

1 **BILL NO. 2005-21**

2 **ORDINANCE NO. _____**

3 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY'S FIRE CODE TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION
4 OF AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN EXISTING RESIDENTIAL BOARD AND CARE
FACILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

5 Proposed by: David L. Washington, Chief,
6 Department of Fire and Rescue

Summary: Amends the City's Fire Code to
require the installation of automatic sprinkler
7 systems in existing residential board and care
facilities.

8 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN
9 AS FOLLOWS:

10 SECTION 1: The Supplemental Document Amending the NFPA 1, Uniform Fire
11 Code, 2003 Edition, adopted by Ordinance No. 5667 of the City of Las Vegas, replaced Sections
12 13.3.2.12 through 13.3.2.18.2 of the NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code, 2003 Edition, with new sections
13 numbered 13.3.2.12 through 13.3.2.13.1. Certain of those sections are amended as set forth in
14 Sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this Ordinance.

15 SECTION 2: Section 13.3.2.12 is amended to read as follows:

16 **13.3.2.12 New and Existing Residential Occupancies.**

17 SECTION 3: Section 13.3.2.12.3 is amended to read as follows:

18 **13.3.2.12.3 New [Residential] residential occupancies other than One- and Two-Family**
19 **Dwellings.** All new residential occupancies other than One- and Two-Family Dwellings shall be
20 protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with the following:

21 (A) Buildings three or more stories in height shall be protected by an automatic
22 sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13.

23 (B) Buildings up to and including two stories in height shall be protected by an
24 automatic sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13 when required by the International Building
25 Code.

26 (C) All other buildings may be protected by an automatic sprinkler system in
27 accordance with NFPA 13R.

28 SECTION 4: Section 13.3.2.12.4 is amended to read as follows:

1 **13.3.2.12.4 New One and Two-Family Dwellings.** New One- and Two-Family Dwellings shall meet
2 the following requirements.

3 (A) Buildings constructed under the International Building Code shall be protected
4 throughout by an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13, 13R, or 13D, as permitted
5 by the International Building Code. The automatic sprinkler system shall also meet the requirements
6 of section 13.3.2.12.5

7 (B) Buildings constructed under the International Residential Code shall be
8 protected throughout by an automatic sprinkler system when required by the International Residential
9 Code or the following:

10 (1) Where required by Chapter 18 – Fire Department Access and Water
11 Supply, or elsewhere by this code, sprinklers shall be installed in accordance with 13.3.2.12.5

12 (2) When the total area of the building exceeds 10,000 ft² (929 m²), an
13 automatic sprinkler system meeting the minimum requirements of NFPA 13D shall be installed.

14 13.3.2.12.5 Mitigation Matrix. When an automatic sprinkler system is being installed to mitigate the
15 minimum requirements for fire department access or water supply as required by Chapter 18, the
16 design requirements in Table 13.3.2.12.5 shall apply.

17 SECTION 5: Section 13.3.2.12.6 is deleted and replaced with the following:

18 **13.3.2.12.6 New and Existing Residential Board and Care Facilities.** Each new and existing
19 residential board and care facility that is required to be licensed by the State of Nevada shall be
20 provided with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13R. Each existing facility
21 shall be brought into compliance within the time period established for that facility by the chief, which
22 shall in no case be later than January 1, 2006.

23 SECTION 6: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or
24 phrase in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or
25 ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or
26 effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the
27 City of Las Vegas hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision,
28 paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections,

1 subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional,
2 invalid or ineffective.

3 SECTION 7: Whenever in this ordinance any act is prohibited or is made or declared
4 to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in this ordinance the doing of any act is
5 required or the failure to do any act is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a
6 misdemeanor, the doing of such prohibited act or the failure to do any such required act shall
7 constitute a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
8 \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or by any combination of such
9 fine and imprisonment. Any day of any violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

10 SECTION 8: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,
11 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada,
12 1983 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

13 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2005.

14 APPROVED:

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16 By _____
17 OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

18 ATTEST:

19 _____
20 BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

22 Val Steel 3-23-05
23 Date

1 The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council on the
2 _____ day of _____, 2005, and referred to the following committee composed of
3 _____ and _____ for recommendation;
4 thereafter the said committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the _____ day of
5 _____, 2005, which was a _____ meeting of said Council; that at said
6 _____ meeting, the proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council
7 as first introduced and adopted by the following vote:

8 VOTING "AYE": _____

9 VOTING "NAY": _____

10 ABSENT: _____

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APPROVED:

By _____
OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk