

1 AN ORDINANCE adopting a Uniform Fire Code for
2 King County; prescribing regulations governing
3 conditions hazardous to life and property from
4 fire and explosion; providing for permits;
5 prescribing penalties for violations; and repeal-
6 ing Ordinance 1284 and K.C.C. 17.04, 17.08, 17.12,
7 17.16, 17.20, 17.24, 17.28.

8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 1973 EDITION, as published
10 by the Western Fire Chiefs Association and the International Con-
11 ference of Building Officials (including Appendices A, C, D, and E)
12 together with amendments, additions and deletions listed herein;
13 are hereby adopted as the Fire Code of King County, and hereinafter
14 referred to as "this code".

15 SECTION 2. Whenever the following words appear in this code,
16 they are to be changed as follows:

17 (1) Fire Chief, Chief of the Fire Department, Fire Prevention
18 Engineer, to Fire Marshal of King County.

19 (2) Fire Department to Bureau of Fire Prevention of King
20 County.

21 SECTION 3. UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGE 14, SECTION 1.203,
22 FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, is hereby repealed and the following is
23 substituted: SECTION 1.203. ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES OF BUREAU
24 OF FIRE PREVENTION. For the purpose of this code the Bureau of
25 Fire Prevention in the Building Division of King County shall be
26 operated under the supervision of the Director of Building, Building
27 Division, Department of Community and Environmental Development,
28 and shall enforce the fire prevention provisions and shall have
29 authority in a fire department or fire district in the performance
30 of duties connected with this code. The Bureau of Fire Prevention
31 may assume an advisory status in the matters of operation, function,
32 expenditure, tactics personnel and equipment or any other function
as the fire district sees fit to request. The fire suppression and
tactical provisions may be enforced by the Chief of a fire depart-
ment or fire district. The Chief of a fire department or fire

1 district, acting under the supervision of the Board of Fire
2 Commissioners in that district, and in coordination with the
3 Bureau of Fire Prevention, may perform the duties specified in
4 the Uniform Fire Code within the geographical boundaries of that
5 fire protection district, to the full extent required by the
6 Bureau of Fire Prevention.

7 SECTION 4. UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGE 15, SECTION 1.205,
8 AUTHORITY AND DUTY OF POLICE PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN ENFORCING THIS
9 CODE, is hereby repealed.

10 SECTION 5. UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGE 18, SECTION 1.215,
11 BOARD OF APPEALS, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 "In order to determine the suitability of alternate materials
13 (~~and-type~~) or methods of construction, and to provide for reason-
14 able interpretation of the provisions of this code, there shall be
15 and is hereby created a (~~Board-of-Appeals~~) Fire Prevention
16 Advisory and Appeals Board, consisting of (~~five~~) seven members
17 who are qualified by experience and training in fire protection
18 to pass upon pertinent matters. The (~~Fire-Chief~~) Fire Marshal
19 shall be an ex officio member and shall act as Secretary of the
20 Board. The (~~Board-of-Appeals~~) Fire Prevention Advisory and
21 Appeals Board shall be appointed by the (~~Executive-Body~~)
22 County Executive, confirmed by the Council, and shall (~~held-office~~
23 ~~at-their-pleasure.~~) serve for a two-year term or until their
24 successor is appointed and qualified. Initially four members shall
25 be appointed to a two-year term and three members to a one-year
26 term. The Board shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for
27 conducting its investigations and shall render all decisions and
28 findings in writing to the (~~Fire-Chief~~) Fire Marshal with a dupli-
29 cate copy to the appellant and may recommend to the (~~Executive-Body~~)
30 County Council such new legislation as is consistent therewith."
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1 SECTION 6. NEW SECTION. A new section is hereby added to
2 the UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGE 36, ARTICLE 1, DIVISION IV, DEFINITIONS
3 to read as follows:

4 SECTION 1.429. DEFINITION OF CURRENT EDITION. (1) Current
5 edition of the Uniform Building Code shall be the 1973 Edition;
6 (2) Current edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code shall be the
7 1973 Edition; and (3) Current edition of the National Fire Protec-
8 tion Association shall be the 1971-1972 Edition.

9 SECTION 7. NEW SECTION. A new division, Division V, is here-
10 by added to the UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGE 36, ARTICLE 1, GENERAL
11 PROVISIONS, as follows:

12 DIVISION V. Section 1.501. VIOLATION PROVISIONS. Notwith-
13 standing any specific remedies enumerated in the text of codes
14 adopted by reference in this document or other regulations herein
15 adopted; violation, or failure to comply with the provisions of
16 this ordinance, shall subject the offender, upon conviction thereof,
17 to a fine of not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00),
18 in imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, or
19 both, and each day that such violation or failure to comply exists
20 shall constitute a separate offense. The prosecutor may, as an
21 alternative to criminal action, seek legal or equitable relief to
22 enjoin or abate any violation of the laws incorporated by reference
23 herein.

24 Section 1.502. CIVIL PENALTY APPEAL. In addition to or as
25 an alternate to any judicial or administrative remedy provided here-
26 in or by law, any person, firm, corporation or organization viola-
27 ting any of the provisions of this Code, or by each act of commis-
28 sion or omission procures, aids or abets such violation, shall in-
29 cur a cumulative civil penalty in the amount of three dollars per
30 day, per each violation, plus billable costs of the Building
31 Division, Department of Community and Environmental Development,
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1 from the date set for compliance until such violation is corrected
2 or such notice of violation order is complied with. All civil
3 penalties and appeals will be enforced in accordance with the pro-
4 cedures specified in the Uniform Housing Code, 1973 Edition, as
5 amended and adopted by this ordinance.

6 SECTION 8. UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGES 71 AND 72, ARTICLE 12,
7 FIREWORKS, is hereby repealed. (For control of fireworks see
8 Ordinance 480.)

9 SECTION 9. UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGE 75, SECTION 13.208,
10 REQUIRED VERTICAL DRIVEWAY CLEARANCE, is hereby amended to read
11 as follows: "Access driveways serving buildings or property located
12 more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from a street shall have a
13 vertical clearance of not less than twelve (12) feet above the
14 finished driveway surface.

15 EXCEPTION: Groups I and J Occupancies as specified in the
16 Building Code.

17 Where auxiliary means of access or fire protective measures,
18 approved by the ((Chief)) Fire Marshal, are provided, the above re-
19 quired clearance may be modified or waived.

20 Fire lanes shall be established at buildings as required by
21 the Fire Marshal. Such fire lanes shall be maintained with adequate
22 height and width to allow access, and have a surface capable of sup-
23 porting fire apparatus. Fire lanes shall be appropriately marked
24 and obstruction of fire lanes is prohibited by other than emergency
25 vehicles."

26 SECTION 10. UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGE 77, SECTION 13.307, FIRE
27 ALARM SYSTEMS, is hereby amended by adding a new subsection as fol-
28 lows: (e) FIRE DRILLS. Fire drills shall be held at least once a
29 month in educational occupancies where such occupancies constitute
30 the major occupancy of a building and at least once every two
31 months in institutional occupancies where such occupancies consti-
32 tute the major occupancy of a building. During severe weather,

1 fire drills may be postponed. A record of all fire drills shall
2 be kept by the person in charge of such occupancies. Records of
3 fire drills shall include the time and date of each drill held.

4 In educational occupancies fire drills shall include complete
5 evacuation of all persons from the building. In institutional occu-
6 pancies fire drills shall be conducted to familiarize operating per-
7 sonnel with their assigned positions of emergency duty; complete
8 evacuation of occupants from the building at the time of the fire
9 drill shall be required only where it is practicable and does not
10 involve moving or disturbing persons under medical care."

11 SECTION 11. UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGE 129, SECTION 15.704,
12 DISPENSING SERVICES, SUB-SECTION (b) SUPERVISION, is hereby amended
13 to read as follows: "Every service station open to the public shall
14 have an attendant or supervisor on duty whenever the station is open
15 for business.

16 1. If the dispensing of Class 1 liquids at a service station
17 available and open to the public is to be done by a person other
18 than the service station attendant, the nozzle shall be a listed
19 automatic closing type without latch open device."

20 SECTION 12. UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGES 135 AND 136, SECTION
21 15.710, MARINE SERVICE STATIONS, SUB-SECTION (d) DISPENSING 3.,
22 is hereby amended to read as follows: "Dispensing of flammable
23 or combustible liquids into the fuel tanks of marine craft shall
24 be by means of an approved type hose, equipped with a listed auto-
25 matic closing nozzle ((with)) without a latch open device."

26 SECTION 13. NEW SECTION. A new section is hereby added to
27 the UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PAGE 210, ARTICLE 31, WELDING AND CUTTING,
28 CALCIUM CARBIDE AND ACETYLENE, to read as follows:

29 SECTION 31.114. PERMIT REQUIRED. A "no fee" permit shall be
30 required of each company, corporation, co-partnership or owner-
31 operator performing welding or cutting operations. This permit
32 shall not be required for each welding or cutting job location.

1 The company, corporation, co-partnership or owner-operator shall
2 notify the Bureau of Fire Prevention in advance where such work is
3 taking place, except where such work is done in response to an
4 emergency call that does not allow time for the Bureau of Fire
5 Prevention to be notified in advance of the work.

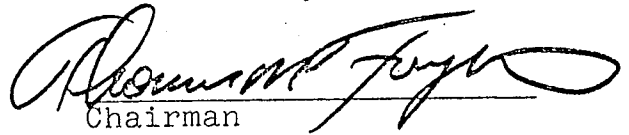
6 SECTION 14. REPEAL. King County Code Chapters 17.04, 17.08,
7 17.12, 17.16, 17.20, 17.24, 17.28 and Ordinance 1284 are hereby
8 repealed.

9 SECTION 15. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, subsection,
10 paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any
11 reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional such invalidity or
12 unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of constitution-
13 ality of the remaining portions of this ordinance, it being herein
14 expressly declared that this ordinance and each section, subsection,
15 paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase thereof would have been
16 adopted irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections,
17 subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared
18 invalid or unconstitutional.

19 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 6th day of
20 May, 19 74.


21 PASSED this 29th day of July, 19 74.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

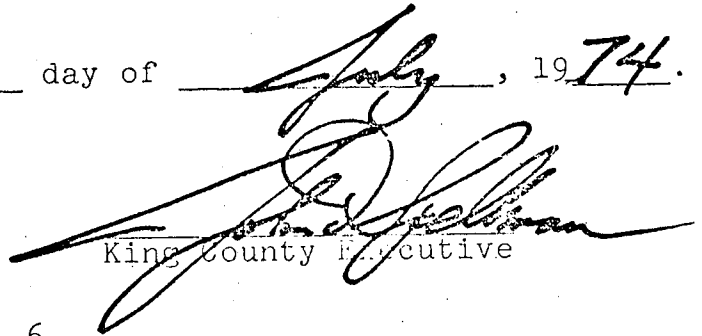

Chairman

THOMAS M. FORSYTHE

ATTEST:

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27 Clerk ACTING
28 King County Council

29 APPROVED this 30th day of July, 19 74.


King County Executive