

**AMENDED ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF
AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN CERTAIN STRUCTURES IN THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, it has been found and determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi that the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in structures in the City can be effective in reducing losses resulting from fire; and

WHEREAS, it is further found and determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Ridgeland and its citizens that the City adopt and enforce rules and regulations requiring the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in certain structures within the City; and

WHEREAS, it is found that certain amendments to the existing Ordinance are necessary and desirable. Hereafter this Ordinance shall read as follow:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, as follows:

Section 1 – Approved Equipment and Layout: Only sprinklers and devises approved by the City shall be used in automatic sprinkler systems. Plans for all sprinkler systems shall be submitted to the Building Official for review. Information as outlined in National Fire Protection Association 13, Section 1-9 must be provide, plus:

- i. A note indicating that proper marking will be provided for all controlling valves.
- ii. Name, address and telephone number of sprinkler contractor.

- iii. A reminder noted on the drawings and specifications stating: "Contact the Ridgeland Fire Department not less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance to witness any required test."
- iv. Date of preparation of shop drawings.

Section 2 – Construction Requirements: Every automatic sprinkler system shall conform to National Fire Protection Association 13 or 13R, as modified by other standards of the National Fire Protection Association that pertain to specific hazards or processes. All material used in construction of every automatic sprinkler system installed in any structure within the City, including piping, shall be new and as specified in NFPA 13.

Section 4: All terms used herein shall be defined as set out in the Building Code adopted by the City of Ridgeland.

Section 5 – Requirements by Occupancy: The following structures shall be equipped with automatic sprinkler systems:

- i. Assembly See Building Code adopted by the City of Ridgeland.
- ii. Business See Building Code adopted by the City of Ridgeland.
- iii. Educational All buildings.
- iv. Hazardous All buildings.
- v. Factory-Industrial See Building Code adopted by the City of Ridgeland.
- vi. Institutional See Building Code adopted by the City of Ridgeland.
- vii. Mercantile See Building Code adopted by the City of Ridgeland.
- vii. Residential All apartments, hotels, motels, rooming houses, lodging houses, dormitories, convents and monasteries regardless of size. One and two family dwellings shall follow the

requirements of the Building Code as adopted by the City of Ridgeland.

- ix. Storage All buildings exceeding five thousand (5,000) square feet gross floor area.
- x. Mixed See Building Code adopted by the City of Ridgeland.

Section 6 – Other structures that shall be equipped with automatic sprinkler

systems: In addition to those stated above, the following structures shall be equipped with automatic sprinkler systems:

- i. All basements in other than single-family dwellings shall be equipped with automatic sprinklers regardless of size.
- ii. All buildings that are windowless or do not have suitable access shall be equipped with automatic sprinklers regardless of size.
- iii. Enclosed parking garages in other than single family dwelling that exceed one thousand (1,000) square feet gross floor area.
- iv. Enclosed repair garages classified Industrial that exceeds one thousand (1,000) square feet of shop area.
- v. All childcare facilities, which are licensed by the Mississippi Department of Health.

Section 7 – Remodeling and/or additions: This ordinance will apply to all buildings whenever one or more of the following occurs:

- i. Change in occupancy classification as defined by the Standard Building Code.
- ii. When additions are made to any existing building that would result in the total gross floor area to exceed any of the thresholds established by this Ordinance.
- iii. When remodeling is done that has a value of twenty-five (25%) of the assessed value at the time of the permit request.

Section 8 – Severability: In the event any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared to be unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof.

Section 9: Regardless of language in other ordinances of the City, this Ordinance shall establish the requirement for the installation of automatic sprinkler systems within the City of Ridgeland and shall supersede all other ordinances, including the Ordinance Adopting the Standard Building Code.

Section 10 – Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after passage as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2001.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was first reduced to writing and offered by Alderman Carole Davis, who moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Alderman Gerald Steen, and no request having been made by the Mayor or any member of the Board of Aldermen that the Ordinance be read by the City Clerk before a vote was taken. The Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Aldermen with the results being as follows:

Alderman Ken Heard	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Chuck Gautier	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Carole Davis	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Larry Roberts	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Scott Jones	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Linda Trunzler	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Gerald Steen	<u>Aye</u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of 7 members of the Board of Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the motion so carried and this Ordinance ordained and adopted on this the 18th day of September, 2001.

CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
GENE F. MCGEE, Mayor

Attest:

DAVID OVERBY, City Clerk

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