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ORDINANCE NO. 8973

AN ORDINANCE relating to notification for the fire protection requirements, amending Ordinance 8737, Sections 3 and 4 and K.C.C. 17.10.020 and .030 and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 8737, Section 4 and K.C.C. 17.10.020 are amended to read as follows:

Application.

A. Life safety/rescue access. All occupancies shall be required to provide approved life safety/rescue access.

Exceptions:

1. Group M occupancies.
2. Roof access need not be provided to roof levels having a slope greater than 4 in 12.

B. Fire Detection System. All occupancies exceeding 3,000 square feet gross floor area shall be required to provide an approved automatic fire detection system. Area separation walls as noted in Section 505(e) of the Uniform Building Code shall not be considered to separate a building to enable deletion of the required fire detection system.

Exceptions:

1. Group M or R Division 3 occupancies.
2. Occupancies protected throughout by an approved/monitored automatic sprinkler system can delete heat detectors from the system.

C. Fire Sprinkler Systems shall be installed:

1. In all Group R, Division 3 occupancies exceeding 2,500 square feet gross floor area (including attached garages) without adequate fire flow except as cited in K.C.C. 17.08.030.

1 2. In all R-3 occupancies without approved fire department
2 access as defined in Section 10.207 of the Uniform Fire Code.

3 3. In all Group R, Division 1 occupancies having three or
4 more floor levels or containing five or more dwelling units and
5 hotels having three or more floor levels or containing ten or more
6 guest rooms. Quick response standard sprinkler heads shall be
7 used in accordance with their approved listing in the dwelling
8 unit and guest room portions of the buildings. Area separation
9 walls as noted in Section 505(e) of the Uniform Building Code
10 shall not be considered to separate a building to enable deletion
11 of the required fire sprinkler system.

12 4. In Group A occupancies that are used as nightclubs and
13 discos where no alcohol is served and where the total gross floor
14 area exceeds 5,000 square feet. Area separation walls as noted in
15 Section 505(e) of the Uniform Building Code shall not be
16 considered to separate a building to enable deletion of the
17 required fire sprinkler system.

18 5. In all other occupancies requiring 2,000 gallons per
19 minute or more fire flow, or where the total floor area included
20 within the surrounding exterior walls on all floor levels
21 including basements exceeds 10,000 square feet. Area separation
22 walls, as noted in Section 505(e) of the Uniform Building Code,
23 shall not be considered to separate a building to enable deletion
24 of the required fire sprinkler system.

25 Exception: Group M occupancies.

26 D. Alterations, repairs, and building additions. The
27 provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all buildings to which
28 more than fifty percent of its county assessed value at the time
29 of the first permit application will be altered or repaired within
30 any seventy month period of time. Any additions to an existing
31 structure shall be considered new construction and subject to the
32 provisions of this ordinance.

1 E. Notice to Fire Districts.

2 1. At the time of application for a commercial building
3 permit, all subdivisions, planned unit developments, rezones,
4 conditional use and unclassified use permits to the building and
5 land development division, the applicant shall submit a copy of
6 the application to the applicable fire district. The fire
7 district shall supply a receipt to the applicant.

8 2. Subdivisions and shortsubdivisions applied for and/or
9 recorded before February 1, 1989 shall be submitted once to the
10 applicable fire district for review at the time of the first
11 building permit by the applicant for that building permit.

12 3. It shall be the responsibility of the fire district to
13 issue a receipt to the applicant the same day it receives a copy
14 of the applied for and/or final recorded subdivision or
15 shortsubdivision. The receipt shall constitute proof to the
16 manager of the building and land development division or his/her
17 designee of the notification.

18 4. It shall be the responsibility of the fire district to
19 notify the manager of the building and land development division
20 or his/her designee within seven days of the receipt of the
21 applied for and/or final recorded subdivision or shortsubdivision
22 of any comments.

23 SECTION 2. Ordinance 8737, Section 4 and K.C.C. 17.10.030 are
24 hereby amended as follows: Regulative authority. The department
25 of parks, planning, and resources shall adopt rules and
26 regulations for the implementation of this chapter, including:

27 A. Procedures to assure that building permits for structures
28 conform to the requirements of this chapter.

29 B. Procedures to assure that these standards shall be
30 reviewed as part of the subdivision, planned unit development,
31 rezone, conditional use and unclassified use and commercial
32 building permit processes.

1 ((G- Procedures-to-assure-that-a-report-of-fire-protection
2 impacts-is-submitted-in-all-cases-where-a-proposed-structure-or
3 land-use-is-regulated.))

4 ((B-)) C. Standards published by the National Fire
5 Protection Association including a standard known as NFPA 13R to
6 be applied to all R1 occupancies.

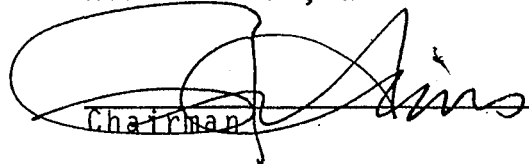
7 ((E-)) D. Allow for hydrant spacing requirements to be
8 relaxed by as much as fifty percent pursuant to K.C.C. 17.08,
9 except when such allowances would unreasonably reduce fire
10 protection to the area or structures served.

11 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and declares
12 that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for
13 the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or
14 for the support of county government and its existing public
15 institutions.

16 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 24th day
17 of April, 1989.

18 PASSED this 22nd day of May, 1989.

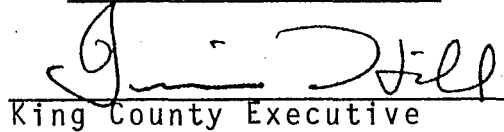
19 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
20 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

21 
22 Chairman

23 ATTEST:

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25 Clerk of the Council

26 APPROVED this 2nd day of June, 1989.

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28 King County Executive