

ORDINANCE 370-N-2015

(Includes changes from Ordinance 370-O-2016; Commercial Masonry)

AN ORDINANCE SUPERCEDING ORDINANCES 370-J-2013, 370-K-2014, 370-L-2015 and 370-M-2015 AND ADOPTING VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CODES AND APPENDICES RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS:

That Ordinances 370-J-2013, 370-K-2014, 370-L-2015 and 370-M-2015 are hereby superseded in their entirety with the following:

ARTICLE I

I. The following codes are adopted by reference as though they were copied herein fully:

INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDICES A THRU D
INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDIX A
INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDICES E, F AND, I
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (CURRENT REVISION)
INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDIX A
INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDICES D, E, F, AND G
NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDICES A THRU F
INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDICES B, C, AND I
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION LIFE SAFETY CODE 101 (NFPA101) (CURRENT REVISION)
INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDICES A THRU D, G, H, J, K, N,P, AND Q
INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE

ARTICLE II

**2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE (CURRENT REVISION)
WITH APPENDICES E, F, AND I**

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Sec 103.2 Appointment

Omit in its entirety.

Sec 103.3 Deputies

Omit in its entirety.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 105.1 Permits Required

Any owner, authorized agent or **contractor** who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this chapter, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

No permits or certificates of occupancy shall be issued unless all fees have been paid and all liens placed on property by the city have been extinguished though repayment to the city of all costs for demolition of dangerous structures or abatement of public nuisances pursuant to any final orders issued by the Board of Appeals.

Sec. 105.2 Exception: A permit shall not be required for the following:

(Building)

- 1) Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
- 2) Painted, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- 3) Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
- 4) Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, but not including service systems.
- 5) Swings and other temporary playground equipment accessory to one and two-family dwellings.
- 6) Window awnings supported by an exterior wall of Group 3, as applicable in Section 101.2 and Group U occupancies of the International Building Code.
- 7) Movable cases, countertops and partition not over 5 feet 9 inches in height.

(Electrical)

- 1) Normal maintenance work, such as replacement of lamps, sockets, fuses, drop cords, snap switches, or other similar minor repairs as may be permitted by the building official.
- 2) Connection of portable electrical equipment to suitable existing permanently installed receptacles.
- 3) Replacement of a motor of the same horsepower and rating and installation of pressure devices and similar controls, when the electrical supply for the same has been properly installed by a licensed electrician.
- 4) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to electrical equipment used for radio and television transmission, but does apply to equipment and wiring for power supply, the installations of towers and antennas.

(Gas)

- 1) Portable heating appliance.
- 2) Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.

(Mechanical)

- 1) Portable heating appliance.
- 2) Portable ventilation equipment.
- 3) Portable cooling unit.
- 4) Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this chapter.
- 5) Replacement of any part which does not alter its approval or make it unsafe.
- 6) Portable evaporative cooler.
- 7) Self-contained refrigeration system containing 10 lbs. or less of refrigerant and actuated by motors of 1 horsepower or less.

(Plumbing)

- 1) The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this chapter.
- 2) The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

Note: Ordinary minor repairs may be made with the approval of the building official without a permit, provided that such repairs shall not violate any of the provisions of the codes adopted in this section. Where equipment replacements and repairs must be performed requiring a permit in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the building official.

Sec. 107.2.1 Information on construction documents

For new construction, each applicant shall submit two copies of plans for residential and three copies for commercial construction. Construction plans shall be of full-size (Minimum of 24" X 36") and sufficient clarity to indicate location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to the provisions of this section and relevant

laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, as determined by the building official. Such plans shall include:

- 1) Site plan
- 2) Engineered foundation plans
- 3) Floor plan with wall, ceiling, roof and exterior elevations
- 4) Electrical, plumbing and mechanical plans

The site plan shall be drawn to scale showing the location of all easements, drainage facilities, adjacent grades, property lines, the proposed building or structure and of every existing building or structure on the property.

Sec. 107.3.4 Design Professional in Responsible Charge (added)

The required professional shall be an architect, or engineer legally registered under the laws of the State of Texas regulating the practice of architecture, or a Certified Professional Member of the Texas Institute of Building Design and the American Institute of Building Design. Architects, engineers and designers shall affix his/her seal and signature to said drawings, specifications and all accompanying data for construction purposes.

For all other buildings and structures, the submittal shall bear the certification of the applicant that some specific State law exception permits its preparation by a person not so registered.

Sec. 108.3a Temporary Dumpsters

If a dumpster is desired, the City of Universal City has contracted exclusively with Waste Management for the placement of waste dumpsters on all job sites within the extraterritorial limits of the Universal City.

Sec. 110.1 Inspections (Posting Permits and Plans)

Work requiring a permit shall not commence until the permit holder or his agent posts the permit, inspection record and plans in a conspicuous place on the premises. All of these required items shall be protected from the weather and located in such a position as to permit the building official or representative to conveniently make the required entries thereon. The permit holder shall maintain these required documents in such position until the Certificate of Occupancy or completion certificate is issued by the building official.

Sec. 110.3 Required Inspections

The building official upon notification from the permit holder or his/her agent shall make the following inspections and such other inspections as necessary and shall either release that portion of the construction or shall notify the permit holder or his/her agent of any violations which must be corrected in order to comply with this section

(Building)

- 1) Foundation inspection-To be made after trenches are excavated and forms erected
- 2) Frame inspection-To be made after the roof, masonry preparations, all framing, fire blocking and bracing is in place, all concealing wires, all pipes, chimneys, poly-cell, ducts and vents are completed and building structure is weathered in.
- 3) Insulation inspection-To be made after all insulating materials are installed.
- 4) Final inspection-To be made after the building is completed and ready for occupancy.

(Electrical)

- 1) Underground inspection-To be made after trenches or ditches are excavated, conduit or cable installed and before any backfill is put in place.
- 2) Rough-in inspection-To be made after the roof framing, fire blocking and bracing is in place and prior to the installation of wall or ceiling members.
- 3) Finished wiring inspection-To be made after all electrical components are installed and are ready to be energized.
- 4) Final inspection-To be made after the building is completed, all required electrical fixtures are in place and properly connected and the structure is ready for occupancy.

(Plumbing)

- 1) Underground inspection-To be made after trenches or ditches are excavated, piping installed and before any backfill is put in place.
- 2) Rough-In inspection-To be made after the roof framing, fire blocking and bracing is in place and all soil, waste and vent piping is complete, and prior to the installation of wall or ceiling membranes.
- 3) Final inspection-To be made after the building is completed, all plumbing fixtures are in place and properly connected, and the structure is ready for occupancy.

(Mechanical)

- 1) Underground inspection-To be made after trenches or ditches are excavated, underground duct and fuel piping is installed, and before any backfill is in place.
- 2) Rough-In inspection-To be made after the roof, framing, fire blocking and bracing are in place and all ducting, and other concealed components are completed, and prior to the installation of wall or ceiling membranes.
- 3) Final inspection-To be made after the building is completed, the mechanical system is in place and properly connected, and the structure is ready for occupancy.

(Gas)

- 1) Rough piping inspection-To 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 connected.
- 2) Final piping inspection-To be made after all piping authorized by the permit and such portions of existing systems as may be affected by new work or any changes, to insure compliance with all the requirements of this section and to assure that the installation and construction of gas system is in accordance with the reviewed plans.

(Insulation)

- 1) There shall be a separate inspection for the installation of insulation to be made after all framing and rough-in inspections are approved and wall insulation is completed.

Sec. 110.5a Scheduling Inspections

A twenty-four (24) hour notice is required before an inspection is desired, Excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. To insure a twenty-four (24) hour service Monday through Friday, all inspections must be called in by 4:00 PM on the preceding day. No inspections occur on Wednesday afternoons. Calls received before 12:00 noon on Tuesday will be inspected on Wednesday morning. All calls after 12:00 noon on Tuesday will be inspected on Thursday.

Sec. 110.6a Written Release

Work shall not be done on any part of a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system beyond the point indicated in each successive inspection without first obtaining a written release from the building official.

If a re-inspection has been called for and the second inspection revealed that the original turn down item(s) have not been corrected in part or in whole, a seventy-two (72) hour hold of this inspection may be required before another re-inspection will be made.

Sec. 111.1 Certificate Of Occupancy

A Certificate of Occupancy is required of all commercial establishments and must be applied for prior to occupancy of the space. A new certificate is required if a business is relocated, ownership is changed, occupancy type is changed or the name of a business is changed. **Certificates of Occupancy are not transferable.**

Sec 111.2 Certificate Issued

After the building official inspects the building or structure and finds no violations of the provisions of this code or other laws that are enforced by the departments of

Development Services, engineering, fire, or health and all applicable fees are paid, a certificate of occupancy shall be issued.

The Certificate of Occupancy application shall include a copy of the following items: Texas Sales & Use Tax Certificate, Texas Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), DBA, and any Texas licensing requirements, if any, for your profession (Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation, Texas Dept. of Health & Human Services, etal)

No permits or certificates of occupancy shall be issued unless all fees have been paid and all liens placed on property by the city have been extinguished through repayment to the city of all costs for demolition of dangerous structures or abatement of public nuisances pursuant to any final orders issued by the Board of Appeals.

Sec. 113 Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals shall be those individuals appointed by the City Council to serve on the City's Board of Adjustment. When acting as members of the Board of Appeals, the board shall carry out only those duties prescribed by this code.

Sec 2104 Construction is amended to add the following:

New Construction in commercial districts (Non-Residential Districts as provided in Section 4.2 of Zoning Ordinance 581 with amendments) must have one hundred percent (100%) masonry on all exterior walls as defined below.

The following standards shall apply to all new commercial building construction and any building expansion of 25% or more in floor area or a significant change in use of the building from one occupancy to another in accordance with the established building codes:

- a. Building exterior materials must be high quality and used in their natural context and color. Brick, Stone, and Decorative Concrete Block material are acceptable as defined by this Code. Stucco shall not comprise more than thirty-five (35) percent of the building exterior materials per face.
- b. Concrete panel/tilt wall is acceptable provided that a minimum of a ten (10) foot barrier from ground floor level of construction, and fifty (50) percent of the concrete panel/tilt wall is covered with brick, stone, faux stone veneer, or decorative concrete block material. Fifty (50) percent of the remaining concrete panel/tilt wall must be finished, stamped and stained in such a manner to replicate brick or stone in texture and appearance, and/or be finished in Stucco in a broken or non-linear pattern.
- c. Regular Concrete Masonry Units (CMU) is not acceptable as an exterior finish unless a brick, stucco or stone veneer is applied.
- d. Fiber reinforced cement siding and similar products may be used in only the following locations:
 1. Covered balconies, porches and patios
 2. Fascia and Soffit
 3. Interior portions of covered stairways and covered stair towers
 4. Bay windows and box windows that protrude from an exterior wall past the edge of the foundation that do not have a brick ledge
 5. Breezeways, hallways, interior corridors and public walkways which have a roof covering
- e. To provide design flexibility, wood, fiber reinforced cementitious board, Exterior Insulation Finishing Systems (EIFS), insulated architectural metal panels and rain screens architectural metal panels with no exposed fasteners panels and corrugated metal with no exposed fasteners may be used only to reinforce a vernacular design theme, provided it does not exceed a cumulative surface area of twenty (20) percent of the area of all exterior walls for a building. Single-ply metal and metal panels with exposed fasteners, T1-11 and plywood-based siding materials are expressly prohibited.

- f. EIFS shall only be allowed above the first six (6) feet of elevation.
- g. Dumpsters shall be screened with a masonry wall compatible in material and color with the primary building.
- h. Columns, awning columns, and canopy columns shall be finished a minimum of six (6) feet from grade in one of more of the following materials:
 - 1. Brick
 - 2. Stone
 - 3. Faux Brick or stone
 - 4. Concrete tilt wall, then stained or painted

2014 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDICES A THRU F

EXCEPTIONS TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

The following rules shall take precedence over and supersede any portion of the electrical code adopted by this section where a conflict occurs.

- 1) No branch circuit shall have wire smaller than #12 AWG. This does not prohibit smaller wire for circuits 90 volts and lower or for control circuits.
- 2) No more than twelve (12) outlets shall be installed per circuit serving general lighting circuits.
- 3) Single family dwellings must be individually metered.

2015 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDICES A THRU D

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Sec 103.2 Appointment

Omit in its entirety.

Sec 103.3 Deputies

Omit in its entirety.

Sec 104.1 General Duties and Powers of the Building Official

The code official(s) shall have the authority as necessary in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare to interpret and implement the provisions of this code; secure the intent thereof and designate requirements applicable because of local climatic or other conditions. Such provisions shall not have the effect of waiving structural or fire performance requirements specifically provided for in this code, or of violating accepted engineering methods involving public safety.

Sec 109 (IFGC) Means of Appeal

The Board of Appeals shall be those individuals appointed by the City Council to serve on the City's Board of Adjustment. When acting as members of the Board of Appeals, the board shall carry out only those duties prescribed by this code.

2015 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE (CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDIX A

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Sec 103.2 Appointment

Omit in its entirety.

Sec 103.3 Deputies

Omit in its entirety.

Sec 104.1 General Duties and Powers of the Building Official

The code official(s) shall have the authority as necessary in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare to interpret and implement the provisions of this code; secure the intent thereof and designate requirements applicable because of local climatic or other conditions. Such provisions shall not have the effect of waiving structural or fire performance requirements specifically provided for in this code, or of violating accepted engineering methods involving public safety.

Sec 109 Means of Appeal

The Board of Appeals shall be those individuals appointed by the City Council to serve on the City's Board of Adjustment. When acting as members of the Board of Appeals, the board shall carry out only those duties prescribed by this code.

**2015 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE
(CURRENT REVISION)**

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Sec C109 Means of Appeal

The Board of Appeals shall be those individuals appointed by the City Council to serve on the City's Board of Adjustment. When acting as members of the Board of Appeals, the board shall carry out only those duties prescribed by this code.

Sec. R403.4.2 & C404.5 add:

All exposed hot water piping shall be thermally insulated in every new building, or addition or renovation of an existing building for which a building permit has been issued, and when a replacement water heater or hot water piping is required in any building.

**2015 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE
(CURRENT REVISION) WITH APPENDIX A**

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Sec 103.2 Appointment

Omit in its entirety.

Sec 103.3 Deputies

Omit in its entirety.

Sec 104.1 General Duties and Powers of the Code Official

The code official(s) shall have the authority as necessary in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare to interpret and implement the provisions of this code; secure the intent thereof and designate requirements applicable because of local climatic or other conditions. Such provisions shall not have the effect of waiving structural or fire performance requirements specifically provided for in this code, or of violating accepted engineering methods involving public safety.

Sec 104.3 Right of Entry

Amend in its entirety to read:

The code official(s) is authorized to enter the structure or premises at reasonable times to inspect subject to constitutional restrictions on unreasonable search and seizures. If entry is refused or not obtained, the code official is authorized to pursue recourse as provided by law to include the issuance of an administrative search warrant.

Sec 111 Means of Appeal

The Board of Appeals shall be those individuals appointed by the City Council to serve on the City's Board of Adjustment. When acting as members of the Board of Appeals, the board shall carry out only those duties prescribed by this code.

Sec. 202 is amended to add the following definitions:

Unsafe Building—any building or structure that has any of the following conditions, such that the life, health, property or safety of its occupants or the general public is endangered.

- 1) Any means of egress or portion thereof is not of adequate size or is not arranged to provide a safe path of travel in case of fire or panic.
- 2) Any means of egress or portion thereof, such as but not limited to fire doors, closing devices and fire resistive ratings, is in disrepair or in a dilapidated or nonworking condition such that the means of egress could be rendered unsafe in cases of fire or panic.
- 3) The stress in any material, member or portion thereof, due to all imposed loads including dead load exceeds the stresses allowed in the International Building Code.
- 4) The building, structure or portion thereof has been damaged by fire, flood, earthquake, wind or other cause to the extent that the structural integrity of the building or structure is less than it was prior to the damage and is less than the minimum requirement established by the International Property Maintenance Code and International Building Code.
- 5) Any exterior appendage or portion of the building or structure is not securely fastened, attached or anchored such that it is capable of resisting wind, seismic or similar loads as required by the International Property Maintenance Code.
- 6) If for any reason the building, structure or portion thereof is manifestly unsafe or unsanitary for the purpose for which it is being used.
- 7) The building, structure or portion thereof as a result of decay, deterioration or dilapidation is likely to fully or partially collapse.
- 8) Any building, structure or portion thereof that is in such a condition as to constitute a public nuisance.
- 9) Any building, structure or portion thereof that is unsafe, unsanitary or not provided with adequate egress, or which constitutes a fire hazard, or is otherwise dangerous to human life, or, which in relation to existing use constitutes a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment.

2015 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE (CURRENT REVISION AND STATE LAW REFERENCES) WITH APPEDICES B THRU E

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

The plumbing code adopted by this Ordinance is hereby amended as set forth in the following:

Sec 103.2 Appointment

Omit in its entirety.

Sec 103.3 Deputies

Omit in its entirety.

Sec 104.1 General Duties and Powers of the Building Official

The code official(s) shall have the authority as necessary in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare to interpret and implement the provisions of this code; secure the intent thereof and designate requirements applicable because of local climatic or other conditions. Such provisions shall not have the effect of waiving structural or fire performance requirements specifically provided for in this code, or of violating accepted engineering methods involving public safety.

Sec 109 Means of Appeal

The Board of Appeals shall be those individuals appointed by the City Council to serve on the City's Board of Adjustment. When acting as members of the Board of Appeals, the board shall carry out only those duties prescribed by this code.

Sec. 305.3 Pipes Through or Under Footings or Foundation Walls

Any pipe that passes under a footing or through a foundation wall shall be provided with a relieving arch, or a pipe sleeve shall be built into the foundation wall. The sleeve shall be two pipe sizes greater than the pipe passing through the wall. Pipes used for p-traps within a foundation shall not be located within footings or beam.

Sec. 305.4.1 Sewer Depth

All building sewers shall be a minimum of 12 inches below finished grade.

Sec. 312.10.2 Testing

Exception: Backflow prevention devices used for residential lawn sprinkler systems shall be tested at the time of installation, immediately after repairs or relocation and at least every other year. RPZ must be housed in a Hot Box Enclosure or equivalent.

Sec. 403.6. Portable Toilets for Construction Sites

Portable toilets shall be provided for construction sites so that the path of travel to such facilities shall not exceed 500 feet. In no case shall there be less than one portable toilet provided for each construction site.

Sec. 502.3 Water Heaters Installed in Attics

- 1) Installation of gas or electric water heaters of any size or type in attics is hereby prohibited in any new construction, including remodeling.
- 2) Any water heater presently installed in attics may be repaired or replaced.
- 3) Waste/junk water heaters that are replaced shall be removed from the attic of any building in Universal City.

Sec. 604.8 Water-pressure reducing valve or regulator

Where water pressure within a building exceeds 80 psi (552 kPa) static, an *approved* water-pressure reducing valve conforming to ASSE 1003 with Y-strainer shall be installed to reduce the pressure in the building water distribution piping to 80 psi (552 kPa) static or less. All pressure-reducing valves installed shall have a maximum pressure range of 150 psi and adjusted to not exceed 80 psi in accordance to the International Plumbing Code. Pressure-reducing valves with a maximum pressure range of 75 psi are not allowed.

Exception: Service lines to sill cocks and outside fire hydrants, and main supply risers where pressure from the mains is reduced to 80 psi (552 kPa) or less at individual fixtures.

Sec. 904.1 Roof Extension

All open vent pipes that extend through a roof shall be terminated at least six (6) inches above the roof, except that where a roof is to be used for any purpose other than weather protection, the vent extensions shall be run at least seven (7) feet above the roof.

Sec. 916.2 Vent Connection

The island fixture vent shall connect to the fixture drain as required for an individual or common vent. The vent shall rise vertically to a minimum of six (6) inches in height

above the flood level rim of the fixture being served before offsetting horizontally or vertically downward.

Sec. 918 Air Admittance Valves

Vent systems utilizing air admittance valves shall be prohibited within the city limits of Universal City.

ARTICLE III

I. The following code is adopted by reference as though it were copied herein fully:

**2015 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE (CURRENT REVISION)
WITH APPENDICES A THRU D, G, H, K, N, and P.**

EXCEPTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 318.1(3) Protection Against Decay

Sills and sleepers on a concrete or masonry slab that is in direct contact with the ground.

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Masonry Requirements

1. All ~~new~~ construction of new homes upon completion must have one hundred (100) percent stone, brick or stucco on front and side exterior walls with the exception of eaves, porches, and trim.

Water Heater Installation

A. Installation of gas or electric water heaters of any size or type in attics is hereby prohibited in any new residential construction, including remodeling.

B. Any water heater presently installed in attics may be repaired or replaced.

C. Waste/junk water heaters that are replaced shall be removed from the attic of any residence in Universal City.

Exposed Hot Water Piping

1. All exposed hot water piping shall be thermally insulated in every new building, or addition or renovation of an existing building for which a building permit has been issued, and when a replacement hot water heater or hot water piping is required in any building.

Sec R103.2 Appointment

Omit in its entirety.

Sec R103.3 Deputies

Omit in its entirety.

Sec 105.1 Permits Required

Any owner, authorized agent or **contractor** who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this chapter, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

No permits or certificates of occupancy shall be issued unless all fees have been paid and all liens placed on property by the city have been extinguished though repayment to the city of all costs for demolition of dangerous structures or abatement of public nuisances pursuant to any final orders issued by the Board of Appeals.

Sec.R106.1.1 Information on Construction Documents

Construction plans shall be full size (Minimum of 24" X 36") and the required professional shall be an architect, or engineer legally registered under the laws of the State of Texas regulating the practice of architecture, or a Certified Professional Member of the Texas Institute of Building Design and the American Institute of Building Design. Architects, engineers and designers shall affix his/her seal and signature to said drawings, specifications and all accompanying data for construction purposes.

For all other buildings and structures, the submittal shall bear the certification of the applicant that some specific State law exception permits its preparation by a person not so registered.

Sec. R112 Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals shall be those individuals appointed by the City Council to serve on the City's Board of Adjustment. When acting as members of the Board of Appeals, the board shall carry out only those duties prescribed by this code.

Sec P2503.8.2 Testing

Amend in its entirety to read:

Reduced pressure principle backflow preventers, double-detector check valve assemblies and pressure vacuum breaker assemblies as it applies to high hazard shall be tested at the time of installation, immediately after repairs or relocation and at least annually. RPZ must be housed in a Hot Box Enclosure or equivalent.

Double check valve assemblies as it applies to low hazard shall be tested at the time of installation and immediately after repairs or relocation.

ARTICLE IV

I. The following code is adopted by reference as though they were copied herein fully:

**2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE (IFC) (CURRENT REVISION,
WITH APPENDIX B, C, I,**

**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION LIFE SAFETY CODE
101 (NFPA 101) (CURRENT REVISION)**

EXCEPTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 103.3 Appointment

Omit in its entirety.

Sec. 103.3 Deputies

Omit in its entirety.

Sec. 108.1 Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals shall be those individuals appointed by the City Council to serve on the City's Board of Adjustment. When acting as members of the Board of Appeals, the board shall carry out only those duties prescribed by this code.

Section 202; amend and add definitions to read as follows:

[B] Ambulatory Care Facility.

Buildings or portions thereof used to provide medical, surgical, psychiatric, nursing, or similar Care on a less than 24-hour basis to persons who are rendered incapable of self-preservation by services provided. This group may include but not limited to the following:

- Dialysis centers
- Sedation dentistry
- Surgery centers
- Colonic centers
- Psychiatric centers

Fire Watch

A temporary measure intended to ensure continuous and systematic surveillance of a building or portion thereof by one or more qualified individuals or standby personnel when required by the fire code official, for the purpose of identifying and controlling fire hazards, detecting early signs of unwanted fire, raising an alarm of fire and notifying the fire department.

High-Rise Building

A building having any floors used for human occupancy located more than 55 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

Repair Garage amend and change to read as follows:

A building, structure or portion thereof used for servicing or repairing motor vehicles. This occupancy shall also include garages involved in minor repair, modification and servicing of motor vehicles for items such as lube changes, inspections, windshield repair or replacement, shocks, minor part replacement and other such minor repairs.

Self-Service Storage Facility

Real property designed and used for the purpose of renting or leasing individual storage spaces to customers for the purpose of storing and removing personal property on a self-service basis.

Standby Personnel

Qualified fire service personnel, approved by the Fire chief. When utilized, the number required shall be as directed by the Fire Chief. Charges for utilization shall be as normally calculated by the jurisdiction.

Section 307.1.1 amend and change to read as follows:

Section 307.1.1 Prohibited open burning.

Open burning is prohibited within the city limits.

Exception: BBQ pits and approved outdoor fireplaces.

Section 308.1.4 amend and change to read as follows:

Section 503.2.1 amend and change to read as follows:

Section 503.2.1 Dimensions

Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 24 feet (7315mm) exclusive of shoulders, except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 14 feet (4267mm).

Section 503.2.2 amend and change to read as follows:

Section 503.2.2 Authority

The fire code official shall have the authority to require an increase in the minimum access widths and vertical clearance where they are inadequate for fire or rescue operations.

Section 903.2.7 amend and change to read as follows:

Section 903.2.7 Piled High Storage Group M

Automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided throughout the buildings where the fire area containing a Group M occupancy exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115m²), or where more than two stories in height, or where the combined fire area exceeds 24,000 square feet (2230 m²). Fire Alarm system also required meeting NFPA 72

Section 903.2.4 amend and change to read as follows:

Section 903.2.4 Group F-1

An automatic sprinkler system will be provided throughout all new buildings containing a Group F occupancy over 2,000 square feet. Fire Alarm also required meeting NFPA 72

Section 903.2.5 amend and change to read as follows:

Section 903.2.5 Group H

Automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided in all high-hazard occupancies over 2,000 square feet. Fire Alarm system also required meeting NFPA 72

Section 903.2.8 Group R

Where guestrooms are not more than two stories above the lowest level of exit discharge and each guestroom has at least one door leading to an exterior exit access that leads directly to approved exits. (Ord 370-C-2-02 10/1/02)

An automatic sprinkler systems installed in accordance with section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire area. (ord 370-G-03-2007 05/20/07)

Exception: Single family residential occupancies (one family per building) are not required to provide an automatic sprinkler system if the home has less than 4,400 total square feet. (Ord 370-G-03-2007 09/18/07)

Section 903.2.8.1 Amend and change to read as follows:

Section 903.2.8.1 Group R-3 or R-4 Congregate Residences.

An automatic sprinkler system will be required throughout all Group R-3 and R-4 congregate living facilities. A fire alarm system meeting NFPA 72 will also be required.

Section 903.2.8.2 amend and change to read as follows:

Section 903.2.8.2 Care Facilities

All new care facilities in residential homes with 5 or fewer persons who are capable of self-preservation will now require a minimum fire sprinkler system (NFPA 13D). All new care facilities in residential homes with 5 or fewer persons who are not capable of self-preservation will be permitted to only have the minimum fire sprinkler system (NFPA 13D) rather than the large commercial type fire sprinkler system (NFPA 13). Fire alarm system is also required meeting NFPA 72

Section 903.2.9 amend and change to read as follows:

Section 903.2.9 Group S-1 & Group S-2

Group S-1

An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new buildings containing a Group S-1 occupancies over 2,000 square feet. Fire alarm system is also required meeting NFPA 72, No exceptions.

Group S-2

An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new buildings containing a Group S-2 occupancies over 2,000 square feet. Fire alarm system is also required meeting NFPA 72, No exceptions.

Section 905.3.9 amend change to read as follows:

Section 905.3.9 Building area

In buildings exceeding 10,000 square feet in area per story, Class 1 automatic wet or manual wet standpipes shall be provided where any portion of the building's interior area is more than 200 feet (60960 mm) of travel, vertically and horizontally, from the nearest point of fire department vehicle access.

Section 5608.1 amend and change to read as follows:

Section 5608.1 General (Fireworks) The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, transporting, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited in the city limits. No exceptions.

Where there is a conflict between the codes the more stringent code will be used.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION LIFE SAFETY CODE 101 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 24.3.5.1

One and Two Family Dwellings

Exception: One family dwelling do not have to have automatic sprinkler system unless total square feet is 4,400 or more. (Ord-G-03-2007 09/18/07)

Section 30.1.1.1 General Requirements

New apartment buildings

All new apartment buildings shall be protected by automatic sprinkler systems. No exceptions.

Detection, Alarm and Communication Systems

All new apartment buildings will be required to have a fire alarm system in accordance with section 9.6. No exceptions.

ARTICLE V

I. The City of Universal City Code of Ordinances shall be amended accordingly.

II. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

III. Conflicts

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed

PASSED AND ADOPTED the _____ day of _____, 2015.

John Williams, Mayor

Attest:

Approved for legal sufficiency:

Alene Patton, City Clerk

Jameene Banks, City Attorney