

TITLE 12

BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES

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CHAPTER 1

BUILDING CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-101. International building code adopted.
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12-101. International building code adopted. (1) Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of establishing the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment, the International Energy Conservation Code, edition 2012 IECC; International Building Code, edition 2012 IBC; International Residential Code, edition 2012 IRC; International Plumbing Code, edition 2012 IPC; International Mechanical Code, edition 2012 IMC; and, International Fuel Gas Code, edition 2012 IFGC, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, are hereby adopted and incorporated by

¹Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.

Planning and zoning: title 14.

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Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

reference as a part of this code, and are hereinafter referred to as the International Building Code.¹

(2) The exception to International Residential Code Section R313.1 Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems is hereby deleted and replaced with the following language: An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall not be required if a 2 hour fire resistance rated wall exists between units, if such walls do not contain plumbing and/ or mechanical equipment, ducts, or vents in the common wall.

(3) International Residential Code Section R313.2, One- and two-family dwellings automatic fire systems is hereby deleted in its entirety. (Ord. of May 20, 1967, as amended by Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, and replaced by Ord. #200901, Feb. 2009, and Ord. #201405, July 2014, and amended by Ord. #201602, May 2016, and Ord. #201607, Nov. 2016, and Ord. #201802, Feb. 2018)

12-102. Definitions. Whenever within the above said codes, reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, the designated official of Lexington who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of the above said codes are concerned. (Ord. of May 20, 1967, as amended by Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, modified, and replaced by Ord. #200901, Feb. 2009)

12-103. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of these codes has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (Ord. of May 20, 1967, modified, as replaced by Ord. #200901, Feb. 2009)

12-104. Violations and penalty. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of these codes as herein adopted by reference and modified. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be punishable by a penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. (as replaced by Ord. #200901, Feb. 2009)

¹Copies of these codes (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

CHAPTER 2

[DELETED.]

(Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, as deleted by Ord. #200901, Feb. 2009)

CHAPTER 3

GAS CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-301. Title and definitions.
- 12-302. Purpose and scope.
- 12-303. Use of existing piping and appliances.
- 12-304. Bond and license.
- 12-305. Gas inspector and assistants.
- 12-306. Powers and duties of inspector.
- 12-307. Permits.
- 12-308. Inspections.
- 12-309. Certificates.
- 12-310. Fees.
- 12-311. Violations and penalties.
- 12-312. Nonliability.

12-301. Title and definitions. This chapter and the code herein adopted by reference shall be known as the gas code of the city. The following definitions are provided for the purpose of interpretation and administration of the gas code.

(1) "Inspector" means the person appointed as inspector, and shall include each assistant inspector, if any, from time to time acting as such under this chapter by appointment of the mayor.

(2) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, or any other organized group of individuals.

(3) "Gas company" means any person distributing gas within the corporate limits or authorized and proposing to so engage.

(4) "Certificate of approval" means a document or tag issued and/or attached by the inspector to the inspected material, piping, or appliance installation, filled out, together with date, address of the premises, and signed by the inspector.

(5) "Certain appliances" means conversion burners, floor furnaces, central heating plants, vented wall furnaces, water heaters, and boilers.

12-302. Purpose and scope. The purpose of the gas code is to provide minimum standards, provisions, and requirements for safe installation of consumer's gas piping and gas appliances. All gas piping and gas appliances installed, replaced, maintained, or repaired within the corporate limits shall

¹Municipal code reference

Gas system administration: title 19, chapter 2.

conform to the requirements of this chapter and to the Standard Gas Code,¹ 1997 edition, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein. One (1) copy of the gas code shall be kept on file in the office of the city recorder for the use and inspection of the public. (Ord. of May 20, 1967, as amended by Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, modified)

12-303. Use of existing piping and appliances. Notwithstanding any provision in the gas code to the contrary, consumer's piping installed prior to the adoption of the gas code or piping installed to supply other than natural gas may be converted to natural gas if the inspector finds, upon inspection and proper tests, that such piping will render reasonably satisfactory gas service to the consumer and will not in any way endanger life or property; otherwise, such piping shall be altered or replaced, in whole or in part, to conform with the requirements of the gas code.

12-304. Bond and license. (1) No person shall engage in or work at the installation, extension, or alteration of consumer's gas piping or certain gas appliances, until such person shall have secured a license as hereinafter provided, and shall have executed and delivered to the mayor a good and sufficient bond in the penal sum of \$10,000, with corporate surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of all such work, entered upon or contracted for, in strict accordance and compliance with the provisions of the gas code. The bond herein required shall expire on the first day of January next following its approval by the city recorder, and thereafter on the first day of January of each year a new bond, in form and substance as herein required, shall be given by such person to cover all such work as shall be done during such year.

(2) Upon approval of said bond, the person desiring to do such work shall secure from the city recorder a nontransferable license which shall run until the first day of January next succeeding its issuance, unless sooner revoked. The person obtaining a license shall pay any applicable license fees to the city recorder.

(3) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting an individual from installing or repairing his own appliances or installing, extending, replacing, altering, or repairing consumer's piping on his own premises, or as requiring a license or a bond from an individual doing such work on his own premises; provided, however, all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of the gas code, including those relating to permits, inspections, and fees.

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12-305. Gas inspector and assistants. To provide for the administration and enforcement of the gas code, the office of gas inspector is hereby created. The inspector, and such assistants as may be necessary in the proper performance of the duties of the office, shall be appointed or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen.

12-306. Powers and duties of inspector. (1) The inspector is authorized and directed to enforce all of the provisions of the gas code. Upon presentation of proper credentials, he may enter any building or premises at reasonable times for the purpose of making inspections or preventing violations of the gas code.

(2) The inspector is authorized to disconnect any gas piping or fixture or appliance for which a certificate of approval is required but has not been issued with respect to same, or which, upon inspection, shall be found defective or in such condition as to endanger life or property. In all cases where such a disconnection is made, a notice shall be attached to the piping, fixture, or appliance disconnected by the inspector, which notice shall state that the same has been disconnected by the inspector, together with the reason or reasons therefor, and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove said notice or reconnect said gas piping or fixture or appliance without authorization by the inspector and such gas piping or fixture or appliance shall not be put in service or used until the inspector has attached his certificate of approval in lieu of his prior disconnection notice.

(3) It shall be the duty of the inspector to confer from time to time with representatives of the local health department, the local fire department, and the gas company, and otherwise obtain from proper sources all helpful information and advice, presenting same to the appropriate officials from time to time for their consideration.

12-307. Permits. (1) No person shall install a gas conversion burner, floor furnace, central heating plant, vented wall furnace, water heater, boiler, consumer's gas piping, or convert existing piping to utilize natural gas without first obtaining a permit to do such work from the mayor; however, permits will not be required for setting or connecting other gas appliances, or for the repair of leaks in house piping.

(2) When only temporary use of gas is desired, the recorder may issue a permit for such use, for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days, provided the consumer's gas piping to be used is given a test equal to that required for a final piping inspection.

(3) Except when work in a public street or other public way is involved the gas company shall not be required to obtain permits to set meters, or to extend, relocate, remove, or repair its service lines, mains, or other facilities, or for work having to do with its own gas system.

12-308. Inspections. (1) A rough piping inspection shall be made after all new piping authorized by the permit has been installed, and before any such piping has been covered or concealed or any fixtures or gas appliances have been attached thereto.

(2) A final piping inspection shall be made after all piping authorized by the permit has been installed and after all portions thereof which are to be concealed by plastering or otherwise have been so concealed, and before any fixtures or gas appliances have been attached thereto. This inspection shall include a pressure test, at which time the piping shall stand an air pressure equal to not less than the pressure of a column of mercury six (6) inches in height, and the piping shall hold this air pressure for a period of at least ten (10) minutes without any perceptible drop. A mercury column gauge shall be used for the test. All tools, apparatus, labor, and assistance necessary for the test shall be furnished by the installer of such piping.

12-309. Certificates. The inspector shall issue a certificate of approval at the completion of the work for which a permit for consumer piping has been issued if after inspection it is found that such work complies with the provisions of the gas code. A duplicate of each certificate issued covering consumer's gas piping shall be delivered to the gas company and used as its authority to render gas service.

12-310. Fees. The permit fee schedule as recommended in Appendix "B" of the gas code is hereby adopted.

12-311. Violations and penalties. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of the gas code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined under the general penalty clause for this code of ordinances, or the license of such person may be revoked, or both fine and revocation of license may be imposed.

12-312. Nonliability. This chapter shall not be construed as imposing upon the municipality any liability or responsibility for damages to any person injured by any defect in any gas piping or appliance mentioned herein, or by installation thereof, nor shall the municipality, or any official or employee thereof, be held as assuming any such liability or responsibility by reason of the inspection authorized hereunder or the certificate of approval issued by the inspector.

CHAPTER 4

[DELETED.]

(Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, as deleted by Ord. #200901, Feb. 2009)

CHAPTER 5

AMUSEMENT DEVICE CODE¹

SECTION

12-501. Amusement device code adopted.

12-502. Modifications.

12-503. Available in recorder's office.

12-504. Violations.

12-501. Amusement device code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-516, and for the purpose of regulating the installation, construction, alteration, repair, removal, operation and use of amusement rides and devices. The Standard Amusement Device Code,² 1997 edition, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the amusement device code. (Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, modified)

12-502. Modifications. Definitions. When reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, the designated official of Lexington who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in the amusement device code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of the code is concerned. (Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, modified)

12-503. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the amusement device code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

12-504. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the amusement device code as herein adopted by reference and modified.

¹Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.

Planning and zoning: title 14.

Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.

Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

²Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

CHAPTER 6

SWIMMING POOL CODE¹

SECTION

12-601. Swimming pool code adopted.

12-602. Modifications.

12-603. Available in recorder's office.

12-604. Violations.

12-601. Swimming pool code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-516, and for the purpose of setting standards for the design, construction, or installation, alteration, repair or alterations of swimming pools, public or private and equipment related thereto. The Standard Swimming Pool Code,² 1997 edition, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the swimming pool code. (Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, modified)

12-602. Modifications. Definitions. When reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, the designated official of Lexington who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in the swimming pool code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of the code is concerned. (Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, modified)

12-603. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the swimming pool code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

12-604. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the swimming pool code as herein adopted by reference and modified.

¹Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.

Planning and zoning: title 14.

Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.

Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

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CHAPTER 7

UNSAFE BUILDING ABATEMENT CODE

SECTION

12-701. Unsafe building abatement code adopted.

12-702. Modifications.

12-703. Available in recorder's office.

12-704. Violations.

12-701. Unsafe building abatement code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating buildings and structures to insure structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards incident to the construction, alteration, repair, removal, demolition, use and occupancy of buildings, structures or premises, within or without the city, the Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code,¹ 1985 edition, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the unsafe building abatement code. (Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, modified)

12-702. Modifications. Definitions. When reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, the designated official of Lexington who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in the unsafe building abatement code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of the code is concerned. (Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, modified)

12-703. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the unsafe building abatement code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

12-704. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the unsafe building abatement code as herein adopted by reference and modified.

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CHAPTER 8

[DELETED.]

(Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, as deleted by Ord. #200901, Feb. 2009)

CHAPTER 9

EXISTING BUILDINGS CODE¹

SECTION

12-901. Existing buildings code adopted.

12-902. Modifications.

12-903. Available in recorder's office.

12-904. Violations.

12-901. Existing buildings code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-516, and for the purpose of providing a concise set of regulations and procedures to effect safety in occupancy, the Standard Existing Buildings Code,² 1997 edition, as prepared by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is adopted and the same is incorporated herein by reference, subject to modifications as hereinafter provided, and shall be known and referred to as the standard existing buildings code. (Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, modified)

12-902. Modifications. When reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, the designated official of Lexington who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in the existing buildings code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of the code is concerned. (Ord. #980001, Feb. 1998, modified)

12-903. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the standard existing buildings code shall be placed on file in the office of the recorder and the same shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

12-904. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the standard existing buildings code or any final order made pursuant thereto. Such violation is declared an offense against the city and for which punishment shall be a fine of not more than \$50 for each such violation. Each day that a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate offense.

¹Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.

Planning and zoning: title 14.

Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.

Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

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The building official or his or her deputy or assistant is empowered to issue citations to answer in the municipal court of the city by any person, firm or corporation found to be in such violation.