

ORDINANCE NO. 44-1995

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, "CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS" ARTICLE VI, "UNIFORM CODES AND OTHER REGULATIONS", DIVISION 2, "BUILDING CODE", 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:

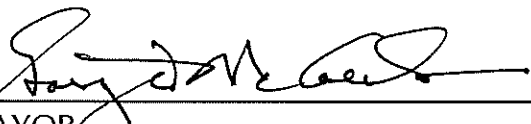
- PART 1. That Chapter 8, Article VI, Division 2, "Building Code", of the Abilene Municipal Code be amended as set out in Attachment "A", attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.
- PART 2. That if any provisions of any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, 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 12th day of OCTOBER., 1995.


PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 19 day of OCTOBER A.D., 1995.

ATTEST:

  
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CITY SECRETARY

  
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MAYOR

APPROVED:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY



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EXHIBIT "A"

### TEMPORARY AMUSEMENT BUILDING

**Definition:** Amusement building is a building or portion thereof, temporary or permanent, used for entertainment or educational purposes and which contains a system which transports passengers or provides a walkway through a course so arranged that the required exits are not apparent due to theatrical distractions, are disguised or not readily available due to the method of transportation through the building or structure.

### OBTAINING PERMIT

A Fire Code permit application must be completed and submitted to the Fire Marshal a minimum of ten (10) days before opening the T.A.B. to the public. Two (2) scale drawings of the structure must accompany the permit application. One will be sent to the Building Official for approval.

### SCALE DRAWING SHALL INCLUDE

- \* Building address
- \* Nearest telephone (for emergency reporting)
- \* Distance to closest fire hydrant
- \* Floor plan diagram in detail
  - a. Total area in square footage
  - b. Exits (minimum of two (2)) with approved direction exit marking and exit signs provided
  - c. Aisles (minimum of 44 inches wide) shall be provided from all areas of the building
  - d. Exit doors shall not have a latch or lock except for panic hardware
  - e. Door swing shall be in the direction of travel
- \* Portable extinguisher location
  - a. 5-lb ABC within 75 feet
  - b. One per 3,000 sq. feet of area
- \* Smoke detector locations -
  - a. Every 30 feet in exitways plus one for each area

### ADDITIONAL BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

- \* Single story at ground level
- \* No smoking signs (main entrance)
- \* Butt can (at main entrance)
- \* Emergency lighting

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- \* Lighting in all areas having intensity of one foot candle
- \* No exitway obstructions (ceiling hangings or floor obstructions)
- \* Provide automatic fire sprinkler system when T.A.B. floor area exceeds 5,000 sq. feet and the exit travel distance exceeds 150 feet from any point

### OPERATIONS OF T.A.B.

- \* One (1) adult chaperon per groups of four (4)
- \* Each adult shall have a working flashlight
- \* Each adult shall be familiar with all exits
- \* Each adult must know the location of the nearest telephone
- \* Each adult must know the location of and how to use each portable fire extinguisher
- \* Provide the Fire Marshal with a list of business hours, dates of operation, person(s) in charge and contact numbers
- \* Any smoke alarm sounding shall cause supervisory personnel to vacate all persons from the building and immediately notify 9-1-1

# ATTACHMENT "A"

## PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT

### REWORD SECTION 904.2.3.6 AS FOLLOWS:

**Sec. 904.2.3.6 - Amusement buildings:** An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all amusement buildings. The main water-flow switch shall be electrically supervised. The sprinkler main cutoff valve shall be supervised. When the amusement building is temporary, the sprinkler water-supply system may be of an approved temporary type.

**EXCEPTION:** An automatic sprinkler system need not be provided when the floor area of a temporary amusement building is less than 5,000 ~~(4,000)~~ square feet and the exit travel distance from any point is less than 150 ~~(50)~~ feet, provided smoke detectors are installed.