

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Passed: October 24, 2016

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION  
OF THE *INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE***

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rochelle is a body politic and corporate, organized and existing pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1, *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 42-71 of the Rochelle Municipal Code adopts the *International Fire Code*, 2003 edition, and any supplements and appendices thereto, by reference as the City's Fire Code for the regulation of the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling, and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City to adopt an updated version in the form of the *International Fire Code*, 2015 edition, with certain amendments thereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

1. Section 42-71 of the Rochelle Municipal Code is hereby removed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 42-71 - Adopted by Reference.

The *International Fire Code*, 2015 edition, together with any supplements and any appendices thereto, published by the International Code Council (ICC) is adopted in its entirety by reference as the fire code for the City as though fully set forth herein. A copy of said Code shall remain on file at the Office of the City Clerk and the Building Division of the Public Works Department for public review and inspection.

2. Section 42-72 of the Rochelle Municipal Code is hereby removed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 42-72 - Amendments.

The following Sections of the *International Fire Code*, 2015 edition, as adopted in Section 42-72 of this Code, are revised as follows:

- (1) *Section 101.1* Insert, for name of jurisdiction, "City of Rochelle, Illinois."
- (2) *Section 109.4 Violation Penalties.*
  - a. Insert "petty offense" for the name of the specific offense.
  - b. Insert "punishable by a fine per the general penalty of Section 1-15 for each offense and each day that said offense occurs or continues to occur" for the amount.
  - c. Insert "zero" for the number of days of imprisonment.
- (3) *Section 111.4 Failure to Comply.*
  - a. Insert "\$200.00" for the minimum penalty.
  - b. Insert "not more than the maximum amount allowed by state statute" for the maximum penalty.
- (4) *Section 307.1.1 Prohibited Open Burning.* Section 307.1.1 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

*"Section 307.1.1 Prohibited Open Burning. Open burning shall be prohibited.*

Exceptions:

  - 1) Where approved by local jurisdiction.
  - 2) Un-incorporated areas with a burn ordinance."
- (5) *Section 307.4.1.1 Bonfires.* Section 307.4.1.1 Permits is added to read as follows:

*"Section 307.4.1.1 Permits. All permits, required by Section 105.6.31, shall be requested by and issued to the owner of the land upon which the bonfire is to be kindled."*
- (6) *Section 307.4.4 Materials.* Section 307.4.4 is added to read as follows:

*"Section 307.4.4 Materials. Fuel for all recreational fires and bonfires shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and other materials approved by the fire code official. The fire shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants."*
- (7) *Section 505.3 Strip Malls.* Section 505.3 is added to read as follows:

*“Section 505.3 Strip Malls. When a strip mall has multiple tenant spaces and a dedicated sprinkler control/fire alarm room, the room shall have its own street address.”*

- (8) *Section 901.4.2.1 Discontinuance of Use.* Section 901.4.2.1 is added to read as follows:

*“Section 901.4.2.1 Discontinuance of Use. All non-required fire protection systems shall be approved for discontinuance by the fire code official. All discontinued equipment and devices, such as pull stations, nozzles, detectors, sprinklers, sensors, panels, and hose connections, shall be removed so as not to give a false indication that the structure, area or space is protected.”*

- (9) *Section 903.2.11.1 Item 3* is added to the list contained in the Section defining the types of “exterior wall openings” as follows:

*“3. An interior stairway that conforms to the requirements of Section 1005 with a fire separation assembly enclosure of not less than 1 hour, which has a door directly to the exterior and the stairway does not connect more than 2 stories. The basement or windowless story floor level shall be 15 feet (4572 mm) or less vertically from the exterior door threshold level and the door threshold shall be within 10 feet (3048 mm) of grade. Interior stair doors or openings shall be provided in each 50 linear feet (15240 mm) or fraction thereof on at least one side of the basement or windowless story.”*

- (10) *Section 903.3.9 Interior Control Valves.* Section 903.3.9 Interior Control Valves is added to read as follows:

*“Section 903.3.9 Interior Control Valves. The fire code official may require interior control valves to be installed to isolate occupancies that share a fire suppression system. Where valves are installed in a system, valves shall be supervised or locked in the “open” position.”*

- (11) *Section 903.3.10 Exterior Control Valves.* Section 903.3.10 Exterior Control Valves is added to read as follows:

*“Section 903.3.10 Exterior Control Valves. All exterior fire suppression control valves shall have an exterior Indicator Valve (PIV or WPIV) provided in a location approved by the fire code official. Valves shall be locked in the “open position”.”*

- (12) *Section 903.4.2.1 Strip Malls.* Section 903.4.2.1 Strip Malls shall be added to read as follows:

*“Section 903.4.2.1 Strip Malls.* Strip Malls shall provide individual tenant space notification to comply with Section 907.1 of the Fire Code.”

- (13) *Section 907.1.2.1 Qualifications.* Section 907.1.2.1 Qualifications shall be added to read as follows:

*“Section 907.1.2.1 Qualifications.* Shop drawings for fire alarm systems shall be prepared by on the following:

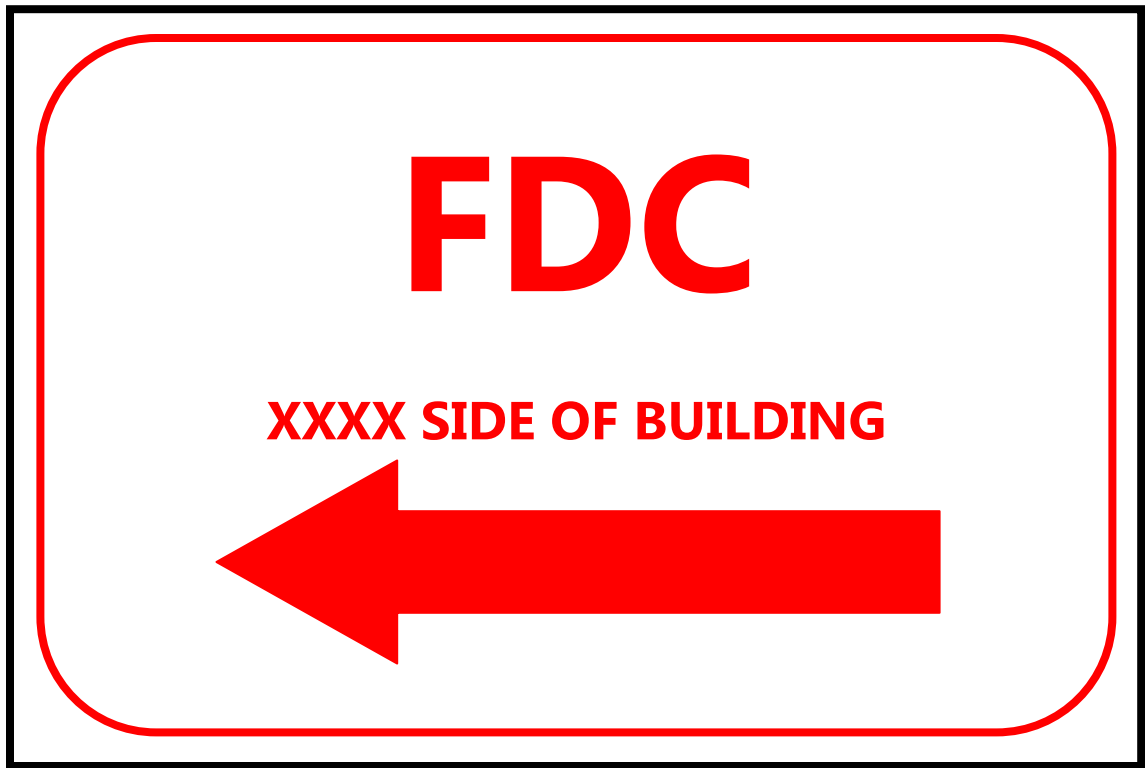
1. An Illinois licensed Professional Engineer with formal training in fire alarm layout / design
2. A holder of a valid NICET Level III or higher certification in Fire Alarm System Layout, who is either employed by or hired by the fire alarm installation contractor.”

- (14) *Section 907.1.4 Strip Malls.* Section 907.1.4 Strip Malls shall be added to read as follows:

*“Section 907.1.4 Strip Malls.* Fire alarm systems shall be capable of identifying a fire alarm device activation or waterflow device activation in each tenant space. An audio / visual device shall be provided at the front entrance to each tenant space to identify the location of an activated device(s) to responding fire apparatus.”

- (15) *Section 912.2.2 Existing Buildings.* Section 912.2.2 Existing Buildings is amended to read as follows:

*“Section 912.2.2 Existing Buildings.* On existing buildings, wherever the fire department connection is not visible to approaching fire apparatus, the fire department connection shall be indicated by an *approved* sign mounted on the street front or on the side of the building. Such sign shall be reflective and constructed of a material designed to resist weathering. The sign shall have a white background with all lettering and graphics red in color. Such sign shall have the letters “FDC” not less than 6 inches (152 mm) high and words in letters not less than 2 inches (51 mm) high or an arrow to indicate the location not less than 3 inches (75 mm) high. Such signs shall be subject to approval of the fire code official.



- (16) *Section 912.6 Backflow Protection.* Section 912.6 Backflow Protection is amended to read as follows:

*“Section 912.6 Backflow Protection. A water supply serving a fire suppression system shall be protected against backflow with a Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) backflow device and comply with the requirements of the Illinois Plumbing Code.”*

- (17) *Section 1103.5.3 Sprinkler Systems.* Insert at the end of this subsection, “Said sprinkler systems shall be installed no later than \_\_\_\_\_.”

- (18) *Section 5601.2.2 Sale and Retail Display.* Section 5601.2.2 Sale and Retail Display is amended to read as follows:

*“Section 5601.2.2 Sale and Retail Display. Persons shall not construct a retail display nor offer for sale explosives, explosive materials, or fireworks (1.3G or 1.4G).*

- (19) *Section 5608.1 General.* Section 5608.1 General is amended to read as follows:

*“Section 5608.1 General. Outdoor fireworks displays, use of pyrotechnics before a proximate audience and pyrotechnic special effects in motion picture, television, theatrical and group entertainments productions shall comply*

with Section 5608.2 through 5608.10 and NFPA 1123, 1126, and all requirements of the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshall (OSFM).”

(20) *Appendices.* The following appendices are added as part of this Code:

1. Appendix B “Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings”
2. Appendix C “Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution”
3. Appendix D “Fire Apparatus Roads”
4. Appendix F “Hazard Ranking”
5. Appendix H “Hazardous Materials Management Plan (HMMP) and Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement (HMIS) Instructions”

This ordinance shall become effective after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attested:

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City Clerk