

Legislation Text

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Amend Chapter 8 - Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance

Action:

Approve an amendment to the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance.

Staff Resource(s):

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Current Ordinance

- City Council established Chapter 8 - Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance (Ordinance) in 1985. The Ordinance has not been updated since its establishment.
- As Fire updates its Strategic Plan, it would like to bring the Ordinance's content and language up-to-date and in alignment with the 2018 North Carolina Fire Code adopted by the North Carolina Building Code Council with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

Proposed Changes

- The proposed amendment is for the following changes:
 - Remove Section 8.1 - Fire department's mission,
 - Update Sections 8.5 and 8.36 - Issuance of notice of violations by fire inspectors and Permit application; fee schedule, respectively, and
 - Remove Section 8.9 - Fraternity and sorority houses from the Ordinance.
- Removal of the Mission Statement from the Ordinance allows Fire to incorporate a revised and up-to-date mission statement in its updated Strategic Plan and allows for future flexibility to further revise the mission as new demands and focuses emerge over time.
- Fraternity and sorority houses no longer need to be included in the Ordinance as these locations are now addressed in Chapter 9, Section 903.2.8 and Section 907.2.9 of the North Carolina State Fire Code.
- The proposed amendment also updates the Ordinance language in Section 8.5 and Section 8.36 to reflect the 2018 North Carolina State Fire Code and North Carolina Building Code.
- A copy of the 2018 North Carolina State Fire Code can be found in the City Attorney's Office.
- The proposed effective date of this amendment is February 24, 2020.

Attachment(s)

Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance - Redline