

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 23 AND 27
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL AND FIRE CODES

WHEREAS, the Village of Arlington Heights is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code of Arlington Heights, Illinois, 1995, as amended ("*Village Code*"), the Village has adopted the 2018 International Residential Code, with amendments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 27 of the Village Code, the Village has adopted the 2018 International Fire Code, with amendments; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2022, the Village Building Code Review Board voted to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees remove from the Village Code certain, previously adopted amendments to the 2018 International Residential Code regarding the installation of roof sheathing and elevators, and to the 2018 International Fire Code regarding the removal of fire hoses from standpipe systems (collectively, the "*Proposed Amendments*"); and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees desire to amend Chapters 23 and 27 of the Village Code to enact the Proposed Amendments; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that it will serve and be in the best interests of the Village and its residents to amend the Village Code pursuant to this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AMENDMENTS. Section 23-202, titled "Modification by Amendment and Deletion of Various Sections of the International Residential Code," of Chapter 23, titled "Building Regulations," of the Village Code is hereby amended further to read as follows:

"Section 23-202 Modification by Amendment and Deletion of Various Sections of the International Residential Code. The 2018 Edition of the IRC adopted by this Article is modified for use in the Village by the following amendments, which amendments are given articles and section numbers identical to the IRC. To the extent any provision of the IRC conflicts with any provision of the Arlington Heights Municipal Code, the Municipal Code provision will apply.

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~~**R. 803.2.2.1 Allowable Thickness.** Wood structural panels used as roof sheathing for new construction and/or new additions of primary buildings and/or accessory buildings that shelter automobiles shall be a minimum of 5/8" thick.~~

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~~**3002.4 Elevator car to accommodate ambulance stretcher.** Where elevators are installed, at least one elevator and one elevator per bank shall be provided for Fire Department and ambulance service access to all floors. Such elevator car shall be a minimum interior dimension size of 60 inch by 85 inch and arranged to allow for a stretcher in its horizontal position to enter the elevator. Every elevator meeting these criteria shall be identified by the international symbol for emergency medical services (star of life). The symbols shall be a minimum 3 inch (76mm) by 3 inch (76mm) and placed inside on both sides of the hoistway door frame.~~

~~**Exception:** The Fire Official may approve alternate interior dimensions that allow for a stretcher in its horizontal position to enter the elevator."~~

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SECTION 3. INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AMENDMENT. Section 27-102, titled "Modification by Amendment and Deletion of Various Sections of the International Fire Code," of Chapter 27, titled "Fire Regulations," of the Village Code is hereby amended further to read as follows:

"Section 27-102 Modification by Amendment and Deletion of Various Sections of the International Fire Code. The 2018 Edition of the International Fire Code adopted by this Article is modified for use in the Village by the following amendments, which amendments are given articles and section numbers identical to the International Fire Code. To the extent any provision of the IFC conflicts with any provision of the Arlington Heights Municipal Code, the Municipal Code provision will apply.

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~~**905.12 Existing Buildings.** Add the following at the end:~~

~~Elimination of fire hoses from an existing Class III standpipe system is permitted only if all of the following conditions are met:~~

- ~~1. The building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 903.1.1 or 903.1.2 of the IFC.~~
- ~~2. Provide a 1-1/2" brass cap with chain.~~
- ~~3. Provide a 2-1/2" x 1-1/2" reducer with a 1-1/2" brass cap with a chain on the 2-1/2" fire hose valve.~~

~~A permit, including review and approval by the Fire Chief, must be obtained for each building.~~

- ~~4. A letter from the building insurance carrier is provided to the Fire Official which states that they are aware of the removal of the hoses.~~

~~A permit, including review and approval by the Fire Chief, must be obtained for each building where the fire hoses are to be removed. A final inspection by the Village will be conducted upon completion of the removal.~~

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SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance are to remain in full force and effect, and are to be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st day of June, 2022.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk