

TOWN OF EDDINGTON

EDDINGTON FIRE SAFETY ORDINANCE

Enacted: March 4, 1976

An Ordinance of the Town of Eddington regulating Fire Protection & Safety Code providing for the issuance of permits therefore; providing penalties for the violation thereof; supplanting all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith be enacted. The governing body of the Town of Eddington does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Code.

That a certain document three (3) copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Eddington; being marked and designated as “Life Safety Code of 1973 as prepared by the National Fire Protection Association”, be and the same is hereby adopted as a portion of the Eddington Fire Protection and Safety Ordinance of the Town of Eddington for the regulating of construction of buildings as outlined; providing for the issuance of permits; providing penalties for the violation of such ordinance; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such “Life Safety Code”, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the following sections shall be added to such code and are hereby included in this ordinance;

- A. This Code shall apply to all structures with three (3) or more dwelling units and/or apartment units, or motels or hotels with three (3) or more units, and cluster dwelling units of three (3) or more.
- B. An approved automatic alarm system shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations of the Fire Department and the latest Edition of National Fire Protection Association pamphlet numbers:
 - 72A – Local Protective Signaling Systems
 - 72C – Remote Station Protective Signaling Systems
 - 72E – Automatic Fire Detectors
 - 74 - Household Fire Warning Equipment
- C. All dwelling units within an apartment building shall be separated by two (2) hour fire rated walls and ceilings.
- D. A water supply for fire protection purposes shall be provided to the extent practicable, in accordance with the recommendations of the Fire Department.

- E. Access roads and drives to multi-unit buildings shall be laid out, constructed, maintained, so as to permit free maneuvering of emergency apparatus under all weather conditions.

- F. Any apartment building, hotel, or motel with three (3) or more dwelling units, in excess of two (2) stories in height, in addition to the above:
 - a. Shall be equipped with either an approved sprinkler system or sprinkler/standpipe system as determined by the Fire Department, and installed in accordance with the latest Edition of National Fire Protection Association pamphlet numbers:
 - 13 – Installation of Sprinkler Systems
 - 14 – Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems

 - b. At least one of the two (2) required means of egress (exits) must consist of outside stairs or smoke proof tower. The second means of egress may be an enclosed interior stairway of non-combustible construction with a two (2) hour fire rating.

- G. The Fire Chief or his authorized agent shall hereby be authorized to reduce or delete portions of the above requirements, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, when both are satisfied that the purpose and intent of this Code has been met.

SECTION 3. Violation, Penalties.

Any person who shall violate a provision of this ordinance, the code, or any supplements or amendments thereto or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall act in violation of an approved plan or directive of the violation of an approved plan or directive of the enforcement official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of the Code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more that One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 4. Separability.

That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect for all purposes on the 30th day after adoption.

All existing structures or units as previously described presently under construction or renovation shall be exempt from said Code.