

## **ORDINANCE NO. 655**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY CODES *REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 544***

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA,  
AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **SECTION 1. Definitions.**

Whenever used in this Ordinance, unless otherwise indicated, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

**EBC 2018:** The Existing Building Code 2018 is a model code produced by the International Code Council (ICC). This document provides the foundation for many state and city codes. The EBC 2018 combined with local jurisdiction amendments form the state codes.

**IRC 2018:** International Residential Code – A comprehensive, stand-alone residential code which establishes minimum regulations for one- and two- family dwellings and townhouses using prescriptive provisions. It is founded on broad-based principles that make possible the use of new materials and new building designs. The 2018 edition is fully compatible with the Family of International Codes.

**IBC 2018:** International Building Code – A comprehensive building code which establishes minimum regulations for fire prevention and fire protection systems using prescriptive and performance-related provisions. It is founded on broad-based principles that make possible the use of new materials and new building designs. The IBC applies to all occupancies, including one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses that are not within the scope of the IRC.

**IPC 2018:** International Plumbing Code – A comprehensive plumbing code which establishes minimum regulations for plumbing systems using prescriptive and performance-related provisions. It is founded on broad-based principles that make possible the use of new materials and new plumbing designs.

IMC 2018: International Mechanical Code – A comprehensive mechanical code which establishes minimum regulations for mechanical systems using prescriptive and performance-related provisions. It is founded on broad-based principles that make possible the use of new materials and new mechanical system designs.

IFGC 2018: International Fuel Gas Code – A comprehensive fuel gas code which addresses the design and installation of fuel gas systems and gas-fired appliances through requirements that emphasize performance.

NEC 2017: National Electrical Code – A comprehensive electrical code which establishes regulations which keep pace with technology as well as provide protection against electrical fire and shock hazards, if properly applied. It is a link between the safe installation of electrical wiring or equipment and use by the consumer. In the newly updated 2017 version of the National Electrical Code, there are many updates that involve ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs).

IFC 2018: International Fire Code – A comprehensive fire code which establishes minimum regulations for fire prevention and fire protection systems using prescriptive and performance related provisions. It is founded on broad-based principles that make possible the use of new materials and new system designs. 2018 update includes accessory storage spaces of any size are now permitted to be classified as part of the occupancy to which they are accessory. New code sections have been introduced addressing medical gas systems and higher education laboratories

IECC 2015: International Energy Conservation Code – A model code that regulates minimum energy conservation requirements for new buildings. The IECC addresses energy conservation requirements for all aspects of energy uses in both commercial and residential construction, including heating and ventilating, lighting, water heating, and power usage for appliances and building systems.

NFPA 101: The Life Safety Code, 2021 (NFPA 101, 2021) - A model code produced by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This document provides the foundation for many state and city codes. NFPA 101, 2021 combined with local jurisdiction amendments form the state codes.

ADA: Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design – An overview of the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to publish ADA design standards that are consistent with the guidelines published by the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board).

## **SECTION 2. Adoption of International Codes.**

The city hereby adopts by reference, as though set forth fully herein in accordance with Ala. Code §§11-45-8 (1975), and provides for the enforcement of, separately and severally, each of the following construction codes, together with all appendices.

Existing Building Code (EBC) 2018 edition

International Residential Code (IRC) 2018 edition

International Building Code (IBC) 2018 edition

International Plumbing Code (IPC) 2018 edition

International Mechanical Code (IMC) 2018 edition

International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) 2018 edition

National Electrical Code (NEC) 2017 edition

International Fire Code (IFC) 2018 edition

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2015 edition

Life Safety Code NFPA 101 2021 edition

Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design 2010 edition

### **SECTION 3. Designation of Official.**

Whenever a code or standard adopted by reference herein and/or this ordinance refers to the duties of certain officials named therein, the designated official of the City of Hanceville who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code or standard shall be deemed to be the responsible official under the said code or standard and this ordinance.

### **SECTION 4. Penalties.**

Any building contractor, person, corporation or other entity found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance and/or any of the standard codes or standards adopted by reference herein shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and/or may be imprisoned or sentenced to hard labor for the City of Hanceville for a period not exceeding six (6) months, at the discretion of the court trying the case. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Nothing herein shall prevent the City of Hanceville from taking any other administrative or lawful action deemed necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

### **SECTION 5. Repealer Clause.**

Any ordinance heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Hanceville Alabama, which is in conflict with this Ordinance, is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

### **SECTION 6. Severability Clause.**

In any part, section or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

**SECTION 7. Effective date.**

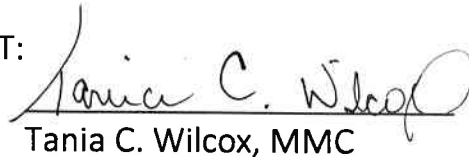
This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this 27<sup>TH</sup> day of April 2023.



Kenneth Nail, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Tania C. Wilcox, MMC