

ORDINANCE NO. 4295

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (16) of section 4-2-21 (CHANGES IN VIRGINIA STATEWIDE FIRE PREVENTION CODE) of Article B (FIRE PREVENTION), Chapter 2 (FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION), Title 4 (PUBLIC SAFETY), of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (16) of section 4-2-21 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 4-2-21 Changes in Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

(16) Chapter 5 is amended by amending subsections F-501.4.1, F-501.4.3, F-506.1, F-507.1, F-508.1, F-509.1, F-510.1, F-511.1, F-512.1, F-513.1, F-514.1, F-516.6, F-517.3 and F-518.2 to read as provided herein and by adding thereto new subsections F-504.6, F-504.7, F-504.9 and F-504.9 to read as provided herein:

F-501.4.1 Test records: A complete written record of all tests and inspections required under this chapter shall be maintained on the premises by the owner or occupant responsible for said premises and a copy of any such record shall be provided to the code official after the completion of any test or inspection. Accurate logs shall be maintained, indicating the number, location and type of device tested. Any defect, modification or repair shall be logged, and the log shall be made available to the code official.

F-501.4.3 Test responsibility and notification: The code official shall not be held responsible for any damages incurred during any test required under the provisions of this chapter. Any test required under the provisions of this chapter shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Any such test shall be scheduled at the convenience of the owner or occupant responsible for said premises and the code official.

F-504.6 Fire watch: A fire watch shall be established whenever any fire protection system is unable to provide the protection for which it was designed. This fire watch shall be maintained until the system has been restored to normal operation. A written log of the fire watch shall be maintained for inspection by the fire marshal. Such log shall indicate the name and address of the person maintaining the watch, and describe the persons activities during the watch. All areas subject to the watch shall be checked at 15 minute intervals.

F-504.7 Tampering: It shall be unlawful for any person to tamper with, damage, destroy, or use without just cause or authorization any fire protection system or fire extinguisher installed in any building or structure within the city.

F-504.8 Key repository: Owners of buildings in which fire alarm or fire suppression systems are installed after June 14, 1997, shall provide a key repository to the satisfaction of the fire marshal. This key repository shall be of a type approved by the fire marshal and shall be located on the exterior of the building, near the main entrance. Keys shall be placed in the repository to allow the fire department access to investigate alarms of fire reported from the building.

F-504.9 All buildings that have a fire control room shall equip that room with an operations book. The fire official shall review and approve the contents of such book.

F-506.1 Water-based extinguishing systems: All water sprinkler and water-spray extinguishing systems and standpipe systems shall be periodically inspected, tested and maintained in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 25 listed in Chapter 44. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-507.1 Periodic testing and inspection: All foam-extinguishing systems shall be maintained, periodically inspected and tested in accordance with NFPA 11, 11A and 16 listed in Chapter 44. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-508.1 Periodic testing and inspection: All carbon dioxide extinguishing systems shall be maintained, periodically inspected and tested in accordance with NFPA 12 listed in Chapter 44 and Sections F-508.2 through F-508.6. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-509.1 Periodic testing and inspection: All halogenated extinguishing systems shall be maintained, periodically inspected and tested in accordance with NFPA 12 A listed in Chapter 44 and Sections F-509.2 through F-509.5. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-510.1 Periodic testing and inspection: All clean agent fire extinguishing systems shall be maintained, periodically inspected and tested in accordance with the system manufacturer's instructions. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-511.1 Periodic testing and inspection: All dry-chemical extinguishing systems shall be maintained, periodically inspected and tested in accordance with NFPA 17 listed in Chapter 44 and Sections F-511.2 and F-511.3. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-512.1 Periodic testing and inspection: All wet-chemical extinguishing systems shall be maintained, periodically inspected and tested in accordance with NFPA 17A listed in Chapter 44 and Sections F-512.2 and F-512.3. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-513.1 Periodic testing and inspection: All fire alarm systems shall be maintained, periodically inspected and tested in accordance with NFPA 72 listed in Chapter 44 and Sections F-513.2 and F-513.3. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-514.1 Periodic testing and inspection: All automatic fire detection systems shall be maintained, periodically inspected and tested in accordance with NFPA 72 listed in Chapter 44 and Sections F-514.2 through F-514.10. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-516.6 Inspection, testing and maintenance: All fire pumps shall be inspected, tested and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25 listed in Chapter 44. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-517.3 Inspection, testing and maintenance: Water tanks and water service mains shall be periodically inspected, tested and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25 listed in Chapter 44. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

F-518.2 Inspection, testing and maintenance: All fire department connections shall be periodically inspected, tested and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25 listed in Chapter 44. Any required inspections and tests shall be performed in the presence of the code official, unless such requirement is waived by the code official. Fees for the attendance of the code official shall be charged in accordance with the fee schedule of the code enforcement bureau.

Section 2. That in preparing the codification of this ordinance, the city attorney, in consultation with the code official, is authorized to make such technical conforming amendments as may be necessary to reflect uniform nomenclature, upgrade reference citations, and address like matters, in this ordinance and the city code.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

KERRY J. DONLEY  
Mayor

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