

CHAPTER 25
APPENDIX J. BUILDING ORDINANCES

STANDARD BUILDING AND FIRE CODES

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ARTICLE I BUILDING CODE ADOPTED

SECTION 101 - The International Building Codes, 2006 Edition, and National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) – 2008 Edition, as promulgated by the International Code Council, its successors and assigns, the following is hereby adopted and approved as the official building code for the minimum standards to govern the construction, installation, additions, alterations and repairs of all buildings and structures in the City of Florence Mississippi.

(A) International Residential Code - 2006 Edition -

- (1) Appendices A, B, G, H, J, K, M, N.
- (2) Less and except Section R112.
- (3) Insert in Table R301.2 (1) - 5; 100; B; Moderate; 12; Very Heavy; 25; N/A; (a) August 3, 1993, (b) November 5, 2003; 150 or less; 63.
- (4) Insert in Section P2603.6.1: 12" (inches) at both locations.

(B) International Building Code - 2006 Edition -

- (1) Less and Except Section 112 .
- (2) Insert in Section 1612.3: City of Florence, MS, Nov. 5, 2003.
- (3) Insert in Section 3410.2: March 5, 2002

(C) International Fuel & Gas Code - 2006 Edition -

- (1) Appendices B
- (2) Less and Except Section 106.5.2
- (3) Less and Except Section 108.4
- (4) Less and Except Section 109

(D) International Mechanical Code - 2006 Edition -

- (1) Appendices A
- (2) Less and Except Section 106.5.2
- (3) Less and Except Section 108.4
- (4) Less and Except Section 109

(E) International Plumbing Code - 2006 Edition -

- (1) Appendices B,D,E,F,G
- (2) Less and Except Section 106.6.2
- (3) Less and Except Section 108.4
- (4) Less and Except Section 109
- (5) Insert in Section 305.6.1: 12" (inches)
- (6) Insert in Section 904.1: 6" (inches)

(F) International Property Maintenance Code - 2006 Edition -

- (1) Less and Except Section 102.6
- (2) Less and Except Section 103.5
- (3) Less and Except Section 107.2, subparagraphs: 5, 6
- (4) Less and Except Section 107.4
- (5) Less and Except Section 111
- (6) Amend Chapter 2; add the following definition:
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI. This is also the definition of “chief appointing authority”, “board”, and similar terms indicating the final authority within the City.”
- (7) Amend Section 302.4 as follows: All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of a height of six (6) inches; however the Code Official and /or his designee may determine other such height which adheres to the average height of weeds and grasses of adjacent properties and premises but not to create rodent harborage, infestation or a visual nuisance to the public health and/or safety.
- (8) Amend Sections 304.14, 602.3 and 602.4 by removing any reference to specific dates.

(G) International Electrical Code Administrative Provisions - 2006 Edition -

- (1) Less and Except Section 404.2
- (2) Less and Except Chapter 11

(H) National Electrical Code (NFPA 70) - 2008 Edition -

(There are no Appendixes with this Code)

(I) International Fire Code - 2006 Edition -

- (1) Appendices C, D, F
- (2) Less and Except Section 108
- (3) Less and Except Section 109.3
- (4) Insert in Sections 3204.3.1.1, 3404.2.9.5.1, 3406.2.4.4 & 3804.2 as follows: “As determined by Rankin County Fire Coordinator, Rankin County EMA and City of Florence Fire Marshal/Chief, but in no event be closer than the minimum required by

applicable NFPA Publication.”

SECTION 102 – Whenever a reference is made in the International Codes that is adopted herein, the Building Official or Code Official shall be the Zoning Administrator or his designate, the Fire Official shall be the Fire Marshal/Chief or his designate, and the Safety Officer shall be the City of Florence Police Chief or his designate.

SECTION 103 – The Fire Marshal/Chief may designate any qualified person that is a member of the volunteer fire department or City of Florence to render inspection that is consistent with the International Fire Code. The Fire Marshal/Chief shall have the following minimum credentials; state certification in fire prevention or suppression or ten (10) years experience in fire prevention or suppression.

SECTION 104 – Whenever a reference is made in the International Codes that is adopted herein addressing a violation, the City of Florence Police Chief, Fire Marshal/Chief, Zoning Administrator or their designate is directed to enforce all of the provisions of this Ordinance in the following manner:

(A) **Violation** – In the event of a violation that the owner refuses to correct, the following action is to be taken:

- (1) Enforcement official or his designee shall complete a “Violation Form” (copy attached) containing all information of the violation, including address of the owner, (if known), description of the violation, city ordinance violated with copy attached, along with any photographs or other evidence of the violation attached.
- (2) Violation form shall be delivered to the Chief of Florence Police Department with a request for Citation (copy attached) to be issued against the violator.
- (3) Chief of Police or his designee shall execute the Citation by personally serving said Citation on the violator, requiring appearance of violator at a time and date certain of the Florence City Municipal Court, which has jurisdiction over all Violations of the City Ordinances as found in Section 21-23-7(1), Mississippi Code of 1972, as annotated.
- (4) Appeals from decisions made by the Municipal Court shall be taken within a reasonable time, not to exceed ten (10) days, by filing with the City Clerk a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof, said appeal to be heard by the Circuit Court of Rankin County, Mississippi.

SECTION 105 - Whenever a reference is made in the International Codes that is adopted herein to the Board of Appeals, the following shall apply: The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall hear all appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination as directly related to building compliance as per Chapter 18, Article V., City of Florence Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 106 - Whenever a reference is made in the International Codes that is adopted herein to penalties, the following shall apply: Violation of this Ordinance may result in a fine of up to one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and/or imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days or both, in

accordance with Section 21-13-1. *Mississippi Code of 1972*, as annotated.

SECTION 107 - In the event of any conflict between the provisions of all of the International Codes hereinabove adopted and other provisions of Ordinances heretofore adopted by the Governing Authorities of the City of Florence, the most restrictive provision of such Ordinances shall prevail.

State Law Reference -- Authority to adopt technical codes by reference, Miss.Code Ann., 1972, 21-19-25.

ARTICLE II CERTIFICATION

SECTION 201 - There shall be filed in the office of the Building Official one copy each of said Codes adopted hereby, and there shall be annexed and attached thereto a certificate executed by the Mayor and City Clerk with the seal of said City affixed thereto for each of said Codes, the form of such certificate to be substantially as follows:

“We, the undersigned Wendell Godfrey, Mayor of the City of Florence, Mississippi, and Linda Wigley, City Clerk of the said City, do hereby certify that the volumes of International Codes, to which this certificate is attached is a true and correct copy of the official Code adopted by the City of Florence, Mississippi, by ordinance under date of _____, 2009, and appearing in Minute Book _____ on page _____, and in the official Ordinance Book on page _____.

SECTION 202 - This Ordinance supersedes Ordinance No. 192 that concerned this same subject, as was ordained on March 5, 2002. The City Clerk is instructed to cause this superseding Ordinance to replace in the Redacted Ordinance Book of the City, the said Ordinance of March 5, 2002; and to make marginal notation of this superseding Ordinance in the official Ordinance Book of the City of Florence.