1	CITY OF ROLLINGWOOD, TEXAS
2 3 4 5	ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05-17-03
6 7 8 9 10 11 12	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROLLINGWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTIONS 101-2 ADOPTION OF CODES, ADDING LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR BUILDING HEIGHT SURVEYS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, REPEALING CONFLICTING LAWS AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
13 14	WHEREAS , the City of Rollingwood ("City") is a General Law Type A City under the statutes of the State of Texas; and
15 16	WHEREAS , the Texas Local Government Code empowers cities to enact building codes and regulations and provide for their administration, enforcement, and amendment; and
17 18	WHEREAS , the City Council desires to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of the City through regulation of construction activities in the City; and
19	WHEREAS, the City has adopted previous versions of the ICC International codes; and
20 21 22	WHEREAS, the City's building and construction codes are intended to be updated periodically and City Staff has undertaken a review of the existing codes and amendments and recommends adoption of the amendments provided herein; and
23 24 25 26	WHEREAS , the City Council held a public hearing on May 17, 2023 and after consideration has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to amend the local amendments to the International Codes, as set forth herein, to regulate construction activities in the City; and
27 28 29 30	WHEREAS , the City has complied with all conditions precedent necessary to take this action, has properly noticed and conducted all public hearings and public meetings pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code and Texas Government Code, as applicable.
31 32 33	NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLINGWOOD, TEXAS, THAT:
34 35 36 37	SECTION 1. All the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2. The City's Code of Ordinances Chapter 101, Section 101-2 Adoption of codes shall be amended to read as follows, with underlines being additions and strikethroughs being deletions:

- Sec. 101-2 Adoption of codes.
- (a) The codes adopted in this section, together with the remaining provisions of this chapter and the fire code and regulations of chapter 10, shall constitute the city construction regulations. The city construction regulations will apply to all construction within the city, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Code.
- 48 (b) The city adopts the following codes as though fully set forth in this chapter, copies of which are on file in the office of the city secretary:
 - (1) International Administrative Code, 2006 Edition, published by the International Code Council.
 - (2) International Building Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, subject to the amendments set forth in subsection (d) of this section.
 - (3) International Residential Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, with amendments and section AG105 of appendix G.
 - (4) International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council.
 - (5) International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council.
 - (6) International Plumbing Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council.
 - (7) National Electrical Code, 2014 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association, subject to the amendments set forth in subsection (d) of this section.
 - (8) Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 2015 Edition, published by the International Conference of Building Officials.
- 68 (c) The International Building Code adopted herein is amended as follows:
 - (1) By adding a new section 1505.6.1, which follows immediately after section 3202(c), to read as follows:
 - Section 1505.6.1. Wood shingles. Notwithstanding any other provision in this code, it is specifically provided that wood shakes, wood shingles, or any wooden roof covering is hereby prohibited to be used as a roof covering within the city.
 - (2) By amending the definition of "height of building" to read as follows:

Building height, nonresidential. The vertical distance from the lowest

finished floor elevation (including a garage floor) to the highest part of the following: the coping of a flat roof, the deck line of a mansard roof, or the gable of a pitched or hipped roof. Where, due to topographical or other conditions, the lowest finished floor elevation of a building differs from one part to another, the maximum permissible height shall be computed separately for each portion of such building containing a differing lowest finished floor elevation. If the lowest finished floor elevation is more than four feet directly above the point where the foundation intersects the natural grade, then the vertical distance must be measured from a point that is four feet directly above the point where the foundation intersects the natural grade to the highest point described above.

Building height, residential. The vertical distance above a reference datum measured to the highest point of the building. The reference datum shall be selected by either of the following, whichever yields a greater height of the building:

- 1. The elevation of the highest adjoining original native ground surface within a five-foot horizontal distance of the exterior wall of the building when such original native ground surface is not more than ten feet above the lowest grade; or
- 2. An elevation of ten feet higher than the lowest grade when the original native ground surface described in subsection 1 of this definition is more than ten feet above lowest grade.
- (3) By adding a new section, Section 110.3.8.1, which follows immediately after section 110.3.8, to read as follows:

Section 110.3.8.1 Building height survey. Any residential structure that is proposed to have a height within 5 feet of the maximum height allowed in the respective zoning district must have a height survey performed by the City of Rollingwood or its representative prior to passing the framing inspection.

(d) The International Residential Code adopted herein is amended as follows:

(1) By adding a new section, Section R109.1.5.2, which follows immediately after section R109-1.5.1, to read as follows:

Section R109.1.5.2 Building height survey. Any residential structure that is proposed to have a height within 5 feet of the maximum height allowed in the respective zoning district must have a height survey performed by the City of Rollingwood or its representative prior to passing the framing inspection.

(d)(e) The National Electrical Code adopted in this section is amended by adding a new section 308, which follows immediately after section 307, to read as follows:

inum wiring as a conductor of electricity in branch circuit wiring, or in ce conductors smaller than six, is hereby prohibited.
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ECTION 3. All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Rollingwood in conflict with
sions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and all other
as of the ordinances of the City of Rollingwood not in conflict with the provisions of this
e shall remain in full force and effect.
ECTION 4. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of
nance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not
e validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part
ed to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of
es as a whole.
ECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and
cation of the caption, as the law and charter in such cases provide.
VED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rollingwood, Texas,
day of, 2023.
APPROVED:
Gavin Massingill, Mayor
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Adair, City Secretary