

Ordinance No. 2585

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (FIRE PREVENTION) ADOPTING
APPLICABLE PORTIONS OF THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE OF
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, the City of Biloxi adopted the 2021 versions of the International Fire Code (with amendments) as published by the International Code Council, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the International Fire Code is widely recognized as achieving the purpose of making fire code standards more uniform; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Biloxi to approve and adopt the 2024 version of the International Fire Code (with certain amendments) as the fire code standards of the City of Biloxi.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The findings, statements, and conclusions of fact contained in the preamble are adopted, ratified, and incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO: Chapter 7 (Fire Prevention), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, is hereby amended to be read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE II. FIRE PREVENTION CODE*

Sec. 7-2-1. Adopted; references to code.

The International Fire Code, ~~2021~~ 2024 edition, together with Appendix A, Appendix B, Appendix C, Appendix D, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G, ~~and Appendix I, and Appendix M~~, as published by the International Code Council ~~2021~~ 2024 edition are hereby approved and adopted by the city and made a part of this article. A copy of said International Fire Code, ~~2021~~, 2024, shall be kept in the office of the director or fire marshal in charge of the bureau of fire prevention for the City of Biloxi as a permanent record. Such International Fire Code is hereby adopted fully as if set out at length herein, subject, however, to all amendments, deletions, and

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substitutions contained in the code, and subject further to inconsistent provisions contained in this code.

Any provisions in the code which refers to the International Fire Code or the fire code of the city or to any previously adopted version of any such fire code shall be deemed to refer to the version adopted by the ordinance from which this section is derived, and any provision in this code which refers to a specific provision in any previously adopted version of the fire prevention code of the city shall be deemed to refer to the section or appendix contained in the version adopted by this section which corresponds in substantive text regardless of the numbering systems utilized.

Sec. 7-2-4 Districts in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited.

The limits referred to in the ~~2021~~ 2024 International Fire Code in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby established as follows: all closely built commercial areas designated or zoned for residential use and all other heavily populated areas as may be designated by the director or fire marshal in charge of the bureau of fire prevention.

Sec. 7-2-5 Districts in which storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks are prohibited; new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids.

(a) The limits referred to in the ~~2021~~ 2024 International Fire Code in which storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks are prohibited, are hereby established as follows:

(b) All mercantile areas, all areas zoned A, AR, RE, RER, RS-10, RS-7.5, RS-5, RM-10, RM-20, RM-30, RMH, LB, CB, RB, DT, all single family dwelling neighborhoods, and all other congested districts as may be designated by the director or fire marshal in charge of the bureau of fire prevention. Exception: (required) diesel fire pumps for fire protection and diesel emergency generators not to exceed 750 gallons each.

(c) The limits referred to in the ~~2021~~ 2024 International Fire Code in which new bulk plants for storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside aboveground tanks are prohibited, are hereby established as follows: all areas zoned A, AR, RE, RER, RS-10, RS- 7.5, RS-5, RM-10, RM-20, RM-30, RMH, LB, CB, RB, DT, all single family dwelling neighborhoods, and all other congested districts as may be designated by the director or fire marshal in charge of the bureau of fire prevention.

Sec. 7-2-6. Districts in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted.

The limits referred to in the ~~2021~~ 2024 International Fire Code in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby established as follows: all areas zoned solely for residential occupancies, and all other areas as may be designated by the director or fire marshal in charge of the bureau of fire prevention.

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Sec. 7-2-7. Routes for vehicles transporting explosives and blasting agents.

The routes referred to in the ~~2021~~ 2024 International Fire Code to be used by vehicles transporting explosives and blasting agents are hereby established as follows: those routes designated by the police department of the city, traffic control division, as truck routes. Such vehicles transporting explosives and blasting agents shall be escorted along such routes by personnel and vehicles of the police department of the city.

Sec. 7-2-8. Routes for vehicles transporting hazardous chemicals or other dangerous articles.

The routes referred to in the ~~2021~~ 2024 International Fire Code to be used by vehicles transporting hazardous chemicals or other dangerous articles are hereby established as follows: those routes designated by the police department of the city, traffic control division, as truck routes. Such vehicles transporting hazardous chemicals or other dangerous articles shall be escorted along such routes by personnel and vehicles of the police department of the city.

Sec. 7-2-9. Fire lanes on private and public property.

(a) The fire lanes referred to in the ~~2021~~ 2024 International Fire Code are hereby established as follows: Such fire lanes may be specifically designated and established by the director or fire marshal in charge of the bureau of fire prevention.

SECTION THREE. Upon unanimous vote of the members of the City Council, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, because it serves the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of Biloxi, and good cause exists for same. If not a unanimous vote this Ordinance shall become effective as soon thereafter as is signed, certified, and as is otherwise provided by law.

The foregoing Ordinance having first been reduced to writing, was read by the Clerk and moved by Councilmember Gines, seconded by Councilmember Tisdale, and was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:	Lawrence	McGilvary	NAYS:	None
	Gines	Glavan		
	Newman	Shoemaker		
ABSENT:	Tisdale			

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The President then declared the Ordinance adopted this the 10th day of June, 2025.



ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kei Campbell
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Ken G. Grew
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 11 day of June, 2025.

APPROVED:

Jim. G. Grew
MAYOR