

ORDINANCE NO. 45-1995

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.

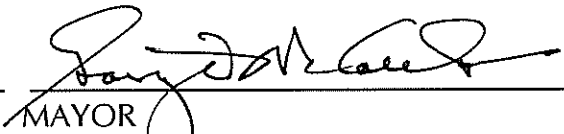
PASSED ON FIRST READING this 12th day of OCTOBER., 1995.

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

ATTEST:




CITY SECRETARY



MAYOR

APPROVED:



CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT "A"

1004.5 Special Egress-control Devices. When approved by the building official, exit doors in Group B: F, Division 1; Group I, Division 2; Group M and Group R, Division 1 congregate residences serving as group-care facilities may be equipped with approved listed special egress-control devices of the time-delay type, provided the building is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system and an approved automatic smoke-detection system. Such devices shall conform to all of the following:

1. Automatically deactivate the egress-control device upon activation of either the sprinkler system or the detection system.
2. Automatically deactivate the egress-control device upon loss of electrical power to any one of the following:
 - 2.1 The egress-control device.
 - 2.2 The smoke-detection system.
 - 2.3 Exit illumination as required by Section 1012.
3. Be capable of being deactivated by a signal from a switch located in an approved location.
4. Initiate an irreversible process which will deactivate the egress-control device whenever a manual force of not more than 15 pounds (66.72 N) is applied for two seconds to the panic bar or other door-latching hardware. The egress-control device shall deactivate within an approved time

period not to exceed a total of 15 seconds. The time delay established for each egress-control device shall not be field adjustable.

5. Actuation of the panic bar or other door-latching hardware shall activate an audible signal at the door.
6. The unlatching shall not require more than one operation.

A sign shall be provided on the door located above and within 12 inches (305 mm) of the panic bar or other door-latching hardware reading:

KEEP PUSHING. THIS DOOR WILL OPEN IN _____
SECONDS. ALARM WILL SOUND.

Sign letter shall be at least 1 inch (25 mm) in height and shall have a stroke of not less than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (3.2 mm).

Regardless of the means of deactivation, relocking of the egress-control device shall be by manual means only at the door.

ATTACHMENT "A"

Proposed Code Amendment:

Reword as follows:

Sec. 1004.5 Special Egress-Control Devices. When approved by the building official, exit doors in Group B: F. Division 1; Group I, Division 2: Group M and Group R. Division I congregate residences serving as group-care facilities, and Group A-3, may be equipped with approved listed special egress-control devices of the time-delay type, provided the building is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system and an approved automatic smoke-detection system. Such devices shall conform to all of the following:

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"EXCEPTION: (1) Approved automatic sprinkler system throughout is not required when the occupant load factor based on Table 10-A is 50 sq. ft. per occupant or greater; or (2) When the occupant load does not exceed 150 occupants."