

**ORDINANCE 3189**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING TITLE 15 OF  
THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS  
(OCCGF), PERTAINING TO BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Commission established Title 15 of the OCCGF outlining provisions pertaining to Buildings and Construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has recognized deficiencies throughout OCCGF Title 15, including but not limited to, typographical, grammatical, formatting, and referencing deficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to cure the deficiencies contained in OCCGF Title 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to make substantive amendments to OCCGF Title 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments include substantive changes to regulations including, but not limited to, International Fire Code adoption process and clearly established penalty provisions for OCCGF Title 15 violations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to establish consistency within the OCCGF, and where applicable the Montana Code Annotated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:**

Section 1. OCCGF Title 15 is hereby repealed and replaced as depicted by Exhibit “A” attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein, with deleted language identified by ~~strikeout~~ and inserted language **bolded**; and

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after public hearing and final adoption by the City Commission.

ACCEPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on first reading November 7, 2018.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on second reading November 20, 2018.

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Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

(CITY SEAL)

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney

State of Montana    )  
County of Cascade  : ss  
City of Great Falls )

I, Lisa Kunz, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do certify that I did post as required by law and as prescribed and directed by the Commission, Ordinance 3189 on the Great Falls Civic Center posting board and the Great Falls City website.

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

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~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2810, (Exh. A) 2001)~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

~~A. Building Accessibility Rules of the Administrative Rules of Montana 8.70.1501 through 24.301.901 through 24.301.905.~~

**15.1.020 Design Review Board.**

**The Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) Title 17.28, Chapter 12, Article 3**, establishes the Design Review Board and sets forth its purpose, authority, membership, and the process to review Board decisions. The Board will review and approve development proposals for new commercial and multifamily buildings of eight (8) units or more (excluding Planned Unit Developments and Townhouses).

~~(Ord. 2722, 1997)~~

**15.1.030 Commission report.**

~~The~~ **During his or her term of office**, the Building Official shall keep, or cause to be kept, a record of the number, description, type, occupancy, size, and valuation of every building or structure erected in the City

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during his/her term of office for which certificates or permits are issued. The Building Official shall also make a monthly report on or before the tenth day of each month, of the number of permits and certificates issued and the valuation of structures erected within the ~~corporate~~ **incorporated City** limits of the City and of fees collected during the preceding month.

~~(Ord. 2541 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

**15.1.040 House moving license.**

Any person, firm or, corporation, **or other entity** desiring to move, ~~or engage in the business of moving~~ any house or structure into, out of, or within the City limits, shall first obtain a house mover's license, the annual fee for which shall be set by City Commission resolution.

~~(Ord. 2541 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

**15.1.041050 Insurance and bond.**

Any person, firm, **entity** or corporation desiring to obtain a house mover's license shall make application to the Planning and Community Development Department and shall supply a commercial general liability insurance policy and license bond as specified by City Commission resolution. Upon approval of the application and payment of the annual fee, the license will be issued.

~~(Ord. 2801, 2001; Ord. 2541 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

**15.1.050060 Moving buildings, permit, and supervision.**

- A. Before any house or structure may be moved into, out of, or within the City, such licensed house movers shall make application for a permit for the moving of each separate house or structure to the Building Official, and ~~said the~~ **Building Official** shall inspect the same and the route upon which house or structure is proposed to be moved.
- B. All house moving shall be **conducted** under the supervision of the Building Official ~~of the City~~, and the Building Official may demand any precaution deemed advisable for the protection of the streets.
- C. Any mover shall ~~make their own arrangements with all~~ **coordinate and receive appropriate authorization from:**
  - 1. **All impacted** public utilities;
  - 2. **The Great Falls Fire Rescue** Department, **(GFFR)**;
  - 3. **The Great Falls** Police Department, ~~Park~~ **(GFPD)**;
  - 4. **The Great Falls Park and Recreation** Department; and
  - 5. **The Montana** Department of Highways, either by agreement or under provisions of the State for such moving and shall furnish proof of such ~~agreement~~

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**authorization** on forms supplied by the Building Official. ~~Each application shall furnish proof of compliance with all Montana regulations for such moving.~~

~~(Ord. 2541 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

- D. Each application shall furnish proof of compliance with all Montana regulations for such moving.**

**15.1.060070 Moving buildings, permit fee.**

Fees for the issuance of a permit to remove any house or structure shall be as set by City Commission resolution.

**15.1.070080 Special inspector.**

If the Building Official determines any structure over forty (40) tons requires the services of an inspector while the building is in transit, an additional inspection fee shall be paid for all the time spent on inspection.

~~(Ord. 2541 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

**15.1.080090 Relocated structures.**

Whenever ~~said~~ a moved structure is to be relocated within the jurisdiction of the City, permits required by ~~this~~ **the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF)** shall be obtained for such work as ~~is~~ **are** necessary to locate, support, anchor, and supply utilities to the structure. Foundation and/or framing work at the relocated site shall be inspected and approved by the Building Official **or designee** prior to such structure being placed upon the lot. Buildings or structures moved into or within the City shall comply with ~~the~~ **all applicable OCCGF** provisions of ~~this Code~~ for new buildings or structures. Demolition of foundation and utility abandonment on the original site shall be as required by razing guidelines **as set forth by the City.**

~~(Ord. 2541. §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

**15.1.090100 Asbestos in building construction.**

~~A. Building Demolitions.~~

- A.** All buildings scheduled for demolition which contain asbestos insulation or fireproofing must follow the safeguards listed in Title 50, Chapter 64, Montana ~~Codes~~ **Code** Annotated. Periodic inspection ~~with~~ **pursuant to Mont. Code Ann.** Title 50, Chapter 64, ~~MCA~~ and this section, **may be required.**

~~B. Asbestos-Containing Spray Products.~~

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- B.** "Asbestos-containing spray products" means any fibrated product or compound which is applied to a surface utilizing a spray or pneumatic means of applications, for whatever purpose.
- C.** "Friable asbestos material" means any material that contains more than one (1) percent asbestos by weight and that can be crumbled, pulverized or reduced to powder, when dry, by hand pressure.

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- D. The use of asbestos-containing spray products, other than those in which the asbestos fibers are encapsulated with a bituminous or resinous binder and which are not friable after drying, for whatever purpose, in the construction, remodeling, renovation, alteration of a building or structure is prohibited.
- E. **A violation of subsection (D) of this part is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).**

(Ord. 2541 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).

**Chapter 5 — Reserved <sup>(1)</sup>**

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FOOTNOTE(S):

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**Editor's note** — Ord. No. 3141, § 1, adopted May 17, 2016, repealed the former Ch. 5, § 15.5.010. The former Ch. 5 pertained to the International Property Maintenance Code and derived from Ord.

3063, 2011; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2864, 2003; Ord. 2748, 1998; Ord. 2710 Exh. A), 1996; Ord. 2654 (Exh. B), 1993; Ord. 2627 §1(Exh B) 1992; Ord. 2538 §2(Exh. B), 1989. Provisions relating to similar subject matter have been added as Title 16, Ch. 1, § 16.1.010 of the Code by § 2 of this ordinance. (Back)

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**15.402.010 Purpose.**

The purpose of this regulation is to provide minimum standards to safeguard ~~life and limb~~, health, **safety**, property, and public welfare by regulating and controlling use and occupancy of all mobile homes, trailer homes, trailers, or any similarly named structure within the City.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Prior code §4-7-1); Ord. 2651 (Exh. B), 1993).~~

**15.10.0402.020 Unsafe structures and utilities—designated.**

Unsafe mobile homes, trailer homes, trailers, or other similar structures designed for living purposes for one (1) or more persons are defined as follows:

- A. "Unsafe Structure. ~~An unsafe~~" **means a structure is one** (1) which constitutes a fire hazard or hazard to life, health, property, or public welfare by reason of use, inadequate maintenance or dilapidation, or abandonment. ~~However, without limitations of the foregoing, any~~ **Any** structure in which any one (1) or more of the following conditions exists shall be deemed conclusively to be an unsafe structure:
- 1.—~~These~~ **A structure** which ~~show~~ **shows** damage or deterioration of the non-supporting enclosing or outside walls or covering to such an extent that they will not resist the wind pressure or lateral forces all in accordance with the standards adopted in this ~~chapter~~ Chapter;
  - 2.—~~These in~~ **A structure** which the loads upon the floors or roof exceed the maximum design limits; **or**



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- 3.—~~Those in~~ **A structure** which parts thereof are so attached that they may fall and cause injury to persons or personal property.
- B. ~~"Unsafe Utility. An unsafe"~~ **means a utility is one (1)** which constitutes a fire hazard or hazard to life, health, **safety**, property, or public welfare by reason of use, construction, quality of material or inadequate maintenance, or dilapidation. ~~However, without limitation of the foregoing, any~~ **Any** utility in which any one (1) or more of the following conditions exists shall be deemed to be an unsafe utility:
- 1.—~~Gas~~ **Damaged gas** fired, oil fired, or solid fuel fired appliances, ~~devices~~; **or**
  2. **Devices** or other apparatus which have any of the following defects:
    - a.i. Broken or cracked heat exchangers,;
    - b.ii. Defective or deteriorated vents, venting, or flues which permit leakage of the flue gas through the walls,;
    - c.iii. Defective fuel supply lines,;
    - d.iv. Insufficient air supply for combustion of the fuel,;
    - e.v. Defective or improperly installed and/or adjusted controls and appurtenances or a lack of such required controls,;
    - f.vi. Equipment locations which constitute a fire or explosive hazard,; **or**
    - g.vii. Defective or improperly installed **gas-fueled** equipment.

**15.10.0502.030 Unsafe structures and utilities—~~abatement—notice~~ penalty.**

- A.—~~If after inspection of the structure it is determined to be unsafe, it is a nuisance and shall be abated by removal, upon written notice by the Building Official or duly authorized representative to the person or persons having a record title therein.~~
- B.—~~If the owner of any unsafe structure fails to carry out removal required to be carried out by the written notice within ninety (90) days after receipt of the notice, the Building Official or authorized agent shall cause to be posted upon the structure a warning notice declaring the structure to be unsafe for human occupancy, and he/she shall order all utilities disconnected until such unsafe condition has been abated.~~
- C.—~~Failure to comply with the abatement of the unsafe structure shall constitute a violation of this chapter, and the owner shall be subject to the penalties of Chapter 1.04.070.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Prior code §5-7-3 (B)).~~

- A. **An unsafe structure or utility is hereby declared a Nuisance pursuant to OCCGF Title 8, Chapter 49.**
- B. **Owning or maintaining an unsafe structure or utility is a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed 6 months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00 or both. The Court may in its discretion order the unsafe structure or utility removed or destroyed.**

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~~Any decision or order issued by the Building Official may be appealed to the Board of Appeals. If such order of the Building Official is sustained or modified by the Board of Appeals, such decision shall be deemed final.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Prior code §4-7-3(C)).~~

**15.10.0702.040 Appurtenances—installation.**

- A. Footings, piers, caps, and shims shall be installed directly under the main frame or chassis of the mobile home according to the manufacturer's recommendations ~~so long as, if those recommendations meet the minimum standards set out in this section and Sections 15.10.080 through 15.10.120~~**Chapter.**
- B. All footings, piers, caps, and shims shall be located under both frame rails and shall be installed so the longest dimension of each piece of material used for the construction of a pier and of each footing, cap, and shim is parallel ~~with to~~ the ground and perpendicular to the frame rail. Those nearest ~~to~~ each end of the mobile home shall be within five (5) feet from the end of the home, and shall have a maximum spacing of ten (10) feet on the centers.
- C. All grass and organic material shall be removed from beneath the footings.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Prior code §4-7-4(part)).~~

**15.10.0802.050 Footing.**

- A. A footing is that portion of the blocking between the ground and the frame rail which spreads and transmits loads directly to the soil.
- B. All footings shall be of a material impervious to rot which has a minimum weight bearing ability equal to or greater than a solid piece of wood having minimum nominal dimensions of two (2) inches by twelve (12) inches by eighteen (18) inches.
- C. Each footing may be constructed from more than one (1) piece of material, provided that each piece of material has minimum nominal dimensions of not less than two (2) inches by twelve (12) inches by eighteen (18) inches, unless smaller dimensions are approved by the section prior to use.
- D. All footings shall be at least four (4) inches longer and four (4) inches wider than the pier resting upon it, unless smaller dimensions are approved by the section prior to use.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Prior code §4-7-4(part)).~~

**15.10.0902.060 Pier.**

- A. A pier is a vertical structural support that transmits the load from the mobile home chassis to the footing.
- B. A pier shall be constructed of a material or materials which have a minimum weight bearing ability equal to or greater than a standard eight (8) inches by eight (8) inches by sixteen (16) inches minimum celled concrete block. If a celled material, e.g., a celled concrete block or an expanded shell, is used to construct piers, the material shall be installed so the open end of each cell is perpendicular to the frame rail and to the ground.

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- C. A pier shall be not less than eight (8) nominal inches wide, and in any event, shall be the same width as a cap resting upon it.
- D. A pier eight (8) inches in height, or less, may be constructed of more than one (1) piece of material provided each piece has minimum nominal dimensions of two (2) inches by four (4) inches by sixteen (16) inches.
- E. A pier more than eight (8) inches in height may be constructed of more than one (1) piece of material having minimum nominal dimensions of eight (8) inches wide, eight (8) inches high, and sixteen (16) inches long, provided that the pieces fit flush, one (1) to another.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Prior code §4-7-4 (part)).~~

**15.10.1002.070 Cap.**

- A. A cap is a covering structure that is placed between the pier and shim to provide a surface on which the shims may rest so as to transmit the mobile home load uniformly to the pier bearing surface.
- B. All piers shall be topped with a cap not more than four (4) inches in height and not less than eight (8) nominal inches wide and sixteen (16) inches long.
- C. Each cap shall be constructed of the same material throughout and may be constructed of more than one (1) piece of material each having minimum nominal dimensions of one (1) inch by eight (8) inches by sixteen (16) inches.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Prior code §4-7-4(part)).~~

**15.10.1102.080 Shim.**

- A. A shim is a thin tapered slip of wood or metal used to fill in between the cap and mobile home chassis for the purpose of leveling the mobile home.
- B. All shims shall be four (4) inches or less in thickness and wide enough to provide bearing over the width of the cap.
- C. The shims shall be driven tight between the cap and the frame rail to provide uniform bearing and leveling.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Prior code §4-7-4(part)).~~

**15.10.1202.090 Foundations and piers—use approval.**

Other types of piers and foundations, including heavy metal adjustable screw columns, of equal performance and weight bearing ability may be used when approved by the ~~administrative authority.~~ **Building Official or designee.** Tie-downs shall be provided to resist overturning caused by seismic or wind loadings.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2335, 1983; prior code §4-7-4(part)).~~

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**15.10.1502.100 Skirting requirements.**

All mobile homes placed upon mobile home zoned lots shall have the space below the mobile home skirted by weatherproof materials compatible with the exterior design of the mobile home. When such skirting is placed around a mobile home that has combustion air for the furnace and hot water tank taken from beneath the unit, provision shall be taken to louvre the air intake to outside of the skirt. A proper louvre shall be placed over the intake to prevent the entrance of birds and rodents.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Prior code §4-7-7).~~

**15.10.1602.110 Permit—fees.**

A fee for each permit to place a mobile home on a lot outside of a licensed trailer court shall be **set by Commission resolution and** paid to the Planning and Community Development Department ~~and the fee therefore shall be as set by City Commission resolution.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2280 §1, 1981; prior code §4-7-8).~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

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FOOTNOTE(S):

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~~For provisions on mobile home parks, see Title 17 of this Code. ([Back](#))~~

**Chapter 153 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE**

**Section:**

~~15.15.010 Adoption.~~

**15.3.010 Adoption.**

**15.153.010 Adoption.**

The International Energy Conservation Code (**IECC**) shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of **Montana**. The ~~International Energy Conservation Code~~ **IECC** is adopted ~~by administrative action per section 24.301.202 of~~ **pursuant to** the Administrative Rules of Montana. The ~~International Energy Conservation Code~~ **IECC** currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and

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~~(Ord. 2887, 2004; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2818, 2002; Ord. 2810, (Exh. A), 2001).~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

## **Chapter 204 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE**

### **Section:**

~~15.20.010 Adoption.~~

**15.4.010 Adoption.**

### **15.204.010 Adoption.**

The International Existing Building Code (**IEBC**) shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of **Montana**. The ~~International Existing Building Code~~ **IEBC** is adopted by administrative action per Section 24.304.202 of **pursuant to** the Administrative Rules of Montana. The ~~International Existing Building Code~~ **IEBC** currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies of each are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building Codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the International Code Council (ICC), 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, Ill 60478, www.iccsafe.org.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2818, 2002; Ord. 2779, 2000; Ord. 2748, 1998; Ord. 2710, 1996; Ord. 2651, 1993; Ord. 2626, 1992; Ord. 2591, 1991)~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

## **Chapter 255 MECHANICAL CODE**

### **Section:**

~~15.25.010 Adoption.~~

**15.5.010 Adoption.**

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#### 15.25.010 Adoption.

The Mechanical Code shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of Montana. The Mechanical Code is adopted ~~by administrative action per Section 24.301.202 of~~ **pursuant to** the Administrative Rules of Montana. The Mechanical Code currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies of each are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building Codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the International Code Council (ICC), 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478, [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2810, 2001; Ord. 2748, 1998; Ord. 2723, 1997; Ord. 2710, 1996; Ord. 2651, 1993; Ord. 2625, 1991; Ord. 2589, 1991; Ord. 2536, 1989).~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

### Chapter 306 PLUMBING CODE

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~~15.30.012 Definition.~~

~~15.30.016 Permit fees.~~

~~15.30.020 Plumbing requirements.~~

~~15.30.021 Contractor licensing.~~

~~15.30.022 Application.~~

~~15.30.023 Insurance and bond.~~

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**15.6.070 Medical gas requirements.**

**15.6.080 Violation—penalty.**

**15.306.010 Adoption.**

The **Uniform** Plumbing Code shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of **Montana**. The **Uniform** Plumbing Code is adopted by ~~administrative action per Section 24.301.202 of~~ **pursuant to** the Administrative Rules of Montana. The **Uniform** Plumbing Code currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies of each are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building Codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), 20001 Walnut Drive South, Walnut, CA 91789-2825.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2818, 2002; Ord. 2810, 2001; Ord. 2781, 2000; Ord. 2748, 1998; Ord. 2711, 1996; Ord. 2651, 1993; Ord. 2624, 1992; Ord. 2540, 1989).~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

**15.30.012 Definition.**

~~Authority having jurisdiction referred to in this Code shall be the Building Official as defined in the International Building Code.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

**15.6.020 Authority designated.**

**The Great Falls Building Official or designee shall have the authority to enforce this Chapter.**

**15.30.0466.030 Permit fees.**

~~Section 103.4 Fees:~~ **Shall be as specified Permit fees shall be set** by City Commission resolution.

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~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2818, 2002).~~

**15.30.0206.040 Plumbing requirements.**

For purposes of definition, plumbing shall involve all sections of the Uniform Plumbing Code, except Chapter 12, Fuel gas piping.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

**~~15.30.021 Contractor licensing.~~**

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2540, 1989).~~

**~~15.30.022 Application.~~**

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

**~~15.30.023 Insurance and bond.~~**

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2801; 2001; Ord. 2711 (Exh. A), 1996; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

**~~15.30.024 License term.~~**

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

**~~15.30.025 Fee.~~**

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2711 (Exh. A), 1996; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~



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**15.306.050026 Permit issuance.**

Permits shall be issued only to plumbing contractors or homeowners ~~meeting~~ **who meet** the requirements of this chapter ~~Chapter~~, or Title 37, Chapter 69, of MCA. (~~Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989~~). **the Montana Code Annotated.**

~~**15.30.030 Plumber's licensing.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

~~**15.30.031 Fee plumber's license.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2711 (Exh. A), 1996; Ord. 2566 §2, 1990; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

~~**15.30.05015.6.060 Homeowner's permit.**~~

An owner of a single-family residence used exclusively for personal use, may install all sanitary plumbing or potable water supply piping. The standard fee schedule applies to all permits obtained under this ~~article of the Code~~ **Chapter**.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2711 (Exh. A), 1996; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

~~**15.30.0516.070 Medical gas requirements.**~~

For purposes of definition medical gas systems shall involve only ~~NFPA~~ **National Fire Protection Association** 99C Gas and Vacuum Systems current edition.

~~(Ord. 2926, 2006; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2761, 1999)~~

~~**15.30.052 Contractor licensing.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2761, 1999)~~

~~**15.30.053 Application.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2761, 1999)~~

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~~15.30.054 — Insurance and bond.~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2761, 1999)~~

~~15.30.055 — Fee.~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2761, 1999)~~

~~15.30.056 — Medical gas systems licensing.~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2761, 1999)~~

~~15.30.057 — Fee — medical gas systems licensing.~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2761, 1999)~~

~~15.30.0606.080 Violation—penalty.~~

~~A violation of any provision of this Chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed six (6) months in jail, a fine not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both. A violation of this Chapter may also result in a revocation of any special business license issued pursuant to OCCGF Title 5.~~

~~Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating any of the applicable provisions of this chapter shall be liable to penalty as prescribed by Chapter 1.4.070 of this Code.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2540 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1989).~~

**Chapter 357 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE**

**Sections:**

~~15.35.010 Adoption.~~

~~15.35.012 Definition.~~

~~15.35.020 Permit fees.~~

~~15.35.021 Fuel Gas piping requirements.~~

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~~15.35.022 Contractor licensing.~~

~~15.35.023 Application.~~

~~15.35.024 Insurance and bond.~~

~~15.35.030 Fee.~~

~~15.35.031 Gas fitters licensing.~~

~~15.35.040 Application.~~

~~15.35.041 Fee—gas fitters license.~~

~~15.35.042 License term.~~

~~15.35.050 Permit issuance.~~

~~15.35.060 Violation—penalty.~~

**15.7.010 Adoption.**

**15.7.020 Definition.**

**15.7.030 Permit fees.**

**15.7.040 Fuel Gas piping requirements.**

**15.7.050 Permit issuance.**

**15.7.060 Violation—penalty.**

**15.357.010 Adoption.**

The **International** Fuel Gas Code shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of **Montana**. The **International** Fuel Gas Code is adopted by ~~administrative action per Section 24.301.202 of the administrative~~ **pursuant to the Administrative** Rules of Montana. The **International** Fuel Gas Code currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies of each are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the International Code Council (ICC), 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478, www.iccsafe.org.

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

**15.35.0127.020 Definition.**

The ~~code official referred to in this~~ **Fuel Gas** Code **Official** shall be the **Great Falls** Building Official or **designee**. ~~as defined in the International Building Code.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004)~~

**15.35.0207.030 Permit fees.**

~~Section 106.5.2 Fee schedule. Shall~~ **Permit fees shall be as specified set** by City Commission resolution.

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~~(Ord. 2874, 2004)~~

**15.35.0217.040 Fuel Gas piping requirements.**

For purposes of definition, fuel gas piping shall involve only the International Fuel Gas Code.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004)~~

~~**15.35.022 Contractor licensing.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2569 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1990).~~

~~**15.35.023 Application.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2569 §1(Exh. B(part)), 1990).~~

~~**15.35.024 Insurance and bond.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2801, 2001; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991)~~

~~**15.35.030 Fee.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2711 (Exh. A), 1996; Ord. 2569 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1990).~~

~~**15.35.031 Gas fitters licensing.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2569 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1990).~~

~~**15.35.040 Application.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2569 §1(Exh. B(part)), 1990).~~

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~~15.35.041 Fee—gas fitters license.~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2711 (Exh. A), 1996; Ord. 2569 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1990).~~

~~15.35.042 License term.~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2569 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1990).~~

~~15.3515.7.050 Permit issuance.~~

~~Only a gas fitting contractor licensed pursuant to **OCCGF** Title 5 of this Code, shall be eligible to obtain a permit for fuel gas piping systems.~~

~~(Ord. 31732, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2569 §2(Exh. B(part)), 1990).~~

~~15.357.060 Violation—penalty.~~

~~Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to penalty as prescribed by Chapter 1.4.070 of this Code.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

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~~A violation of any provision of this Chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed six (6) months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both. A violation of this Chapter may result in the revocation of any special business license issued pursuant to OCCGF Title 5.~~

**Chapter 408 ELECTRICAL CODE**

**Sections:**

~~15.40.010 Adoption.~~

~~15.40.020 Electrical contractor's license.~~

~~15.40.021 Application for City electrical contractor's license.~~

~~15.40.022 Insurance and bond.~~

~~15.40.023 License term.~~

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~~15.40.024 Fee.~~

~~15.40.030 Homeowner electrical permit.~~

~~15.40.031 Application—homeowner's permit.~~

~~15.40.040 Individual wiring certificate.~~

~~15.40.041 Application—individual wiring certificate.~~

~~15.40.042 Fee—individual wiring certificate.~~

~~15.40.050 Electrical permit issuance.~~

~~15.40.051 Permit fees.~~

~~15.40.060 Violation—penalty.~~

**15.8.010 Adoption.**

**15.8.020 Homeowner electrical permit.**

**15.8.030 Application—homeowner's permit.**

**15.8.040 Electrical permit issuance.**

**15.8.050 Permit fees.**

**15.8.060 Violation—penalty.**

**15.408.010 Adoption.**

The Electrical Code shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of **Montana**. The Electrical Code is adopted ~~by administrative action per Section 24.304.202 of~~ **pursuant to** the Administrative Rules of Montana. The Electrical Code currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., #1 Battery march Park, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02269, [www.necdirect.org](http://www.necdirect.org).

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2818, 2002; Ord. 2810 (Exh. A), 2001; Ord. 2723, 1997; Ord. 2666, 1994; Ord. 2651, 1993; Ord. 2592, 1991).~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

~~**15.40.020—Electrical contractor's license.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

~~**15.40.021—Application for City electrical contractor's license.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

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~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

~~**15.40.022 — Insurance and bond.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2801, 2001; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

~~**15.40.023 — License term.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

~~**15.40.024 — Fee.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

**15.408.020 Homeowner electrical permit.**

An individual may obtain an electrical permit for doing electrical work on his **or her** own property or residence; provided, that said property or residence is maintained for his **or her** own use. The electrical work shall be done by the owner or a member of the family residing at the same address. Any other individual(s) performing work under the electrical permit are in violation of this ~~Code~~ **Chapter**.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

~~**15.40.0318.030 Application—homeowner's permit.**~~

Every person desiring a homeowner's permit under the provisions of ~~Section 15.40.030~~ **this Chapter** shall first file an application for registration, ~~which.~~ **The** application shall set forth the location of the building where the work is proposed to be done, state that the applicant is the owner of said building, and attest to understanding applicable provisions of this ~~chapter~~ **Chapter** and electrical codes. Permit fees shall be established by City Commission resolution.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

~~**15.40.040 — Individual wiring certificate.**~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

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~~15.40.041 Application—individual wiring certificate.~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

~~15.40.042 Fee—individual wiring certificate.~~

~~Repealed. See Title 5.~~

~~(Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

**15.408.0540 Electrical permit issuance.**

Electrical permits may be issued only to a person, firm or corporation, **or other entity** qualified or licensed under ~~Chapter 68~~, **by applicable** Montana Codes Annotated **state law** and ~~this chapter~~ **the OCCGF**, or to individuals qualifying as homeowners in ~~Section 15.40.030~~ **pursuant to this Chapter**.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

**15.40.0548.050 Permit fees.**

Electrical permit fees shall be ~~collected as~~ set by City Commission resolution.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004)~~

**15.408.060 Violation—penalty.**

~~Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to penalty as prescribed by Chapter 1.4.070 of this Code.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2592 §2(part), 1991).~~

**A violation of any provision of this Chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed six (6) months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both. A violation of this Chapter may result in the revocation of any special business license issued pursuant to OCCGF Title 5.**

**Chapter 950 FIRE CODE**

**Sections:**

~~15.50.010 International Fire Code (IFC)—adoption.~~

~~15.50.040 Definitions.~~

~~15.50.060 Bureau of Fire Prevention—established—duties.~~

~~15.50.080 International Fire Code—amendments.~~



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~~15.50.100 Pipes thawed with torch prohibited.~~

~~15.50.140 Violation—penalty.~~

**15.9.010 International Fire Code (IFC)—adoption.**

**15.9.020 Definitions.**

**15.9.030 Bureau of Fire Prevention—established—duties.**

**15.9.040 Pipes thawed with torch prohibited.**

**15.9.050 Violation—penalty.**

**15.509.010 International Fire Code—adoption.**

- A. ~~There is for~~ **The City of Great Falls hereby adopts** the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, hazardous materials or explosion, that certain Code and Standards known as the **most currently Montana state adopted** International Fire Code (IFC), **as may be administratively amended by the Great Falls Fire Rescue Department (GFFR).**
- B. A copy of such Code **the IFC, as may be amended,** is ~~now filed~~ **available for inspection** in the **City Clerk's** office ~~of and the City Clerk~~ **GFFR Fire Marshall's office.**
- C. Copies of the ~~2012-IFC~~ may **also** be obtained from the International Code Council.

~~(Ord. 2905, 2005; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2794, 2001; Ord. 2651 (Exh. B), 1993; Ord. 2455 (part), 1987; Ord. 2429 § 2 (part), 1986).~~

~~(Ord. No. 2998, § 1, 3-4-2008; Ord. No. 3048, § 1, 4-6-2010; Ord. No. 3112, § 1, 9-17-2013; Ord. No. 3137, § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-2015)~~

**15.50.0409.020 Definitions.**

Whenever the following words are used in the ~~2012-IFC~~, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. "Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention" means the ~~Fire Marshal of the City~~ **Great Falls Fire Rescue Department (GFFR) Chief.**
- B. "Corporation Counsel" means the **Great Falls** City Attorney.
- C. "Jurisdiction" means the **incorporated City limits of Great Falls.**
- D. "Removal" in relation to storage tanks includes vents and fill pipes and all other incidental hardware.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2455 (part), 1987; Ord. 2429 § 2 (part), 1986).~~

~~(Ord. No. 2908, § 1, 3-4-2008; Ord. No. 3048, § 1, 4-6-2010; Ord. No. 3112, § 1, 9-17-2013; Ord. No. 3137, § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-2015)~~

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**15.50.0609.030 Bureau of Fire Prevention—established—duties.**

The 2012-IFC shall be enforced by the **GFFR** Bureau of Fire Prevention in the Fire Department of the City, which is established and which shall be operated, under the supervision of the Fire Chief.

(Ord. 2874, 2004).

(Ord. No. 2998, § 1, 3-4-2008; Ord. No. 3048, § 1, 4-6-2010; Ord. No. 3112, § 1, 9-17-2013; Ord. No. 3137, § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-2015)

**15.50.080 International Fire Code—amendments.**

The 2012 IFC is adopted in full with the exceptions as follows:

- A. ~~If there is any conflict between the adopted code and the Montana Code Annotated, the provisions of the Montana Code Annotated control.~~
- B. ~~The 2012 IFC is adopted with the following exceptions, additions and amendments:~~
  - a. ~~Section 104.2 Application and Permits is not adopted.~~
  - b. ~~Section 105 Permits and Approvals and any other sections of the 2012 IFC referring to permits are not adopted. This section applies only to the 2012 IFC permitting requirements, not to permitting requirements contained in Montana law. Fees shall be set by Commission resolution.~~
  - c. ~~The Permit sections of the following chapters are not adopted: 3, 5, 6, 9, 20-35 and 50-67.~~
  - d. ~~Section 108 Board of Appeals is not adopted.~~
  - e. ~~Section 113 Fees is not adopted.~~
  - f. ~~Section 308.1.6 Open Flame Devices is adopted but deleting "except by a permit in accordance with Section 105.6 secured from the fire code official."~~
  - g. ~~Section 308.2 Permits Required is not adopted.~~
  - h. ~~Section 405.2 Delete section and replace with: "Frequency required emergency evacuation drills shall be held at the intervals specified in § 20-1-402 MCA. There must be at least eight (8) emergency evacuation/disaster drills held a year in a school. At least four (4) of the drills must be fire exit drills. Drills must be held at different hours of the day or evening to avoid distinction between drills and actual disasters." In Table 405.2 delete the word "monthly" from the frequency column, applicable to Group E and replace with "20-1-402 MCA."~~
  - i. ~~Section 603.4 Portable Unvented Heaters is adopted but the "Exceptions" are not adopted.~~
  - j. ~~Section 603.4.1 Prohibited Locations is not adopted.~~
  - k. ~~Section 906.1 Portable Fire Extinguishers (1) Exception is not adopted.~~
  - l. ~~Section 907.6.5 Monitoring. Fire alarm systems required by this chapter or by the International Building Code shall be monitored by an approved supervising station in accordance with NFPA 72. Single communications technology to the supervising station is prohibited unless the technology contains redundancy and is approved by the fire code official. When required by the fire code official, non required fire alarm systems shall be monitored by an approved supervising station in accordance with NFPA 72 and this code.~~

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- m. ~~Section 1008.1.4 Door Operations is adopted adding the sentence, "Exit doors shall not be locked, chained, bolted, barred, latched or otherwise rendered unusable. All locking devices shall be of an approved type.~~
- n. ~~Sections 2306.7.9 through 2306.7.9.2.4 Vapor Recovery and Vapor Processing Systems are not adopted.~~
- o. ~~Section 5601.1.3 Approval Required is adopted but deleting "a permit and."~~
- p. ~~Sections 5601.2.2 through 5601.2.4.2 are not adopted.~~
- q. ~~Section 5606.5.2.1 Smokeless Propellant is not adopted. The maximum quantities, storage conditions, and fire protection requirements of gunpowder and ammunition stored in a building shall be as follows: Smokeless powder and small arms primers or percussion caps shall be in accordance with Sections 50-61-120 and 50-61-121 MCA.~~
- r. ~~Section 5606.5.2.3 Small Arms Primers is not adopted. See Sections 50-61-120 and 50-61-121 MCA.~~
- s. ~~Section 5608 Fireworks Display is not adopted. See Title 50 Chapter 37 MCA~~
- t. ~~Section 5706.1 General— In paragraph number 1 delete "farms and."~~
- u. ~~Section 5706.2 delete "farms and" from the heading and "on farms and rural areas and" from the paragraph.~~
- v. ~~Section 5706.2.5.1 (2) is not adopted.~~

The following annexes are adopted as a part of this Code:

- A. ~~Appendix A Board of Appeals is not adopted.~~
- B. ~~Appendix B Fire Flow Requirements of Buildings is adopted.~~
- C. ~~Appendix C Fire Hydrant Location and Distribution is adopted.~~
- D. ~~Appendix D Fire Access Roads is adopted.~~
- E. ~~Appendix E Hazard Categories is not adopted.~~
- F. ~~Appendix F Hazard Ranking is not adopted.~~
- G. ~~Appendix G Cryogenic Fluids is not adopted.~~
- H. ~~Appendix H Hazardous Materials is not adopted.~~
- I. ~~Appendix I Fire Protection Systems Noncompliant Conditions is adopted.~~
- J. ~~Appendix J Building Information Sign is not adopted.~~

~~(Ord. 2905, 2005; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2794, 2001).~~

~~(Ord. No. 2998, § 1, 3-4-2008; Ord. No. 3048, § 1, 4-6-2010; Ord. No. 3112, § 1, 9-17-2013; Ord. No. 3137, § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-2015)~~

**15.50.1009.040 Pipes thawed with torch prohibited.**

- A. It is unlawful to use any torch or other flame-producing device for the purpose of thawing out any pipe in or under any house, building or structure in the City. Any person, who in consequence of violating the provisions of this section causes a fire, shall, in addition to the penalties prescribed in this section, be liable to the City in damage to the extent of the

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costs to the Fire Department for answering a fire alarm and services in extinguishing such fire, such penalty to be recovered by a civil action, or structure in the incorporated City limits.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2455 (part), 1987; Ord. 2429 § 2(part), 1986).~~

~~(Ord. No. 2898, § 1, 3-4-2008; Ord. No. 3048, § 1, 4-6-2010; Ord. No. 3137, § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-2015)~~

- B. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a term not to exceed (six) 6 months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both.**
- C. Costs incurred by City emergency personal responding to a violation of this section may be assessed as a lien on the subject property by Commission resolution.**

**15.50.1409.050 Violation—penalty.**

A.—Any **Unless otherwise specified in this Chapter, any** person who violates any of the provisions of the 2012 IFC ~~as adopted in Section 15.50.010 of this chapter, or fails to comply therewith is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of term not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than to exceed (six) 6 months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00)), or both. by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The imposition of one (1) penalty for any . violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten (10) days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.~~

**B. A property that contains a violation shall not excuse of the IFC, or any other violation of this Chapter is hereby declared a Nuisance as defined by OCCGF Title 8, Chapter 49.**

~~B.—The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal or prohibited conditions.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2455 (part), 1987; Ord. 2429 § 2 (part), 1986).~~

~~(Ord. No. 2998, § 1, 3-4-2008; Ord. No. 3048, § 1, 4-6-2010; Ord. No. 3112, § 1, 9-17-2013; Ord. No. 3137, § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-2015)~~

**Other pertinent OCCGF Codes:**

- 9.9.90 Fireworks Policy
- 9.5.28.010 Negligent Smoking
- 9.9.90.060 Discharging Fireworks in Parks
- 8.60.010 Abandoned Refrigerators
- 10.48.060(B) Hydrant Codes
- 13.14.010 Unlawful Materials in Sewer

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**Chapter 5510 SCREENING**

**Sections:**

~~15.55.010 Title.~~

~~15.55.020 Purpose.~~

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**15.10.050 Screening—required.**

**15.10.060 Violations and penalties.**

~~15.5510.010 Title.~~

~~This chapter-Chapter shall be known as the Great Falls Screening Code (GFSC). may be cited as such and will be referred to in this chapter as "this Code."~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2651 (Exh. B), 1993; Ord. 2405 (Exh. A (part)), 1985~~

~~15.5510.020 Purpose.~~

~~The purpose of this Code is to provide a standard to enhance life, health, property, and public welfare by requiring the screening of salvage establishments. The intent is to present a visually attractive appearance, allowing only standard fencing materials or landscaping methods.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2405 (Exh. A (part)), 1985).~~

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**15.5510.030 Enforcement.**

The Planning and Community Development Director or ~~a duly authorized representative~~ **designee** is authorized and directed to enforce this Code.

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2405 (Exh. A (part)), 1985).~~

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

**15.5510.040 Definitions.**

- A. "Public view" means a point six (6) feet above the surface of the center of any adjacent public right-of-way including but not limited to avenues, streets, and alleys.
- B. "Salvage" or "scrap" means fragments of material discarded as waste in manufacturing operations, or machines, tools, equipment or parts of these, no longer in serviceable condition, or such items and materials no longer used for their original intent or purpose or such items or materials which are valuable only as raw material for reprocessing. Classes of scrap include but are not limited to ~~metal, rubber, textiles, rope, paper, leather, lumber, plastics and equipment made of these.:~~
  - 1. **metal;**
  - 2. **rubber;**
  - 3. **textiles,**
  - 4. **rope;**
  - 5. **paper;**
  - 6. **leather;**
  - 7. **lumber;**
  - 8. **plastics; and**
  - 9. **equipment made of such material.**
- C. "Salvage" or "scrap dealer" means any place of business which is maintained, operated or used for storing, keeping or selling salvage. This excludes a motor vehicle graveyard ~~or,~~ garbage dump, or sanitary landfill which are regulated by other codes **OCCGF provisions.**

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2405 (Exh. A (part)), 1985).~~

**15.5510.050 Screening—required.**

~~A. All salvage or scrap material accumulating, disposing of or storing salvage or scrap within the City, when the accumulating, disposing or storing thereof is outside a building or not entirely enclosed by a building hereafter so deposited, stored or accumulated shall enclose the lot or place of deposit where the salvage or scrap is stored within a visually attractive screening sufficient to enclose the salvage or scrap from public view from the outside of the enclosure.~~

~~B.~~

- A. **Screening, in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, is required for the accumulation, storage, or disposal of salvage or scrap.**
- B. Screening refers to fencing or other manmade barriers to conceal a facility **salvage** from public view. It also refers to natural barriers. Any screening barrier must conform to all local

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zoning, planning, building **and protective covenant**, provisions and any other legal restrictions that may be in effect for each **site property**.

- C. If a fence is used, the boards may be spaced and/or slanted to reduce wind load. The space which can be seen from a broadside view will not be more than one and one-half (1½) inches wide when viewed at any angle from forty-five (45) degrees to ninety (90) degrees to the fence. The interval between spaces will not be less than seven and one-half (7½) inches. Chain-link metal fences with standard fiberglass or other inserts are acceptable, provided the gap between adjacent slats does not exceed one and one-half (1 1/5-) inches. The breaks in the fence may be vertical or at any angle; they cannot be horizontal.
- D. ~~Screening with shrubs and trees, while not subject to precise measurements, is to provide a similar degree of screening at all times of the year. A berm may be constructed of any solid material, including stumps, demolition debris, etc. The slopes of the berm are to be covered and graded smooth, with not less than three (3) inches of topsoil and seeded with an adequate seeding formula.~~
- D. ~~Any screening must be of sufficient height that none of the salvage or scrap on the premises is visible from public view. This is not intended to require that permanent buildings, other structures, utility poles, cranes or derricks or similar structures be screened.~~
- E. ~~Fences are to be constructed of sound building materials. Rough dimensional lumber or better is acceptable. Slabs are not considered rough dimensional lumber. Plastics or other materials that are placed over the salvage or scrap are not acceptable. Trees and shrubs can best be used in conjunction with other screening materials to improve the appearance of the salvage or scrap facility. Chain-link type metal fence with slats inserted is acceptable. Other screening~~ **Screening other** than the two (2) types of fencing specifically approved above (metal and wood) but of equivalent permanence, attractiveness, and screening qualities are also acceptable, if approved by the Board of Adjustment ~~as provided for in compliance with OCCGF Title 17 of this Municipal Code.~~
- E. Screening with shrubs and trees, while not subject to precise measurements, is to provide a similar degree of screening at all times of the year. A berm may be constructed of any solid material, including stumps, demolition debris, etc. The slopes of the berm are to be covered and graded smooth, with not less than three (3) inches of topsoil and seeded with an adequate seeding formula.
- F. No more than one (1) of the approved screening materials is to be used on one (1) side of the **facility premises**. Trees and shrubs may be placed on the outside of the screening material. Other sides may use different approved materials.
- G. The screening is to be maintained by the ~~facility operator~~ **property or salvage dealer** in a neat and workmanlike manner. ~~It and in compliance with all applicable Official Code of the City of Great Falls provisions. Screening is to be replaced where when necessary by the operator. property owner or salvage dealer. Damage by vandals criminal acts, or other causes, is at the risk of the operator and is not to be reason for not maintaining the screening. owner or designee.~~
- H. Signage on the screening must comply with ~~OCCGF Title 17, Chapter 60 of this Code book.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2405 (Exh. A (part)), 1985).~~

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~~15.55.060~~ ~~Nonconforming uses.~~

~~Salvage material dealers in operation at the time of the enactment of this Code and which are not conforming to the provisions, shall be regarded as nonconforming. All non-conformance salvage material dealers shall be screened so as to fall under compliance with this Code within one (1) year of the enactment of this Code.~~

~~(Ord. 2405 (Exh. A (part)), 1985).~~

~~15.5510.0760~~ **Violations and penalties.**

~~It shall be unlawful for any salvage or scrap dealer to operate contrary to or in~~

- ~~A. A violation of this Code. Any person violating this Code shall be guilty of Chapter is a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of any such violation, such person shall be punishable by a **term not to exceed (six) 6 months in jail, a fine of not more than to exceed** five hundred dollars (\$500.00) ~~or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment), or both.~~~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2405 (Exh. A (part))), 1985).~~

- ~~B. A property that contains any violation of this Chapter is hereby declared a Nuisance as defined by OCCGF Title 8, Chapter 49.~~

**Chapter 5711 DESIGN PROFESSIONALS**

**Section:**

~~15.57.010 Requirement for design professionals.~~

**15.11.010 Requirement for design professionals.**

~~15.5711.010~~ **Requirement for design professionals.**

~~Where structural integrity or, mechanical, electrical, or plumbing complexity, or any other applicable code provision necessitates, the Building Official may require plans, computations, and specifications to be prepared and designed by an engineer or architect licensed by the State to practice as such even if not required by State law of Montana.~~

~~(Ord. 2875, 2004)~~



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**Chapter 6012 APPLICABILITY**

**Sections:**

~~15.60.010 Applicability.~~

~~15.60.020 Appeals.~~

**15.12.010 Applicability.**

**15.12.020 Appeals.**

~~15.60~~**12.010 Applicability.**

~~These codes are~~ **OCCGF Title 15** is applicable to all buildings within the ~~building code enforcement area of~~ **incorporated City limits** of Great Falls, including but not limited to, ~~residential:~~

- A. Residential** buildings, containing less than ~~five~~ **(4)** dwelling units or their attached-to structures, ~~any~~;
- B. Any** farm or ranch building,; and ~~any~~
- C. Any** private garage or private storage structure used only for the owner's own use as provided by ~~§Mont. Code Ann. § 50-60-102(1)(a), MCA.~~

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2748, 1998)~~

~~15.60~~**12.020 Appeals.**

Appeals may be filed to any order, requirement, permit decision, refusal or determination of the Building Official **or designee** in accordance with **OCCGF Title 17, Chapter 12, Article 5.**

~~(Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2748, 1998).~~

(Ord. 3189, 2018; Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 3141, 2016; Ord. 3137, 2015; Ord. 3112, 2013; Ord. 3063, 2011; Ord. 3057, 2010; Ord. 3048, 2010; Ord. 2998, 2008; Ord. 2926, 2006; Ord. 2905, 2005; Ord. 2887, 2004; Ord. 2875, 2004; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2864, 2003; Ord. 2839, 2003; Ord. 2834, 2002; Ord. 2818, 2002; Ord. 2817, 2002; Ord. 2810, 2001; Ord. 2801, 2001; Ord. 2794, 2001; Ord. 2791, 2000; Ord. 2786, 2001; Ord. 2782, 2001; Ord. 2779, 2000; Ord. 2761, 1999; Ord. 2748, 1998; Ord. 2736, 1998; Ord. 2723, 1997; Ord. 2722, 1997; Ord. 2718, 1996; Ord. 2711, 1996; Ord. 2710, 1996; Ord. 2669, 1994; Ord. 2666, 1994; Ord. 2665, 1994; Ord. 2651, 1993; Ord. 2644, 1993; Ord. 2636, 1992; Ord. 2629, 1992; Ord. 2628, 1992; Ord. 2627, 1992; Ord. 2626, 1992; Ord. 2625, 1992; Ord. 2624, 1992; Ord. 2597, 1991; Ord. 2592, 1991; Ord. 2591, 1991; Ord. 2590, 1991; Ord. 2589, 1991; Ord. 2588, 1991; Ord. 2569, 1990; Ord. 2567, 1990; Ord. 2566, 1990; Ord. 2559, 1990; Ord. 2541, 1989; Ord. 2540, 1989; Ord. 2539, 1989; Ord. 2538, 1989; Ord. 2537, 1989; Ord. 2536, 1989; Ord. 2513, 1988; Ord. 2497, 1988; Ord. 2482, 1987; Ord. 2464, 1987; Ord. 2463, 1987; Ord. 2455, 1987;

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Ord. 2434, 1986; Ord. 2429, 1986; Ord. 2426, 1986; Ord. 2425, 1986; Ord. 2424, 1986; Ord. 2423, 1986; Ord. 2422, 1986; Ord. 2421, 1986; Ord. 2420, 1986; Ord. 2419, 1986; Ord. 2416, 1986; Ord. 2415, 1986; Ord. 2405, 1985; Ord. 2377, 1985; Ord. 2376, 1985; Ord. 2375, 1985; Ord. 2374, 1985; Ord. 2337, 1983; Ord. 2336, 1983; Ord. 2335, 1983; Ord. 2334, 1983; Ord. 2333, 1983; Ord. 2332, 1983; Ord. 2331, 1983; Ord. 2330, 1983; Ord. 2329, 1983; Ord. 2328, 1983; Ord. 2327, 1983; Ord. 2280, 1981; Ord. 2253, 1981; Ord. 2230, 1980; Ord. 2204, 1980; Ord. 2203, 1980; Ord. 2202, 1980; Ord. 2058, 1979; Ord. 2038, 1978; Prior Code: §5-7-3(B); 4-7-8; 4-7-7; 4-7-4; 4-7-3(C)).

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#### **15.1.010 Adoption.**

The Building Code shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of Montana. The Building Code is adopted pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM). The Building Code currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies of each are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building Codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the International Code Council (ICC), 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478, [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

#### **15.1.020 Design Review Board.**

The Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) Title 17, Chapter 12, Article 3, establishes the Design Review Board and sets forth its purpose, authority, membership, and the process to review Board decisions. The Board will review and approve development proposals for new commercial and multifamily buildings of eight (8) units or more (excluding Planned Unit Developments and Townhouses).

#### **15.1.030 Commission report.**

During his or her term of office, the Building Official shall keep, or cause to be kept, a record of the number, description, type, occupancy, size, and valuation of every building or structure erected in the City for which certificates or permits are issued. The Building Official shall also make a monthly report on or before the tenth day of each month, of the number of permits and certificates issued and the valuation of structures erected within the incorporated City limits and of fees collected during the preceding month.

#### **15.1.040 House moving license.**

Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity desiring to move any house or structure into, out of, or within the City limits, shall first obtain a house mover's license, the annual fee for which shall be set by City Commission resolution.

#### **15.1.050 Insurance and bond.**

Any person, firm, entity or corporation desiring to obtain a house mover's license shall make application to the Planning and Community Development Department and shall supply a commercial general liability insurance policy and license bond as specified by City Commission resolution. Upon approval of the application and payment of the annual fee, the license will be issued.

#### **15.1.060 Moving buildings, permit, and supervision.**

- A. Before any house or structure may be moved into, out of, or within the City, such licensed house movers shall make application for a permit for the moving of each separate house or structure to the Building Official, and the Building Official shall inspect the same and the route upon which house or structure is proposed to be moved.

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- B. All house moving shall be conducted under the supervision of the Building Official, and the Building Official may demand any precaution deemed advisable for the protection of the streets.
- C. Any mover shall coordinate and receive appropriate authorization from:
  - 1. All impacted public utilities;
  - 2. The Great Falls Fire Rescue Department (GFFR);
  - 3. The Great Falls Police Department (GFPD);
  - 4. The Great Falls Park and Recreation Department; and
  - 5. The Montana Department of Highways, either by agreement or under provisions of the State for such moving and shall furnish proof of such authorization on forms supplied by the Building Official.
- D. Each application shall furnish proof of compliance with all Montana regulations for such moving.

**15.1.070 Moving buildings, permit fee.**

Fees for the issuance of a permit to remove any house or structure shall be as set by City Commission resolution.

**15.1.080 Special inspector.**

If the Building Official determines any structure over forty (40) tons requires the services of an inspector while the building is in transit, an additional inspection fee shall be paid for all the time spent on inspection.

**15.1.090 Relocated structures.**

Whenever a moved structure is to be relocated within the jurisdiction of the City, permits required by the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) shall be obtained for such work as are necessary to locate, support, anchor, and supply utilities to the structure. Foundation and/or framing work at the relocated site shall be inspected and approved by the Building Official or designee prior to such structure being placed upon the lot. Buildings or structures moved into or within the City shall comply with all applicable OCCGF provisions for new buildings or structures. Demolition of foundation and utility abandonment on the original site shall be as required by razing guidelines as set forth by the City.

**15.1.100 Asbestos in building construction.**

- A. All buildings scheduled for demolition which contain asbestos insulation or fireproofing must follow the safeguards listed in Title 50, Chapter 64, Montana Code Annotated. Periodic inspection pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. Title 50, Chapter 64, and this section, may be required.
- B. "Asbestos-containing spray products" means any fibrated product or compound which is applied to a surface utilizing a spray or pneumatic means of applications, for whatever purpose.

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- C. "Friable asbestos material" means any material that contains more than one (1) percent asbestos by weight and that can be crumbled, pulverized or reduced to powder, when dry, by hand pressure.
- D. The use of asbestos-containing spray products, other than those in which the asbestos fibers are encapsulated with a bituminous or resinous binder and which are not friable after drying, for whatever purpose, in the construction, remodeling, renovation, alteration of a building or structure is prohibited.
- E. A violation of subsection (D) of this part is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

## **Chapter 2 MOBILE HOMES**

### **Sections:**

- 15.2.010 Purpose.
- 15.2.020 Unsafe structures and utilities—designated.
- 15.2.030 Unsafe structures and utilities penalty.
- 15.2.040 Appurtenances—installation.
- 15.2.050 Footing.
- 15.2.060 Pier.
- 15.2.070 Cap.
- 15.2.080 Shim.
- 15.2.090 Foundations and piers—use approval.
- 15.2.100 Skirting requirements.
- 15.2.110 Permit—fees.

### **15.2.010 Purpose.**

The purpose of this regulation is to provide minimum standards to safeguard, health, safety, property, and public welfare by regulating and controlling use and occupancy of all mobile homes, trailer homes, trailers, or any similarly named structure within the City.

### **15.2.020 Unsafe structures and utilities—designated.**

Unsafe mobile homes, trailer homes, trailers, or other similar structures designed for living purposes for one (1) or more persons are defined as follows:

- A. "Unsafe Structure" means a structure (1) which constitutes a fire hazard or hazard to life, health, property, or public welfare by reason of use, inadequate maintenance or dilapidation, or abandonment. Any structure in which any one (1) or more of the following conditions exists shall be deemed conclusively to be an unsafe structure:

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1. A structure which shows damage or deterioration of the non-supporting enclosing or outside walls or covering to such an extent that they will not resist the wind pressure or lateral forces all in accordance with the standards adopted in this Chapter;
  2. A structure which the loads upon the floors or roof exceed the maximum design limits; or
  3. A structure which parts thereof are so attached that they may fall and cause injury to persons or personal property.
- B. "Unsafe Utility" means a utility which constitutes a fire hazard or hazard to health, safety, property, or public welfare by reason of use, construction, quality of material or inadequate maintenance, or dilapidation. Any utility in which any one (1) or more of the following conditions exists shall be deemed to be an unsafe utility:
1. Damaged gas fired, oil fired, or solid fuel fired appliances; or
  2. Devices or other apparatus which have any of the following defects:
    - i. Broken or cracked heat exchangers;
    - ii. Defective or deteriorated vents, venting, or flues which permit leakage of the flue gas through the walls;
    - iii. Defective fuel supply lines;
    - iv. Insufficient air supply for combustion of the fuel;
    - v. Defective or improperly installed and/or adjusted controls and appurtenances or a lack of such required controls;
    - vi. Equipment locations which constitute a fire or explosive hazard; or
    - vii. Defective or improperly installed gas-fueled equipment.

**15.2.030 Unsafe structures and utilities penalty.**

- A. An unsafe structure or utility is hereby declared a Nuisance pursuant to OCCGF Title 8, Chapter 49.
- B. Owning or maintaining an unsafe structure or utility is a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed 6 months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00 or both. The Court may in its discretion order the unsafe structure or utility removed or destroyed.

**15.2.040 Appurtenances—installation.**

- A. Footings, piers, caps, and shims shall be installed directly under the main frame or chassis of the mobile home according to the manufacturer's recommendations, if those recommendations meet the minimum standards set out in this Chapter.
- B. All footings, piers, caps, and shims shall be located under both frame rails and shall be installed so the longest dimension of each piece of material used for the construction of a pier and of each footing, cap, and shim is parallel to the ground and perpendicular to the frame rail. Those nearest to each end of the mobile home shall be within five (5) feet from the end of the home, and shall have a maximum spacing of ten (10) feet on the centers.

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- C. All grass and organic material shall be removed from beneath the footings.

**15.2.050 Footing.**

- A. A footing is that portion of the blocking between the ground and the frame rail which spreads and transmits loads directly to the soil.
- B. All footings shall be of a material impervious to rot which has a minimum weight bearing ability equal to or greater than a solid piece of wood having minimum nominal dimensions of two (2) inches by twelve (12) inches by eighteen (18) inches.
- C. Each footing may be constructed from more than one (1) piece of material, provided that each piece of material has minimum nominal dimensions of not less than two (2) inches by twelve (12) inches by eighteen (18) inches, unless smaller dimensions are approved by the section prior to use.
- D. All footings shall be at least four (4) inches longer and four (4) inches wider than the pier resting upon it, unless smaller dimensions are approved by the section prior to use.

**15.2.060 Pier.**

- A. A pier is a vertical structural support that transmits the load from the mobile home chassis to the footing.
- B. A pier shall be constructed of a material or materials which have a minimum weight bearing ability equal to or greater than a standard eight (8) inches by eight (8) inches by sixteen (16) inches minimum celled concrete block. If a celled material, e.g., a celled concrete block or an expanded shell, is used to construct piers, the material shall be installed so the open end of each cell is perpendicular to the frame rail and to the ground.
- C. A pier shall be not less than eight (8) nominal inches wide, and in any event, shall be the same width as a cap resting upon it.
- D. A pier eight (8) inches in height, or less, may be constructed of more than one (1) piece of material provided each piece has minimum nominal dimensions of two (2) inches by four (4) inches by sixteen (16) inches.
- E. A pier more than eight (8) inches in height may be constructed of more than one (1) piece of material having minimum nominal dimensions of eight (8) inches wide, eight (8) inches high, and sixteen (16) inches long, provided that the pieces fit flush, one (1) to another.

**15.2.070 Cap.**

- A. A cap is a covering structure that is placed between the pier and shim to provide a surface on which the shims may rest so as to transmit the mobile home load uniformly to the pier bearing surface.
- B. All piers shall be topped with a cap not more than four (4) inches in height and not less than eight (8) nominal inches wide and sixteen (16) inches long.
- C. Each cap shall be constructed of the same material throughout and may be constructed of more than one (1) piece of material each having minimum nominal dimensions of one (1) inch by eight (8) inches by sixteen (16) inches.



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#### **15.2.080 Shim.**

- A. A shim is a thin tapered slip of wood or metal used to fill in between the cap and mobile home chassis for the purpose of leveling the mobile home.
- B. All shims shall be four (4) inches or less in thickness and wide enough to provide bearing over the width of the cap.
- C. The shims shall be driven tight between the cap and the frame rail to provide uniform bearing and leveling.

#### **15.2.090 Foundations and piers—use approval.**

Other types of piers and foundations, including heavy metal adjustable screw columns, of equal performance and weight bearing ability may be used when approved by the Building Official or designee. Tie-downs shall be provided to resist overturning caused by seismic or wind loadings.

#### **15.2.100 Skirting requirements.**

All mobile homes placed upon mobile home zoned lots shall have the space below the mobile home skirted by weatherproof materials compatible with the exterior design of the mobile home. When such skirting is placed around a mobile home that has combustion air for the furnace and hot water tank taken from beneath the unit, provision shall be taken to louvre the air intake to outside of the skirt. A proper louvre shall be placed over the intake to prevent the entrance of birds and rodents.

#### **15.2.110 Permit—fees.**

A fee for each permit to place a mobile home on a lot outside of a licensed trailer court shall be set by Commission resolution and paid to the Planning and Community Development Department.

## **Chapter 3 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE**

### **Section:**

15.3.010 Adoption.

#### **15.3.010 Adoption.**

The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of Montana. The IECC is adopted pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana. The IECC currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies of each are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building Codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the International Code Council (ICC), 4051 West Fossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478, [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

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**Chapter 4 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE**

**Section:**

15.4.010 Adoption.

**15.4.010 Adoption.**

The International Existing Building Code (IEBC) shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of Montana. The IEBC is adopted pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana. The IEBC currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies of each are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building Codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the International Code Council (ICC), 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478, [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

**Chapter 5 MECHANICAL CODE**

**Section:**

15.5.010 Adoption.

**15.25.010 Adoption.**

The Mechanical Code shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of Montana. The Mechanical Code is adopted pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana. The Mechanical Code currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies of each are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building Codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the International Code Council (ICC), 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478, [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

**Chapter 6 PLUMBING CODE**

**Sections:**

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15.6.020 Authority designated.

15.6.030 Permit fees.

15.6.040 Plumbing requirements.

15.6.050 Permit issuance.

15.6.060 Homeowner's permit.

15.6.070 Medical gas requirements.

15.6.080 Violation—penalty.

**15.6.010 Adoption.**

The Uniform Plumbing Code shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of Montana. The Uniform Plumbing Code is adopted pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana. The Uniform Plumbing Code currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies of each are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building Codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), 20001 Walnut Drive South, Walnut, CA 91789-2825.

**15.6.020 Authority designated.**

The Great Falls Building Official or designee shall have the authority to enforce this Chapter.

**15.6.030 Permit fees.**

Permit fees shall be set by City Commission resolution.

**15.6.040 Plumbing requirements.**

For purposes of definition, plumbing shall involve all sections of the Uniform Plumbing Code, except Chapter 12, Fuel gas piping.

**15.6.050 Permit issuance.**

Permits shall be issued only to plumbing contractors or homeowners who meet the requirements of this Chapter, or Title 37, Chapter 69, of the Montana Code Annotated.

**15.6.060 Homeowner's permit.**

An owner of a single-family residence used exclusively for personal use, may install all sanitary plumbing or potable water supply piping. The standard fee schedule applies to all permits obtained under this Chapter.

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#### **15.6.070 Medical gas requirements.**

For purposes of definition medical gas systems shall involve only National Fire Protection Association 99C Gas and Vacuum Systems current edition.

#### **15.6.080 Violation—penalty.**

A violation of any provision of this Chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed six (6) months in jail, a fine not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both. A violation of this Chapter may also result in a revocation of any special business license issued pursuant to OCCGF Title 5.

## **Chapter 7 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE**

### **Sections:**

15.7.010 Adoption.

15.7.020 Definition.

15.7.030 Permit fees.

15.7.040 Fuel Gas piping requirements.

15.7.050 Permit issuance.

15.7.060 Violation—penalty.

#### **15.7.010 Adoption.**

The International Fuel Gas Code shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of Montana. The International Fuel Gas Code is adopted pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana. The International Fuel Gas Code currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies of each are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the International Code Council (ICC), 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478, [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

#### **15.7.020 Definition.**

The Fuel Gas Code Official shall be the Great Falls Building Official or designee.

#### **15.7.030 Permit fees.**

Permit fees shall be set by City Commission resolution.

#### **15.7.040 Fuel Gas piping requirements.**

For purposes of definition, fuel gas piping shall involve only the International Fuel Gas Code.

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#### **15.7.050 Permit issuance.**

Only a gas fitting contractor licensed pursuant to OCCGF Title 5, shall be eligible to obtain a permit for fuel gas piping systems.

#### **15.7.060 Violation—penalty.**

A violation of any provision of this Chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed six (6) months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both. A violation of this Chapter may result in the revocation of any special business license issued pursuant to OCCGF Title 5.

## **Chapter 8 ELECTRICAL CODE**

### **Sections:**

15.8.010 Adoption.

15.8.020 Homeowner electrical permit.

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#### **15.8.010 Adoption.**

The Electrical Code shall be the same edition as adopted by the State of Montana. The Electrical Code is adopted pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana. The Electrical Code currently being enforced by the City of Great Falls is on file in the Planning and Community Development Department. Copies are available for inspection. Copies may be obtained from the Department of Labor & Industry, Building Standards Division, Building codes Bureau, P.O. Box 200517, Helena, MT 59620, at cost plus postage; or the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., #1 Battery march Park, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02269, [www.necdirect.org](http://www.necdirect.org).

#### **15.8.020 Homeowner electrical permit.**

An individual may obtain an electrical permit for doing electrical work on his or her own property or residence; provided, that said property or residence is maintained for his or her own use. The electrical work shall be done by the owner or a member of the family residing at the same address. Any other individual(s) performing work under the electrical permit are in violation of this Chapter.

#### **15.8.030 Application—homeowner's permit.**

Every person desiring a homeowner's permit under the provisions of this Chapter shall first file an application for registration. The application shall set forth the location of the building where the work is proposed to be done, state that the applicant is the owner of said building, and attest to understanding

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applicable provisions of this Chapter and electrical codes. Permit fees shall be established by City Commission resolution.

#### **15.8.040 Electrical permit issuance.**

Electrical permits may be issued only to a person, firm, corporation, or other entity qualified or licensed by applicable Montana state law and the OCCGF, or to individuals qualifying as homeowners pursuant to this Chapter.

#### **15.8.050 Permit fees.**

Electrical permit fees shall be set by City Commission resolution.

#### **15.8.060 Violation—penalty.**

A violation of any provision of this Chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed six (6) months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both. A violation of this Chapter may result in the revocation of any special business license issued pursuant to OCCGF Title 5.

## **Chapter 9 FIRE CODE**

### **Sections:**

15.9.010 International Fire Code—adoption.

15.9.020 Definitions.

15.9.030 Bureau of Fire Prevention—established—duties.

15.9.040 Pipes thawed with torch prohibited.

15.9.050 Violation—penalty.

#### **15.9.010 International Fire Code —adoption.**

- A. The City of Great Falls hereby adopts the most currently Montana state adopted International Fire Code (IFC), as may be administratively amended by the Great Falls Fire Rescue Department (GFFR).
- B. A copy of the IFC, as may be amended, is available for inspection in the City Clerk's office and the GFFR Fire Marshall's office.
- C. Copies of the IFC may also be obtained from the International Code Council.

#### **15.9.020 Definitions.**

Whenever the following words are used in the IFC, the following definitions shall apply:

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- A. "Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention" means the Great Falls Fire Rescue Department (GFFR) Chief.
- B. "Corporation Counsel" means the Great Falls City Attorney.
- C. "Jurisdiction" means the incorporated City limits of Great Falls.
- D. "Removal" in relation to storage tanks includes vents and fill pipes and all other incidental hardware.

**15.9.030 Bureau of Fire Prevention—established—duties.**

The IFC shall be enforced by the GFFR Bureau of Fire Prevention, under the supervision of the Fire Chief.

**15.9.040 Pipes thawed with torch prohibited.**

- A. It is unlawful to use any torch or other flame-producing device for the purpose of thawing out any pipe in or under any house, building, or structure in the incorporated City limits.
- B. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a term not to exceed (six) 6 months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both.
- C. Costs incurred by City emergency personal responding to a violation of this section may be assessed as a lien on the subject property by Commission resolution.

**15.9.050 Violation—penalty.**

- A. Unless otherwise specified in this Chapter, any person who violates any of the provisions of the IFC as adopted, or fails to comply therewith is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed (six) 6 months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both.
- B. A property that contains a violation of the IFC, or any other violation of this Chapter is hereby declared a Nuisance as defined by OCCGF Title 8, Chapter 49.

**Chapter 10 SCREENING**

**Sections:**

- 15.10.010 Title.
- 15.10.020 Purpose.
- 15.10.030 Enforcement.
- 15.10.040 Definitions.
- 15.10.050 Screening—required.
- 15.10.060 Violations and penalties.

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**15.10.010 Title.**

This Chapter shall be known as the Great Falls Screening Code (GFSC).

**15.10.020 Purpose.**

The purpose of this Code is to provide a standard to enhance life, health, property, and public welfare by requiring the screening of salvage establishments. The intent is to present a visually attractive appearance, allowing only standard fencing materials or landscaping methods.

**15.10.030 Enforcement.**

The Planning and Community Development Director or designee is authorized and directed to enforce this Code.

**15.10.040 Definitions.**

- A. "Public view" means a point six (6) feet above the surface of the center of any adjacent public right-of-way including but not limited to avenues, streets, and alleys.
- B. "Salvage" or "scrap" means fragments of material discarded as waste in manufacturing operations, or machines, tools, equipment or parts of these, no longer in serviceable condition, or such items and materials no longer used for their original intent or purpose or such items or materials which are valuable only as raw material for reprocessing. Classes of scrap include but are not limited to:
  - 1. metal;
  - 2. rubber;
  - 3. textiles,
  - 4. rope;
  - 5. paper;
  - 6. leather;
  - 7. lumber;
  - 8. plastics; and
  - 9. equipment made of such material.
- C. "Salvage or scrap dealer" means any place of business which is maintained, operated or used for storing, keeping or selling salvage. This excludes a motor vehicle graveyard, garbage dump, or sanitary landfill which are regulated by other OCCGF provisions.

**15.10.050 Screening—required.**

- A. Screening, in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, is required for the accumulation, storage, or disposal of salvage or scrap.
- B. Screening refers to fencing or other manmade barriers to conceal salvage from public view. It also refers to natural barriers. Any screening barrier must conform to all local zoning, planning, building, provisions and any other legal restrictions that may be in effect for each property.
- C. If a fence is used, the boards may be spaced and/or slanted to reduce wind load. The space which can be seen from a broadside view will not be more than one and one-half



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(1½) inches wide when viewed at any angle from forty-five (45) degrees to ninety (90) degrees to the fence. The interval between spaces will not be less than seven and one-half (7½) inches. Chain-link metal fences with standard fiberglass or other inserts are acceptable, provided the gap between adjacent slats does not exceed one and one-half (1 1/5) inches. The breaks in the fence may be vertical or at any angle; they cannot be horizontal.

- D. Fences are to be constructed of sound building materials. Rough dimensional lumber or better is acceptable. Slabs are not considered rough dimensional lumber. Plastics or other materials that are placed over the salvage or scrap are not acceptable. Trees and shrubs can best be used in conjunction with other screening materials to improve the appearance of the salvage or scrap facility. Screening other than the two (2) types of fencing specifically approved above (metal and wood) but of equivalent permanence, attractiveness, and screening qualities are also acceptable, if approved by the Board of Adjustment in compliance with OCCGF Title 17.
- E. Screening with shrubs and trees, while not subject to precise measurements, is to provide a similar degree of screening at all times of the year. A berm may be constructed of any solid material, including stumps, demolition debris, etc. The slopes of the berm are to be covered and graded smooth, with not less than three (3) inches of topsoil and seeded with an adequate seeding formula.
- F. No more than one (1) of the approved screening materials is to be used on one (1) side of the premises. Trees and shrubs may be placed on the outside of the screening material. Other sides may use different approved materials.
- G. The screening is to be maintained by the property or salvage dealer in a neat and workmanlike manner and in compliance with all applicable Official Code of the City of Great Falls provisions. Screening is to be replaced when necessary by the property owner or salvage dealer. Damage by criminal acts, or other causes, is at the risk of the owner or designee.
- H. Signage on the screening must comply with OCCGF Title 17.

#### **15.10.060 Violations and penalties.**

- A. A violation of this Chapter is a misdemeanor, punishable by a term not to exceed (six) 6 months in jail, a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both.
- B. A property that contains any violation of this Chapter is hereby declared a Nuisance as defined by OCCGF Title 8, Chapter 49.

## **Chapter 11 DESIGN PROFESSIONALS**

### **Section:**

15.11.010 Requirement for design professionals.

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**15.11.010 Requirement for design professionals.**

Where structural integrity, mechanical, electrical, or plumbing complexity, or any other applicable code provision necessitates, the Building Official may require plans, computations, and specifications to be prepared and designed by an engineer or architect licensed by the State of Montana.

**Chapter 12 APPLICABILITY**

**Sections:**

15.12.010 Applicability.

15.12.020 Appeals.

**15.12.010 Applicability.**

OCCGF Title 15 is applicable to all buildings within the incorporated City limits of Great Falls, including but not limited to:

- A. Residential buildings, containing less than four (4) dwelling units or their attached-to structures;
- B. Any farm or ranch building; and
- C. Any private garage or private storage structure used only for the owner's own use as provided by Mont. Code Ann. § 50-60-102(1)(a).

**15.12.020 Appeals.**

Appeals may be filed to any order, requirement, permit decision, refusal or determination of the Building Official or designee in accordance with OCCGF Title 17.

(Ord. 3189, 2018; Ord. 3172, 2017; Ord. 3141, 2016; Ord. 3137, 2015; Ord. 3112, 2013; Ord. 3063, 2011; Ord. 3057, 2010; Ord. 3048, 2010; Ord. 2998, 2008; Ord. 2926, 2006; Ord. 2905, 2005; Ord. 2887, 2004; Ord. 2875, 2004; Ord. 2874, 2004; Ord. 2864, 2003; Ord. 2839, 2003; Ord. 2834, 2002; Ord. 2818, 2002; Ord. 2817, 2002; Ord. 2810, 2001; Ord. 2801, 2001; Ord. 2794, 2001; Ord. 2791, 2000; Ord. 2786, 2001; Ord. 2782, 2001; Ord. 2779, 2000; Ord. 2761, 1999; Ord. 2748, 1998; Ord. 2736, 1998; Ord. 2723, 1997; Ord. 2722, 1997; Ord. 2718, 1996; Ord. 2711, 1996; Ord. 2710, 1996; Ord. 2669, 1994; Ord. 2666, 1994; Ord. 2665, 1994; Ord. 2651, 1993; Ord. 2644, 1993; Ord. 2636, 1992; Ord. 2629, 1992; Ord. 2628, 1992; Ord. 2627, 1992; Ord. 2626, 1992; Ord. 2625, 1992; Ord. 2624, 1992; Ord. 2597, 1991; Ord. 2592, 1991; Ord. 2591, 1991; Ord. 2590, 1991; Ord. 2589, 1991; Ord. 2588, 1991; Ord. 2569, 1990; Ord. 2567, 1990; Ord. 2566, 1990; Ord. 2559, 1990; Ord. 2541, 1989; Ord. 2540, 1989; Ord. 2539, 1989; Ord. 2538, 1989; Ord. 2537, 1989; Ord. 2536, 1989; Ord. 2513, 1988; Ord. 2497, 1988; Ord. 2482, 1987; Ord. 2464, 1987; Ord. 2463, 1987; Ord. 2455, 1987; Ord. 2434, 1986; Ord. 2429, 1986; Ord. 2426, 1986; Ord. 2425, 1986; Ord. 2424, 1986; Ord. 2423, 1986; Ord. 2422, 1986; Ord. 2421, 1986; Ord. 2420, 1986; Ord. 2419,

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1986; Ord. 2416, 1986; Ord. 2415, 1986; Ord. 2405, 1985; Ord. 2377, 1985; Ord. 2376, 1985; Ord. 2375, 1985; Ord. 2374, 1985; Ord. 2337, 1983; Ord. 2336, 1983; Ord. 2335, 1983; Ord. 2334, 1983; Ord. 2333, 1983; Ord. 2332, 1983; Ord. 2331, 1983; Ord. 2330, 1983; Ord. 2329, 1983; Ord. 2328, 1983; Ord. 2327, 1983; Ord. 2280, 1981; Ord. 2253, 1981; Ord. 2230, 1980; Ord. 2204, 1980; Ord. 2203, 1980 Ord. 2202, 1980; Ord. 2058, 1979; Ord. 2038, 1978; Prior Code: §5-7-3(B); 4-7-8; 4-7-7; 4-7-4; 4-7-3(C)).