

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS  
AMENDING THE FIRE CODE PAMPHLET, WHICH AMENDS THE  
INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2009 EDITION, ADOPTED BY CITY OF ABILENE  
ORDINANCE SECTION 10-47; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING  
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Abilene Fire Department is currently responsible for tracking the inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire and life safety systems within the City of Abilene. Fire and life safety systems are required by the Abilene Fire Code to be inspected and tested on a regular basis. Currently, contractors are not required to notify the Fire Department of the completed inspections unless the systems do not pass inspection; and,

**WHEREAS**, requiring contractors to use a city-approved internet based system will enable the Abilene Fire Department to track each inspection, drive code compliance, reduce false alarm activity and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Citizens;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

- PART 1:** That the fire code pamphlet amending and supplementing the International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, as adopted by City of Abilene Ordinance 10-47, is hereby amended as set out in Exhibit A.
- PART 2:** That if the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance.
- PART 4:** That any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in accordance with Chapter 1 (Section 1-9) of this Code.
- PART 5:** 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 thirty (30) 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.**

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage, was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily

newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, the same being more than fifteen (15 days) prior to a public hearing to be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall in Abilene, Texas, at 8:30 a.m. on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017 to permit the public to be heard prior to final consideration of this ordinance. 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 SECOND AND FINAL READING this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.**

ATTEST:

  
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Danette Dunlap, City Secretary

  
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Norm Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:

  
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Stanley Smith, City Attorney

## Exhibit A

### **107.2.1 Test and inspection records.** *Insert the following at the end of paragraph:*

The above requirement for record inspection and availability of records shall be met by the submission of records to the internet-based system under contract with the City. Contractors required to test fire and life safety systems shall be qualified and registered with the internet-based system under contract with the City at the time the inspection is made. Record of inspection, testing and maintenance of fire and life safety systems shall be entered on the internet-based system under contract with the City at the time the inspection, testing or maintenance is performed. Fees associated with the internet-based system shall be paid by the contractor directly to the internet-based system company.