

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, ADOPTING CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL CODES AND STANDARDS; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN BUILDING REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES; THEREFORE, REPEALING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS AND ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the Texas Local Government Code empowers the City of Ames to enact codes and regulations and provide for their administration, enforcement, and amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ames, Texas (“City”), desires to adopt codes and regulations for the health, safety, and general welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, to achieve that end, the City Council desires to adopt building and technical codes; and

WHEREAS the City Council finds that adopting the codes and regulations will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The facts found in the preamble of this Ordinance are true and correct and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The City adopts the following building and technical codes as though they were fully incorporated in this Ordinance:

- (a) The International Residential Code, 2021 Edition, as amended, published by the International Code Council.
- (b) The International Building Code, 2024 Edition, as amended, published by the International Code Council.
- (c) The International Plumbing Code, 2024 Edition, as amended, published by the International Code Council.
- (d) The International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 Edition, as amended, published by the International Code Council.
- (e) The International Mechanical Code, 2024 Edition, as amended, published by the International Code Council.
- (f) The International Fire Code, 2021 Edition, as amended, published by the International Code Council.
- (g) The National Electrical Code, 2023 Edition, as amended, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

- (h) The International Energy Conservation Code, 2021 Edition, as amended, published by the International Code Council.
- (i) The International Existing Building Code, 2024 Edition, as amended, published by the International Code Council.
- (j) The International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition, as amended, published by the International Code Council.
- (k) The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2024 Edition, as amended, published by the International Code Council.

SECTION 3. Enforcement. The duly constituted authorities of the city and others having the duty of enforcing these ordinances of the city are hereby authorized to enforce all of the adopted codes.

SECTION 4. Fees and Charges. That all current fees and charges, as amended, shall apply to the adoption of these codes and those authorities of the city and other having the duty of implementing and enforcing the ordinances of the city are hereby authorized to collect all of the adopted fees and charges.

SECTION 5. Penalty. Any person who violates or causes, allows, or permits another to violate any provision of this ordinance, rule, or regulation of the city shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine or penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). If such rule, ordinance, or regulation governs fire safety, or public health and sanitation, other than the dumping of refuse, the fine or penalty shall not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). If such rule, ordinance, or regulation governs the dumping of refuse, the fine or penalty shall not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). Each occurrence of any violation of this ordinance, rule, or regulation shall constitute a separate offense. Each day on which any such violation of this ordinance, rule, or regulation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

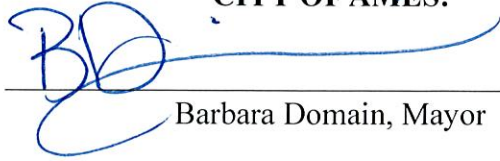
SECTION 6. Severability. In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Ames, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

SECTION 7. Repeal. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediate and enforceable when published as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, & ADOPTED this, the 30TH day of October 2023.

CITY OF AMES:



Barbara Domain, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary

