

Chapter 15.20 SANTA CLARA FIRE CODE

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15.20.010: ADOPTION:

That certain code known as the 2012 edition of the international fire code and appendices B, C, D, E, F, and G as recommended by the Western Fire Chiefs Association and the International Code Council, and printed as a code in book form, copies of which have been and are now filed in the office of the city recorder for the use and examination by the public; be and is hereby adopted as the fire code of the city of Santa Clara, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and protecting property from fire or explosion; and as adopted and amended by the state of Utah, together with amendments thereto in the future made by the state as if fully set out in this section, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in subsequent sections of this chapter. (Ord. 2014-05)

15.20.020: ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES OF BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION:

A. The fire code shall be enforced by the bureau of fire prevention in the fire department of the city which is established and which shall be operated under the supervision of the chief of the fire department.

B. The chief of the fire department may detail such members of the fire department as inspector as shall from time to time be necessary. The chief of the fire department shall recommend to the mayor the employment of technical inspectors, who, when such authorization is made, shall be selected through an examination to determine their fitness for the position. The examination shall be open to members and nonmembers of the fire department, and appointments made after examination shall be for an indefinite term with removal only for cause. (Prior code § 10-152)

15.20.030: DEFINITIONS:

CORPORATION COUNSEL: As used in the international fire code, means the attorney for this city.

JURISDICTION: As used in the international fire code, means the boundaries of this city. (Ord. 2008-15 § 1)

15.20.040: ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITS OF DISTRICTS IN WHICH STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS IN OUTSIDE ABOVEGROUND TANKS IS TO BE PROHIBITED:

A. The limits referred to in chapter 34 of the international fire code in which storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited.

B. The limits referred to in chapter 34 of the international fire code, in which new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited. (Ord. 2008-15 § 1)

15.20.050: ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITS IN WHICH BULK STORAGE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES IS TO BE RESTRICTED:

The limits referred to in chapter 34 of the international fire code, in which the bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted. (Ord. 2008-15 § 1)

15.20.060: ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITS OF DISTRICTS IN WHICH STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS IS

The limits referred to in chapter 33 of the international fire code, in which the storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited. (Ord. 2008-15 § 1)

15.20.070: AMENDMENTS MADE IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE:

Any amendments to the international fire code shall be set forth in the appropriate appendix to this code. (Ord. 2008-15 § 1)

15.20.080: APPEALS:

Whenever the chief shall disapprove an application, refuse to grant a permit for which application has been received, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the fire code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the fire code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal the decision of the chief to the city council within thirty (30) days from the date of such decision. (Prior code § 10-158)

15.20.090: NEW MATERIALS, PROCESSES OR OCCUPANCIES WHICH MAY REQUIRE PERMITS:

The building inspector and the chief of the bureau of fire prevention shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies, which shall require permits in addition to those now enumerated in the fire code. The chief of the bureau of fire prevention shall post such list in a conspicuous place in his or her office and distribute copies thereof to interested persons. (Prior code § 10-159)

15.20.100: VIOLATION; PENALTY:

A. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the international fire code for failure to comply therewith, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who shall fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the city council or by a court of competent jurisdiction within the time fixed herein shall, severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of a class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit such to continue. All persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time, and when not otherwise specified, each ten (10) days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

B. The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of the prohibited condition. (Ord. 2008-15 § 1; Ord. 2006-04 § 1; prior code § 10-160)