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ADOPTION INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 46 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE III. FIRE PREVENTION CODE, SEC. 46-63. SAME—ENACTED BY CITY COUNCIL, SUBSECTION 7-33.2. ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

WHEREAS, certain amendments have been suggested to the sections of the Covington Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46 Fire Prevention and Protection, addressing the Fire Prevention Code; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems these amendments appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 46 Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III. Fire Prevention Code, Sec. 46-63. Same—enacted by the city council, Subsection 7-33.2. Enforcement officer, shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-63. - Same—Enacted by city council.

Section 7-33.2. Enforcement officer.
(A) The fire prevention chief of the City of Covington shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Covington Fire Prevention Code. The fire prevention chief shall detail such members of the Covington Fire Department as inspectors as shall from time to time be necessary. To assist in the performance of the responsibilities and duties placed upon the fire prevention chief, a bureau of fire prevention in the Covington Fire Department may be created.

~~(B) This bureau shall operate under the supervision of the fire prevention chief, and he, the fire prevention chief, shall be the administrator of the bureau of fire prevention. The fire prevention chief shall be responsible for the direct administration and enforcement of the Covington Fire Prevention Code.~~

(B) Intent of the Bureau. It is the intent of the bureau to prescribe regulations consistent with the provisions provided in Louisiana R.S. 40:1563 as well as regulations consistent with nationally recognized good practice for the safeguarding to a reasonable degree of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the use of occupancy of building or premises. The most current State of Louisiana adopted version of the fire life safety code will be the minimum code which will be utilized by the bureau.

The Code. The term "The Code" in General Provisions makes reference to those technical codes adopted by the City of Covington to establish a reasonable level of fire safety and property protection from the hazards created by fire and explosion, including, but not limited to, the most recent State of Louisiana adopted version of the National Fire Protection Agency Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) and, as a maintenance code, the National Fire Protection Agency Fire Code (NFPA 1).

The Bureau. The fire prevention bureau will be headed by the Chief of the Fire Department or a person designated by the Chief of the Fire Department. Bureau will be staffed by qualified individuals whose credentials have been reviewed and accepted by the State Fire Marshal.

The bureau will conduct maintenance inspections on behalf of the fire marshal. The fire marshal shall have the authority to monitor the performance of the fire prevention bureau in the performance of those functions which would otherwise be performed by the fire marshal.

(C) The fire prevention chief shall be appointed on the basis of examinations or other methods for determining his qualifications. The Covington City Council and mayor may also designate such number of technical inspectors as shall from time to time be necessary. Such technical inspectors shall be selected through an examination to determine their fitness for the position.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other sections of Chapter 46 Fire Prevention and Protection shall remain the same and in full force.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of

Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Rolling, seconded by Wright.

YEAS: 6 **ABSENT:** 1 (Alexius)

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2016.

R. Lee Sam O'Keefe
R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 18th day of May, 2016, at 1:50 o'clock P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 18th day of May, 2016.

MB Cooper
MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 18th day of May, 2016, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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COUNCIL CLERK