ARTICLE V. - INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

Sec. 5-60. - Adoption of published code.

The city hereby adopts, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of buildings and structures, the International Building Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc., save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended, of which a copy is on file with the city secretary and the city's department of development services. Said code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this article shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction of all buildings and other structures therein regulated within the limits of the city.


Cross reference— Also see fire prevention code, adopted in § 9-1.

Sec. 5-61. - Building official.

Wherever the term "Building Official" is used in the International Building Code, it shall be held to mean the person designated as the "Building Official" by the director, as defined in Section 2-80 of the Victoria City Code.

(Code 1960, § 5-51(c); Ord. No. 83-10, § 1, 10-3-83; Ord. No. 92-1, § 1, 1-21-92; Ord. No. 99-38, § 1, 12-14-99; Ord. No. 2002-15, § 1, 10-1-02; Ord. No. 2011-22, § 2, 8-2-11)

Sec. 5-62. - Deletions to published code.

The following portions of the building code are hereby deleted:

(1) Section 103 Department of Compliance Building Safety Agency
(2) Section 105 Permits
(3) Section 106 Floor and Roof Design Loads
(4) Section 107 Submittal Construction Documents
(5) Section 108 Temporary Structures and uses
(6) Section 109 Fees
(7) Section 113, Board Means of Appeals
(8) Section 116 Unsafe structures and equipment
Add a new section to read; [Sec. 102.1.1 Reconstruction and remodel.] Reconstruction and remodel. A building that is being altered, remodeled or reconstructed where the cost of construction is equal to or greater than 50% of the assessed value of the structure, as determined by the Victoria County Appraisal District and invokes the Architect and Engineer Act, shall comply with Chapters 9 and 10 of this code

(1) Section 508.5.1 Limitations

shall be amended to read; The live/work unit is permitted to be not greater than 5000 square feet in area.

(2) shall be amended to read; The residential area is permitted to be not more than 25 percent of the area of each live/work unit.

Add new subsection (5) Each Live/Work unit shall only contain one dwelling or sleeping unit.

(2) Sec. 508.5.2 Occupancies shall be amended to read; Live/Work Units shall be classified as a Group R-3 Occupancy. Separation requirements found in Sections 420 and 508 shall not apply within the live/work unit where the live/work unit is in compliance with Section 508.5. Nonresidential uses that would be classified as a Group A, other than A2 and A3 with occupant load of 50 or less, or Group F, H, or S occupancy shall not be permitted in a live/work unit.

(3) Sec. 508.5.7 Fire Protection shall be amended to read; The live/work unit shall be provided with a monitored fire alarm system.
Sec. 1612 Flood Loads. All sections in this code referencing flood hazard requirements shall be amended to reference the requirements as determined by the City of Victoria Flood Plain Administrator.

Sec. 901.6.2.2 Reports: Shall be added to read: Inspection, test and maintenance records shall be submitted to the fire code official using an approved method.

Sec. 903.2.7.8 Group M-4.1.3 Buildings group M with up occupancy of four dwelling units, the display storage or sale of upholstered furniture and/or mattresses exceeds 5000 square feet shall be an amended exception to read: A

Section 903.2.9 Group S Service 1 storage upholstered furniture and mattresses. Shall be amended to read: An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed provided throughout a self-service storage facility where the area used for the display storage or sale of upholstered furniture or mattresses exceeds 5000 square feet.

Exception One-story: self-service storage facilities that have greater than interior one story above grade plane where all storage spaces can be accessed directly from the exterior.

Exception 2: Self service storage facilities with a one-hour fire barrier area separation not wall larger installed than between every square storage compartment feet.

Section 903.4.2 Alarms shall be amended to read: An approved audible visual device, located on the exterior of the building in an approved location, shall be connected to each automatic sprinkler system. Such sprinkler water-flow alarm devices shall be activated by water flow equivalent to the flow of a single sprinkler of the smallest orifice size installed in the system. Where a fire alarm system installed, actuation of an automatic sprinkler system shall actuate the building fire alarm system. An interior audible/visual device shall be located inside the protected occupancy. It is not the intent of this section to imply the audible/visual device(s) must comply with NFPA 72 or American with Disabilities Act when the only requirement for audible/visual devices is caused by this section.

Section 904.2.2 Commercial hood and duct systems. Shall be amended to read; Each required new and existing commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct system required by Section 606 to have a Type I hood shall be protected with an approved automatic fire-extinguishing system in accordance with this code.

Section 907.5.2.4 Security Gates. shall be added to read: Fire alarm systems within gated facilities shall be connected in such a manner that the security gate(s) open(s) upon fire alarm activation.

Appendix D, Fire Districts. Appendix D, Fire Districts shall be adopted in its entirety and amending Section D101.2 Establishment of Area to read as follows:

D101.2 Establishment of area. The Fire District shall include all of the areas within blocks 84, 86, 100, 112, 113, 114, 115, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 142, 143, 144, and 158, Main Town, City of Victoria; all of the blocks commonly known as Academy Block, City Hall Block, and Court House Block, all in Main Town,
City of Victoria; and all of that block bounded on the north by Forrest Street, on the east by Liberty Street, on the south by Constitution Street, and on the west by Main Street, within Main Town, City of Victoria.


Sec. 5-64. - Adoption of published code.

The city hereby adopts, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of existing buildings and structures, the International Existing Building Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc., save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended, of which a copy is on file with the city secretary and the city's department of development services. Said code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this article shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction of all existing buildings and other existing structures therein regulated within the limits of the city.

(Ord. No. 2007-21, § 2, 10-2-07; Ord. No. 2009-9, § 3, 5-5-09; Ord. No. 2015-33, § 2, 12-15-15; Ord. No. 2021-146, § 1(Att.), 8-3-21)

Sec. 5-65. - Code Official.

Wherever the term "Code Official" is used in the International Existing Building Code, it shall be held to mean the person designated as the "Building Official" by the director, as defined in section 2-80 of the Victoria City Code.

(Ord. No. 2007-21, § 2, 10-2-07)

Sec. 5-66. - Deletions to published code.

The following portions of the International Existing Building Code are hereby deleted:

1. Section 103 Department of Compliance Building Safety Agency
2. Section 105 Permits
3. Section 106 Construction Documents
4. Section 107 Temporary Structures and Uses
5. Section 108 Fees
6. Section 110 Certificate of Occupancy
7. Section 111 Service Utilities
8. Section 112 Board of Appeals
9. Section 113 Violations
10. Section 114 Stop Work Order
11. Section 115 Unsafe Buildings Structures and Equipment
12. Section 116 Emergency Measures
Sec. 5-67. - Amendments to published code.

The following sections of the International Existing Building Code are amended to read as follows:

(1) **Section 101.2. Scope.** The provisions of the International Existing Building Code shall apply to the repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition and relocations of existing buildings. The provisions as prescribed in Chapter 5, Section 5-4 Existing Buildings of the City of Victoria Municipal Code shall be an alternative acceptable method of compliance.

(2) **Section 102.4 Referenced codes and standards.**

(a) The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Where differences occur between provisions of this code and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of this code shall apply.

(b) Where this code references the ICC Electrical Code, it shall be amended to reference the most currently adopted National Electrical Code.

(c) Where this code references the ICC A117.1 Guidelines for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities, it shall be amended to reference the Texas Accessibility Standards adopted by the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation.

(Ord. No. 2007-21, § 2, 10-2-07)

Secs. 5-68, 5-69. - Reserved.