

Sections 9-1 through 9-9 of Chapter 9 of the Victoria City Code are amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 9-1. - International Fire Code—Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the City for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire and explosion, that certain code known as the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, save and except such portions as are deleted, modified, or amended by this article, of which a copy is on file with the City Secretary and the Victoria Fire Department, and the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this section shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of this city.

Sec. 9-2. - Same—Definitions.

- (a) Whenever the words “fire code official” are used in the International Fire Code they shall be held to mean the Fire Marshal of the City of Victoria.
- (b) Whenever the words "chief of the fire department" are used in the International Fire Code, they shall be held to mean the Chief of the Victoria Fire Department or that Chief's authorized representative.
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Sec. 9-3. - Deletions to published code.

The following sections of the International Fire Code are hereby deleted:

- Section 105.6.1 Aerosol products
- Section 105.6.3 Aviation facilities
- Section 105.6.4 Carbon dioxide systems used in beverage dispensing applications.
- Section 105.6.6 Cellulose nitrate film.
- Section 105.6.7 **Combustible dust-producing operations.**
- Section 105.6.8 Combustible fibers.
- Section 105.6.9 Compressed gasses.
- Section 105.6.10 Covered and open mall buildings.
- Section 105.6.11 Cryogenic fluids.

- Section 105.6.13 Dry cleaning.
- Section 105.6.14 Exhibits and trade shows

- Section 105.6.16 Fire hydrants and valves
- Section 105.6.17 Flammable and combustible liquids.
- Section 105.6.18 Floor finishing.
- Section 105.6.19 Fruit and crop ripening
- Section 105.6.20 Fumigation and insecticidal fogging.
- Section 105.6.21 Hazardous materials.
- Section 105.6.22 HPM facilities.
- Section 105.6.23 High-piled storage
- Section 105.6.25 Industrial ovens.
- Section 105.6.26 Lumber yards and woodworking plants.
- Section 105.6.28 LP-gas

Section 105.6.29 Magnesium
Section 105.6.30 Miscellaneous combustible storage
Section 105.6.31 Motor fuel-dispensing facilities Section 105.6.35 Organic coatings
Section 105.6.39 Pyroxylin plastics.
Section 105.6.40 Refrigeration equipment.
Section 105.6.41 Repair garages and motor fuel-dispensing facilities.
Section 105.6.42 Rooftop heliports.
Section 105.6.43 Spraying or dipping.
Section 105.6.47 Waste handling.
Section 105.6.48 Wood products.
Section 5601.1.3 Fireworks Exception Items 2 and 4

Sec. 9-4. - Amendments to the Fire Code.

The following sections of the International Fire Code are hereby amended as hereinafter indicated:

Section 105.6.27 to include “Exception: Floor cleaning appliances”

(2) Section 105.6.34 to include “Exception: Places of Worship”

(3) Section 108.1 to include “The duties of the board of appeals may be delegated to the City of Victoria Board of Adjustments and Appeals”

(4) Section 109.3 Violation Penalties is amended to read: Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or shall erect, install, repair, or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or a permit or certificate used under the provisions of this code shall be subjected to the penalties as defined in Section 1-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Victoria.

The transmission of a false or nuisance alarm is a violation of this code. Facilities transmitting more than two nuisance alarms within a 12 month period shall be subject to a \$100 fee for each subsequent nuisance alarm. Individuals causing a false alarm shall be subject to the Violation penalties listed above, and/or any provisions listed in the Texas Penal Code.

(5) Section 111.2 Issuance to read: “ A stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner’s authorized agent, or to the person doing the work. If no one is present at the time of issuance, a stop work order shall be posted on the front entrance of the structure, or on the fire protection system where work shall stop. Upon issuance of a stop work order, the cited work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for the order, and the conditions under which the cited work is authorized to resume.”

(6) Section 202 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 the services provided. This group may include but not limited to the following: dialysis centers, sedation dentistry, surgery centers, colonic centers, psychiatric centers.

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(7) Section 311.5 Placards. Any vacant or abandoned buildings or structures determined to be unsafe pursuant to Section 110 of this code relating to structural or interior hazards may be marked as required by Sections 311.5.1 through 311.5.5.

- (8) Section 505.1 Address identification. New and existing buildings shall be provided with approved address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be not less than 6 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 1 inch. Where required by the fire code official, address identifications shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole, or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. Address identification shall be maintained.
- (9) Section 609.3.3.3: Records. Records for inspections shall state the individual and company performing the inspection, a description of the inspection and when the inspection took place. Records for cleaning shall state the individual and company performing the cleaning and when the cleaning took place. Such records shall be completed after each inspection or cleaning and maintained. Inspection and cleaning reports shall be submitted to the fire code official using an approved method.
- (10) Section 903.2.7 Group M Item 4: A Group M occupancy used for the display, storage, or sale of upholstered furniture and/or mattresses exceeds 5,000 square feet.
- (11) Section 903.3.7 Hose threads is amended to read: Fire hose threads and fittings used in connection with automatic sprinkler systems shall be National Standard Hose Thread.
- (12) (13) Section 5601.2.4 Financial responsibility is amended to read: Before a permit is issued, as required by Section 5601.2, the applicant shall file with the jurisdiction a corporate surety bond in the principal sum of \$1,000,000 or a public liability insurance policy for the same amount, for the purpose of the payment of all damages to persons or property that arise from, or are caused by, the conduct of any act authorized by the permit upon which any judicial judgment results. The fire code official is authorized to specify a greater or lesser amount when, in his or her opinion, conditions at the location of use indicate a greater or lesser amount is required. Government entities shall be exempt from this bond requirement.

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- (14) Section 5608.2.1 Outdoor Fireworks Displays is amended to read:

The following requirements must be met by an applicant in order to obtain a permit approval of the fire code official for a fireworks display. The applicant shall

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1. Furnish written permission from the property owner where the display is to be located.
2. Provide a qualified pyrotechnic technician who will be present at all times during the display.
3. Employ a sufficient amount of fire department staff to enforce the fire codes for public safety during the display.
4. Allow only persons who are under the direct supervision of the pyrotechnic technician to discharge the fireworks.

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(16) Section **6104.2**.

Exception:

1. The fire chief may approve the placement of aboveground or below ground containers for single family residential, multi-family residential or commercial occupancies on a case-by-case base provided the container and appurtenances are listed and installed in accordance with that listing and issues such as zoning and fire exposures are addressed adequately.

(17) Appendices B, C and D are amended to provide that the provisions of said appendices are not mandatory, but may be used as a basis for the exercise of discretion by the fire official. Sec. 9-5. - Arson and false fire alarm; reward for conviction.

- (a) The mayor is hereby authorized to offer a standing reward of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), payable to any person furnishing information leading to the arrest and conviction of one or more persons guilty of arson in connection with any one fire, and when information is given by more than one person leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person guilty of arson, then the reward of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) will be prorated.
- (b) No officer in the employ of the city, county or state, whose duty it is to detect violations of the law or make arrests in connection therewith, shall be entitled to any reward for information leading to the arrest or conviction of any person guilty of arson.
- (c) The city does hereby offer a reward of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be paid to any person furnishing information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person giving a false fire alarm, that is, giving an alarm of fire when there is no fire, falsely and maliciously, by any means whatsoever in the city, or making any attempt to commit such criminal act.

Sec. 9-6. - Opening, adjusting fire hydrants.

No person other than an employee of the City or a duly authorized independent contractor of the City shall open, adjust or attempt to repair any fire hydrant within the city limits.

Sec. 9-7. - Reserved.

Editor' note— Ord. No. 2013-11, § 1, adopted May 21, 2013, repealed § 9-7 in its entirety, which pertained to burning of garbage and trash—conditions and derived from Ord. No. 2011-23, § 1, adopted Aug. 2, 2011.

Sec. 9-8. - Installations not to be located in fire district.

- (a) Liquefied petroleum gas installations shall not be located in the fire district.

Sec. 9-9. - Additions to published code.

The following sections of the International Fire Code are hereby added:

- (1) Section 102.7.3 Alternative editions of referenced codes and standards. The fire code official is authorized to utilize more current editions of the referenced codes and standards.
- (2) Section 103.1.1 Enforcement of adopted codes shall be added to read: The City of Victoria hereby establishes a fire prevention division as described in Section 103 of the International Fire Code, 2015 edition. This division shall be referred to as the Fire Marshal's Office. The Fire Marshal's Office is charged with enforcement of the

International Fire Code, as amended, as well as other ordinances and laws over which the Fire Marshal's Office has responsibility. The Fire Marshal's Office has the authority to enforce any life safety provision of the current adopted Building Code, , Fuel Gas Code, Mechanical Code, Electrical Code, or Existing Building Code. Any interpretation of the Building, Mechanical, Electrical, or Existing Building Codes are the sole responsibility of the Authority Having Jurisdiction over the code in question. Corrective notices, citations, or other corrective actions as allowed by law may be issued for violations of the reference codes.

- (3) Section 311.3.1 Securing and removing burned structure after fire is added to read: Whenever any structure in the City of Victoria is damaged or destroyed by fire, the owner thereof or the person in charge of or in control of the property shall secure the property to prevent unauthorized entry within ten (10) days after the fire, and shall remove from the premises all refuse, debris, charred lumber, destroyed or damaged portions of the structure and any materials damaged or destroyed by fire within ten (10) days after receipt of notice from the Fire Marshal's Office. It is a defense to prosecution under this section for failure to remove refuse, debris, charred lumber, damaged portions of the structure or any materials damaged or destroyed by fire that there is a need to preserve the scene for further investigation or evaluation.
- (4) Section 503.3.1 Striping. Fire apparatus access roads shall be continuously marked by painted lines of red traffic paint six (6) inches in width to show the boundaries of the fire apparatus access road. The words "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" or "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" shall appear in four (4) inch white letters at 25 feet intervals on the red border markings along both sides of the fire apparatus access roads.
- (5) Section 901.6.2.2 Reports: Inspection, test and maintenance records shall be submitted to the fire code official using an approved method.
- (6) Section 903.2.9.3 Self-service storage facility: An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout all self-service storage facilities.
Exception: One-story self-service storage facilities that have no interior corridors, with a one-hour fire barrier separation wall installed between every storage compartment.
- (7) Section 907.5.2.4 Security Gates: Fire alarm systems within gated facilities shall be connected in such a manner that the security gate(s) open(s) upon fire alarm activation.
- (8) Section 912.2.3 Hydrant distance: An approved fire hydrant shall be located within 100 feet of the fire department connection as the fire hose lays along an unobstructed path.
- (9) Section 1103.11 Fire protection systems.
- (10) Section 1103.11.1 Spray booths and rooms: Existing spray booths and rooms shall be protected by an approved automatic fire extinguishing system in accordance with Section 2404. Automatic fire extinguishing systems shall be installed within 12 months of the adoption of this code.
- (11) Section 1103.11.2 Existing commercial kitchen operations: Existing commercial kitchen operations shall be protected by an approved automatic fire extinguishing system in accordance with Section 609. Automatic fire extinguishing systems shall be installed within 12 months of the adoption of this code.
- (12) Section 3104.15.6.1 Outdoor cooking during festivals and events. Outdoor cooking that produces sparks or grease-laden vapors shall not be performed within 4 feet

of a tent or membrane surface during a festival or event where the operation is required to be covered by the Health Department.

- (13) Section **5704.2.14.1** (7) Tanks shall not be dismantled or disassembled on site is added to read: Underground storage tanks for flammable or combustible products shall not be dismantled or disassembled on site. Underground storage tanks for flammable or combustible products shall be removed from the site prior to dismantling or disassembling and disposed of in accordance with Section 5704.2.14.2.
- (14) Section 6103.2.1.8 Jewelry repair, dental labs and similar occupancies, Where natural gas is not available, portable LP-gas containers are allowed to be used to supply approved torch assemblies or similar appliances. Such containers shall not exceed 20-pound (9.0 kg) water capacity. Aggregate capacity shall not exceed 40-pound (18.0 kg) water capacity. Each container shall be separated from other containers by a distance of not less than 20 feet.

Secs. 9-10—9-19. - Reserved.