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## ORDINANCE NO. 2024-029

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOLFFORTH, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE XII – FUEL GAS CODE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOLFFORTH, TEXAS, THAT:**

### Part 1. Enacted

THAT, Chapter 3, Article XII FUEL GAS CODE of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by amending Sec. 3.12.001, which shall read as follows:

### **Sec. 3.12.001 Adopted**

The International Fuel Gas Code, as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted by reference as the city fuel gas code as if fully set out in this article with the additions, deletions, insertions and changes as follows.

### **Amendments:**

(a) Sloped roofs. Section 306.5.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

306.5.1 Sloped roofs. Where appliances, *equipment*, fans or other components that require service are installed on a roof having a slope of 6 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (50 percent slope) or greater and having an edge more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade at such edge, a level platform shall be provided on each side of the *appliance* or *equipment* to which *access* is required for service, repair or maintenance. The platform shall be not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in any dimension and shall be provided with guards. The guards shall extend not less than 42 inches (1 067 mm) above the platform, shall be constructed so as to prevent the passage of a 21-inch-diameter (533 mm) sphere and shall comply with the loading requirements for guards specified in the *International Building Code*. *Access* shall not require walking on roofs having a slope greater than 6 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (50 percent slope). Where *access* involves obstructions greater than 30 inches (762 mm) in height, such obstructions shall be provided with ladders installed in accordance with Section 306.5 or stairways installed in accordance with the requirements specified in the *International Building Code* in the path of travel to and from appliances, fans or *equipment* requiring service.

(b) Auxiliary drain pan. Section 307.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

307.5 Auxiliary drain pan. Category IV condensing *appliances* shall be provided with an auxiliary drain pan where damage to any building component will occur as a result of stoppage in the condensate drainage system. Such pan will be installed in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 307 of the *International Mechanical Code*.

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(c) Protection methods against corrosion. Section 404.11.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

404.11.2 Protection methods. Underground *pipng* shall comply with one or more of the following:

1. The *pipng* shall be made of corrosion-resistant material that is suitable for the environment in which it will be installed.
2. Pipe shall have a factory-applied, electrically-insulating coating. Fittings and joints between sections of coated pipe shall be coated in accordance with the coating manufacturer's instructions.
3. The *pipng* shall have a cathodic protection system installed and the system shall be monitored and maintained in accordance with an *approved* program.
4. *Approved* protective coatings or wrap may be field installed if piping that has a factory-applied, electrically-insulating coating is not readily available.

(d) Located at manifold. Section 409.5.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

409.5.3 Located at manifold. Where the *appliance* shutoff valve is installed at a manifold, such shutoff valve shall be located within 50 feet (15,240 mm) of the *appliance* served and shall be readily accessible and permanently identified. The *pipng* from the manifold to within 6 feet (1829 mm) of the *appliance* shall be designed, sized and installed in accordance with Sections 401 through 408. Shutoff valves located within attic spaces shall not be considered readily accessible.

(e) Pressure regulators. Section 410.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

410.1 Pressure regulators. A line pressure regulator shall be installed where the *appliance* is designed to operate at a lower pressure than the supply pressure. Linc gas pressure regulators shall be *listed* as complying with ANSI221.80/CSA 6.22. Access shall be provided to pressure regulators. Regulators shall be located near walkways or at an access point. Pressure regulators shall be protected from physical damage. Regulators installed on the exterior of the building shall be *approved* for outdoor installation.

(f) Exhaust material. Section 614.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

614.4 Exhaust installation. Exhaust ducts for clothes dryers shall terminate on the outside of the building and shall be equipped with a backdraft damper. Screens shall not be installed at the duct termination. Ducts shall not be connected or installed with sheet metal screws or other fasteners that will obstruct the flow. Clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall not be connected to a vent connector, vent or chimney. Clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall not extend into or through ducts or plenums unless properly sleeved with materials conforming to Section 602.2.1 of the *International Mechanical Code* (in the case of ducts), or with materials meeting the requirements for class O or 1 duct materials (in the case of ducts). Backdraft dampers shall not be required for vertical terminations through the roof.

(g) Protection required. Section 614.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

614.8 Protection required. Protective shield plates shall be placed where nails or screws from finish or other work are likely to penetrate the clothes dryer exhaust duct. Shield plates shall be placed on the finished face of all framing members where there is less than 1 .25 inches (32 mm) between the duct and the finished face of the framing member. Such shield plates shall have a

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thickness of not less than 0.0575 inch (1.463 mm) (No. 16 gage). Such plates shall cover the area of the duct where the member is notched or bored.

## Part 2. Open Meetings Act

This meeting was open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

## Part 3. Severability Clause

If any section, sub-section, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion shall be deemed to be a separate, distinct and independent provision and such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

## Part 4. Repeal

All ordinances or parts of ordinances and sections of any of the City Code of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

## Part 5. Effect on Pending Proceedings

That nothing in this legislation or in the Fuel Gas Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending 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 Part 4 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this legislation.

## Part 6. Publication

The City Secretary is authorized and directed to publish the caption and penalty prescribed by this ordinance in accordance with State Law.

## Part 7. Enforcement

Any person, firm or individual who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one dollar (\$1.00) or more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) in accordance with Code of Ordinance Sec. 1.01.009. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

## Part 8. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after October 1, 2024.

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CITY OF WOLFFORTH

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CHARLES ADDINGTON II, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Terri Robinette, City Secretary

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