PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 07-08
ORDINANCE NO. 2642

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA, TITLE VI FIRE AND HEALTH, CHAPTER 6-1 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION
SECTION 6-1-1 ADOPTION OF STATE, NATIONAL, FIRE CODES BY REFERENCE – ADOPTING THE FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE, RULE 69A-60 FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, NFPA 1 UNIFORM FIRE CODE FLORIDA EDITION AND NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE, FLORIDA EDITION; SECTION 6-1-2 AMENDMENTS – CHANGING THE TITLE TO DEFINITIONS AND ADDING VARIOUS DEFINITIONS; SECTION 6-1-3 MODIFICATIONS – CHANGING GRAMMAR; SECTION 6-1-4 EXCEPTIONS – ADDING LOCAL MODIFICATION TO THE FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION CODE; SECTION 6-1-15 STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS PROHIBITED IS DELETED; SECTION 6-1-16 STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS PROHIBITED, DELETING REFERENCES TO FIRE PREVENTION CODE, SECTION 6-1-18 VEHICLES TRANSPORTING HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND OTHER DANGEROUS ARTICLES IS DELETED; SECTION 6-1-19 FIRE LINES; IS DELETED REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KISSIMMEE FLORIDA IN LAWFUL SESSION ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 6-1-1 Adoption of State, National Fire Codes by Reference

The City hereby adopts in its entirety Florida Statute Section 633.0215 minimus fire safety standards and as may be amended, together with Florida Administrative Code Rule 69A-60 as may be amended and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 Uniform Fire Code Edition, Florida Edition (2003) and National Fire Protection Association 101 Life Safety Code, Florida Edition (2003) and as modified by Rule 69A-60 (FAC) and is binding within the corporate limits of the City and police jurisdiction thereof.

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Section 6-1-2 Definitions

Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) as used in the State and National Fire codes shall mean the City Fire Chief or his designee.

Fire Marshall shall mean the City Fire Chief or his designee.

Gross Floor Area shall be computed by measuring the entire square footage under roofs, coverings, permanent awnings, regardless of separation; the square footage of each floor level shall be counted separately and added to determine total gross floor area.

Section 6-1-3 Modifications/Interpretations

The Fire Chief or his designee shall have power to modify, adjust or render an interpretation on any provisions of the fire prevention code upon application in writing by an owner or lessee, or his duly authorized agent, when there are practical difficulties that hinder carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety is secured, and substantial equity and justice is done. The particulars of such modifications or interpretation when rendered shall be entered upon the records of the Fire and Building Department with a signed copy to the applicant.

Section 6-1-4 Exceptions

The following standards are hereby adopted in the City and amends the Section 6-1-1 as follows:

(A) NFPA 1 Sections are amended to add the following text:

(1) 10.12.1 Access Boxes

Access Boxes shall be required for every building with a required fire sprinkler system or fire alarm system. The access box shall be a type approved by the Chief or his designee and shall contain those necessary keys or other devices necessary to gain access to the building. The owner, lessee, occupier or other person in charge of the building shall have timely notified the Chief or his designee of any change in the key or other access devices charged and insure that the correct key or other unlocking devices is contained in the access box. Timely notification shall be 24 hours or less.
(2) 13.3.1.1 General
All automatic sprinkler systems installed in any building must include an electronic supervision containing an automatic signal transmission that is continuously monitored and complies with NFPA 72, the National Fire Alarm Code.

(3) 13.3.2 Where Required
All new non-residential buildings totaling 5,000 square feet or more gross floor area shall have an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 13.3.1.1. Any renovation or alteration to an existing structure which results in an increase in the total gross floor area that exceed 5,000 square feet of the entire structure shall be required to install throughout the structure an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 13.3.1.1. Any renovation or alteration to an existing structure 5000 square feet or more which has a net increase in total square footage exceeding 5000 square feet shall be required to install an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 13.3.1.1 throughout the structure.

(4) 13.3.2.2
Basement areas, below grade areas, underground parking areas, and garages of new buildings exceeding 2500 square feet or 232.3 meters squared shall have installed an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 13.3.1.1.

(5) 18.3 Water Supplies & Fire Hydrant
18.3.1
An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow, as determined using Appendix H of NFPA 1 or an approved equivalent, shall be provided to all premises upon which facilities, buildings or portions of buildings are hereafter constructed or moved into the City. On site fire hydrants and fire mains capable of supplying the required fire flow shall be provided when any portion of the facility or building protected is in excess of 300 feet from a water supply on a public street, as measured by an approved exterior route around the facility or building. All measurements for hydrants shall be made in an approved manner around the outside of the building and along an approved access taken when dealing with retaining walls, fencing, swales, beams or similar obstructions.

(6) 18.3.3
The Chief having jurisdiction may determine the number and approved the location of fire hydrants for buildings or portions of buildings other than one and two family dwellings, that are constructed and located in such a manner that access to public fire hydrants is minimal or of a distance such that the authority having jurisdiction can demonstrate that firefighting operations would be impaired.

Section 6.1.16 Storage of Flammable Liquids/Prohibitions

(A) Except as listed below, all areas in the corporate boundaries of the City are prohibited from the storage of flammable liquids in outside above ground tanks. The following areas may contain outside above ground tanks. The following areas may contain outside above ground storage tanks for flammable liquids after approval by the Fire Chief; to wit:

(1) Areas zoned Airport Operational, Airport Industrial
(2) Lot 3 of the Kissimmee Commercial Industrial Center
(3) City of Kissimmee facilities.

(B) Except as listed below, all areas in the corporate boundaries of the City are prohibited from the bulk storage of flammable or combustible liquids. The following areas may have bulk storage of flammable or combustible liquids if approved by the Fire Chief, to wit:

(1) Areas zoned Airport Operational and Airport Industrial
(2) Emergency fire department access to all sides of an aboveground storage tank or facility containing flammable or combustible liquids shall be provided by means of an approved roadway or a hard, compacted surface with a sealed base, in accordance with City engineering standards.
(3) Remote shut-off valves, as described shall be conveniently located and readily identifiable to fire fighters. A separate valve shall be provided for each pipe used for loading or unloading of the fuel facility.

Section 6-1-18 Vehicles Transporting Hazardous Chemicals and Other Dangerous Articles

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Section 6-1-19 Fire Lanes

Deleted
SECTION 2. All Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Commissioner Gemskie moved the passage and adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Irizarry and upon roll call on the motion the vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Gemskie  
Commissioner Grieb  
Commissioner Van Meter  
Commissioner Irizarry  
Mayor Swan

NAYS:

Said motion having been duly carried, thereupon, Mayor Swan, declared said Ordinance duly passed and adopted this 17th day of April 2007.

ATTEST:

Linda P. Jaworski, CMC  
City Clerk

Jim Swan  
Mayor-Commissioner