

ORDINANCE NO. 11-1995

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE III, "FIRE PREVENTION CODE", DIVISION I, SEC. 10-46 OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:


- PART 1. That Chapter 10, Article III, Division I, Sec. 10.46 of the Abilene Municipal Code be amended as set out in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.
- PART 2. That if any provisions of any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- PART 3. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000). Each day such violation shall continue or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense. Said ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective ten (10) days after its publication in the newspaper, as provided by Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 23 day of FEBRUARY, A.D., 1995.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 9 day of MARCH A.D., 1995.

ATTEST:

  
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CITY SECRETARY

  
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MAYOR

APPROVED:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

## **ABILENE CODE**

### **DIVISION 1. GENERALLY**

#### **Sec. 10-46. Adopted.**

The Uniform Fire Code, 1994 Edition thereof, published by the International Fire Code Institute, at least three (3) copies of which are now on file in the fire marshal's and city secretary's office, is hereby enacted and adopted by reference as amended as the fire code of the city, and the same is hereby incorporated herein.

#### **Sec. 10.47. Amendments.**

The fire code adopted by the provisions of this article has been amended by the city, such amendments and deletions as set out in Attachment "A" are hereby adopted, being on file with the code in the office of the city secretary.

**ABILENE  
FIRE CODE**



**TO BE USED  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE 1994 UNIFORM  
FIRE CODE**

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FIRE DEPARTMENT  
140 MULBERRY ST. ABILENE, TEXAS 79601

This pamphlet is to be used in conjunction with the 1994 Uniform Fire Code, published by the International Fire Code Institute. This pamphlet and the 1994 Uniform Fire Code Volumes I & II comprise the Fire Code for the City of Abilene, Texas.

This code was adopted by the City Council on 3-9-95, as Ordinance #~~11-172~~ of the Municipal Code.

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**1994 UNIFORM FIRE CODE**

The following articles of the 1994 Uniform Fire Code Volume I are adopted in their entirety:

Article 2, 11, 12, 13, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 61, 62, 63, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90 and Appendix Division: I-C, II-A, II-B, II-C, II-D, II-E, II-F, II-G, II-H, III-A, III-B, III-C, III-D, IV-A, IV-B, V-A, VI-A, VI-B, VI-C, VI-D, VI-E, VI-F, VI-G.

The following appendices are deleted in the entirety: **Appendix I-A, II-I, III-D AND VI-C.**

1994 Uniform Fire Code Volume II is adopted in its entirety.  
The remaining articles and appendix divisions of the 1994 Uniform Fire Code are adopted subject to the following amendments:

Article 1  
ADMINISTRATION

Adopt the 1994 U.F.C. in its entirety with the following amendments:

SECTION 103.1.4 - APPEALS

This section to be deleted and replaced with the following:  
In order to determine the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction and to provide for reasonable interpretation of the Fire Code, the "Board of Building Standards", as established in Chapter 8, Sec. 8-361, et. seq. of the City Code of the City, is charged with hearing appeals from any decision of the Fire Chief, concerning the Fire Code.

Any reference to the Board of Appeals in the Fire Code shall be construed to mean and does mean the "Board of Building Standards" as established in Chapter 8, Sec. 8-361, et. seq. of the Abilene City Code. In the event the Board should be of the opinion that any provision or provisions of this code be amended, it shall make such recommendation to the City Council for consideration.

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Article 9  
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS AND WATER SUPPLY

Adopt the 1994 U.F.C. in its entirety with the following amendments:

SECTION 902 - FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS amend to read as follows:

Sec. 902.2.2.3 - Turning Radius

The turning radius of a fire apparatus access road shall be a minimum of 32 feet on the inside radius and 47 feet 9 inches on outside radius.

Sec. 902.2.2.4 - Dead ends

All dead end fire apparatus access roads in excess of 150 feet in length, shall be provided a circular area a minimum length of 80 feet, or other approve provision.

Sec. 902.2.2.6 - Grade

Changes in grade for a fire apparatus access road shall not exceed 5%.

Article 10  
FIRE-PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

Adopt the 1994 U.F.C. in its entirety with the following amendments:

SECTION 1007 - GROUP I OCCUPANCIES

1007.2.7.1.2. Patient room smoke detectors. (Delete the words, "hospital and", from the first sentence).

**DRY CLEANING**

Adopt the 1994 U.F.C. in its entirety with the following amendments:

**SECTION 3603 - DRYING CLEANING WITH FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE**

Occupancy separations within Plant Sec. 3603.4.5.1. "insert after first exception.

Exception 2: For existing dry cleaning operations (in operation January 1, 1986), the following occupancy separation shall be allowed:

1. The public portion of the business shall be separated from the dry cleaning equipment area by a one-hour fire separation.
  2. The boiler and other open-flame device shall be separated from the dry cleaning equipment area by a two-hour fire separation.
  3. Heating for the dry cleaning equipment area may be an open-flame device if the flame-producing unit is located outside the dry cleaning equipment area.
  4. The minimum distance specified in Sec. 3603.4.5.4 shall be 4 feet under this exception.
  5. Items 1 through 4 (inclusive) may be waived through the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system.
  6. No exception is granted for ventilation equipment requirements or solvent storage specifications.
- NOTE TO EXCEPTION:** The above Exception is granted on an individual business entity basis. This exception will terminate upon any of the following events. Termination of the Exception means that the dry cleaning establishment must come into compliance with all provisions of Sec. 3603, not including this Exception.
1. Any increase in total square foot area occupied by the business.
  2. Any change or addition in major equipment (boiler, dry cleaning equipment, heating units, etc.
  3. Any increase in the inside storage of Class II solvents above 550 gallons.

Article  
**FIREWORKS AND PYROTECHNIC SPECIAL EFFECTS MATERIALS**

Adopt the 1994 U.F.C. in its entirety with the following amendments:

**SECTION 7801.3.1.2 - Displays**

Permits for Class B displays shall be approved by the City Council per Code Sec. 20-25.

Appendices  
**DIVISION I, EXISTING BUILDINGS**

**Appendix I-B. Life-Safety Requirements for Existing High-Rise Buildings**

Amend this Appendix to conform to the 1994 Uniform Building Code by reference:

**(END)**