

First Reading

July 9, 2019

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Second Reading

July 23, 2019

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ORDINANCE NO. 2019-00090

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS WITH REGARD TO ADOPTION OF THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN AMENDMENTS THERETO TO MEET LOCAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Lubbock, Texas deems it in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lubbock to adopt the 2015 International Fuel Gas Code for the City of Lubbock with certain amendments thereto to meet local conditions; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK:

SECTION 1. THAT Chapter 28, Article 28.15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 28.15.001. Adopted.**

The 2015 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., as hereinafter amended, including Appendices A, B, C and D, is hereby adopted as the fuel gas code of the City of Lubbock, Texas. A copy of said code is attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set out herein in detail. References to the Fuel Gas Code in this chapter shall mean the 2015 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code. One copy of the 2015 International Fuel Gas Code shall be filed with the City Secretary and a copy shall be maintained in the office of the City Building Official. All such copies, with the amendments thereto, shall be open to public inspection during the usual hours of business of the offices where they are maintained.

**Sec. 28.15.002. Coordination of administrative provisions.**

The administrative provisions contained in chapter 28, articles 28.01 through 28.08 of this Code of Ordinances are applicable to this article; however, for purposes of administering provisions related more specifically to the regulation of fuel gas systems installation, these supplemental administrative provisions have been provided. Except as amended or supplemented within sections 28.15.002 and 28.15.003, the entire text of chapter 1 of the 2015 International Fuel Gas Code is deemed to be incorporated herein as though set out herein in detail. Where a conflict arises between a provision contained within sections 28.15.002 and 28.15.003 and chapter 28, articles 28.01 through 28.08 of this Code of Ordinances, it is the intent that the more specific govern, as determined by the building official.

(a) Fee schedule. Section 106.6.2 is hereby amended as follows:

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Fees. Permit, license and fee amounts shall be as set forth in the annual operating budget after review and adoption by the City Council pursuant to Section 1.03.004 of the Lubbock Code of Ordinances. Pending adoption of said budget for the ensuing fiscal year the following fee schedule shall apply:

<b>PLUMBING &amp; FUEL GAS FEES*</b>	
New Construction:	\$0.06 per sq. ft. of gross floor area under roof, \$50.00 minimum. (Where more than one inspection is required, an additional fee of \$15.00 shall be assessed for each additional inspection)
Additions to floor area:	As for new construction
Alterations & remodeling (no change in building area):	\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 valuation, \$50.00 minimum (Where more than one inspection is required, an additional fee of \$15.00 shall be assessed for each additional inspection) (See Note 3)
Total re-plumb:	As for new const.
Miscellaneous permits for new installations, replacement and repair of: Water heaters, water lines, sewer lines, gas lines, water softeners, irrigation systems, fixed appliances, fixtures, etc. requiring inspection approval:	\$50.00 (Where more than one inspection is required, an additional fee of \$15.00 shall be assessed for each additional inspection) Service line tap fees, or adjustments in grade, where needed, may involve extra fees. Contact the appropriate utility department.
Permit fees, work commencing prior to permit approval:	As for building permit fees (see <u>article 28.05</u> ), except that permit fee calculations shall be based on this section.
Renewal of expired or involuntarily terminated permits:	
Permit transfer fee:	
Re-inspection Fees:	
*The fees in this schedule are all-inclusive for the collective plumbing work (water, DWV, & fuel gas) performed in a building; they are included here for information purposes only, and are NOT intended to be charged in addition to the plumbing fees specified in <u>article 28.10</u> of this chapter.	

(b) Administrative amendments and cross-references to Articles 28.01-28.08.

The following administrative provisions within chapter 1 of the International Fuel Gas Code are hereby stricken, and the corresponding provisions within articles

28.01 through 28.08 of this Code of Ordinances shall govern, as indicated in Table 28.15.003 below:

<b>TABLE 28.15.003</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS CROSS-REFERENCE</b>		
<b>2015 International Fuel Gas Code Section</b>	<b>Section Heading/Subject</b>	<b>Refer to Lubbock Code of Ordinances Chapter Section</b>
106.6.3	Fee refunds	28.05.109
108.4	Violation penalties	28.02.006
108.5	Stop work orders	28.02.007
109.1 through 109.7	Means of appeal	2.03.491- 2.03.495

**Sec. 28.15.004 Technical amendments**

(a) Sloped roofs. Section 306.5.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

306.5.1 Sloped roofs. Where appliances, equipment, fans or other components that require service are installed on a roof having a slope of six units vertical in 12 units horizontal (50 percent slope) or greater and having an edge more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade at such edge, a level platform shall be provided on each side of the appliance or equipment to which access is required for service, repair or maintenance. The platform shall not be less than 30 inches (762 mm) in any dimension and shall be provided with guards. The guards shall extend not less than 42 inches above the platform, shall be constructed so as to prevent the passage of a 21-inch diameter sphere and shall comply with the loading requirements for guards specified in the International Building Code. Access shall not require walking on roofs having a slope greater than 6 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (50 percent slope). Where access involves obstructions greater than 30 inches in height, such obstructions shall be provided with ladders installed in accordance with Section 306.5 or stairs installed in accordance with the requirements specified in the International Building Code in the path of travel to and from appliances, fans or equipment requiring service.

(b) Located at manifold. Section 409.5.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

409.5.3 Located at manifold. Where the appliance shutoff valve is installed at a manifold, such shutoff valve shall be located within 50 feet of the appliance served and shall be readily accessible and permanently identified. The piping from the manifold to within 6 feet of the appliance shall be designed, sized and installed in accordance with Sections 401 through 408.

Shutoff valves located within attic spaces shall not be considered readily accessible.

- (c) Pressure regulators. Section 410.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

410.1 Pressure regulators. A line pressure regulator shall be installed where the appliance is designed to operate at a lower pressure than the supply pressure. Line gas pressure regulators shall be listed as complying with ANSI Z21.80. Access shall be provided to pressure regulators. Regulators shall be located near walkways or at an access point. Pressure regulators shall be protected from physical damage. Regulators installed on the exterior of the building shall be approved for outdoor installation.

- (d) Exhaust material. Section 614.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

614.4 Exhaust installation. Exhaust ducts for clothes dryers shall terminate on the outside of the building and shall be equipped with a backdraft damper. Screens shall not be installed at the duct termination. Ducts shall not be connected or installed with sheet metal screws or other fasteners that will obstruct the flow. Clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall not be connected to a vent connector, vent or chimney. Clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall not extend into or through ducts or plenums unless properly sleeved with materials conforming to section 602.2.1 of the International Mechanical Code (in the case of plenums), or with materials meeting the requirements for class 0 or 1 duct materials (in the case of ducts). Backdraft dampers shall not be required for vertical terminations through the roof.

- (e) Protection required. Section 614.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

614.7 Protection required. Protective shield plates shall be placed where nails or screws from finish or other work are likely to penetrate the clothes dryer exhaust duct. Shield plates shall be placed on the finished face of all framing members where there is less than 1.25 inches (32 mm) between the duct and the finished face of the framing member. Such shield plates shall have a thickness of not less than 0.0575 inch (1.463 mm) (No. 16 gage). Such plates shall cover the area of the duct where the member is notched or bored.

SECTION 2. THAT violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor punishable as provided by Section 1.01.004 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock, Texas.

SECTION 3. THAT should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. THAT the City Secretary of the City of Lubbock, Texas, is hereby authorized and directed to cause publication of the descriptive caption of this Ordinance as an alternative means of publication provided by law.

SECTION 5. THAT this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date of passage and publication.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Passed by the City Council on first reading this 9th day of July, 2019.

Passed by the City Council on second reading this 23rd day of July, 2019.




DAN POPE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Rebecca Garza, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
Greg Zielinski, Interim Chief Building Official

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Amy Sims, Deputy City Attorney