

ORDINANCE 3237

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 9, OF THE
OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF),
PERTAINING TO THE FIRE CODE.**

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WHEREAS, the City Commission established Title 15 of the OCCGF outlining provisions pertaining to and known as the Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, Title 15, Chapter 9, does not contain provisions pertaining to the procedure for conducting inspections, testing, maintenance, and maintaining records, of fire suppression systems throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Great Falls Fire Rescue Fire Prevention Bureau has been unable to consistently enforce the receipt of information and records regarding the testing of fire suppression systems in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to amend the procedure for the conducting of inspections, testing, and maintenance of systems and reports of such; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to broaden the information and enforcement mechanisms available the Fire Prevention Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to create consistency and enforceability in procedures in the interests of furthering public safety.

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

Section 1. OCCGF Title 15, Chapter 9, pertaining to the Fire Code is hereby amended 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 16, 2021.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on second reading and public hearing December 7, 2021.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

(CITY SEAL)

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Jeffrey M. Hindoien, 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 3237 on the Great Falls Civic Center posting board and the Great Falls City website.

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

15.9.050 Inspection, Testing, Maintenance and Records.

- A. All system inspections, tests and maintenance that are required by applicable IFC standards shall be performed by qualified individuals who are licensed to perform work in the City of Great Falls and written reports of such inspections, tests and maintenance shall be kept on the premises for a minimum of three years.
- B. All inspection, testing and maintenance reports shall be submitted to the City's online reporting vendor within the following time frame:
1. No deficiencies found: within 10 days of the date the inspection, testing or maintenance took place;
 2. Deficiencies found: within 7 days of the date the inspection, testing or maintenance took place; or
 3. Critical issues found: Immediately following the inspection, testing or maintenance, along with immediate notification to the Fire Marshal.
- C. Inspections, tests and maintenance that do not comply with the provisions in this Chapter shall result in the inspected or serviced system being deemed non-compliant with the provisions of this Chapter.
- D. Non-compliance with this Chapter will be addressed as set forth in 15.9.060 and/or by Title 5, Chapter 2, Safety Inspections.

(Ord. 3237, 2021).

15.9.0560 Violation—penalty.

- A. Unless otherwise specified in this Chapter, any person who violates **or fails to comply with** any of the provisions of the IFC as adopted, **or any of the provisions of this Chapter**, ~~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.

(Ord. 3237, 2021; Ord. 3189, 2018).