinance of the City of Mount Vernon adopting the 2018 edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, is designed to bridge the gap between the International Building Code and the International Fire Code by regulating and governing land use and the built environment in existing recognized WUI areas and structures that are distinct hazards to life or property, in the City of Mount Vernon; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees.

The Council of the City of Mount Vernon does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Secretary of the city of Mount Vernon, being marked and designated as the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, 2018 edition, including all Appendix Chapters, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Wildland-Urban Interface Code of the City of Mount Vernon, in the State of Texas for regulating and governing land use and the built environment in existing recognized WUI areas and structures that are distinct hazards to life or property, 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 Wildland-Urban Interface Code on file in the office of the City of Mount Vernon are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in this ordinance.

Section 2. 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 Council 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 3. That nothing in this ordinance or in the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code 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 this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 4. 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 May 8, 2023 from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 8th day of May, 2023.

Brad Hyman — Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Lovier — City Secretary