

# CITY OF CONCORD

*In the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four*

**AN ORDINANCE** amending the CODE OF ORDINANCES, Title III, Building and Housing Codes, Chapter 26, Building Regulations

**The City of Concord ordains as follows:**

**SECTION I:** Amend the CODE OF ORDINANCES, Title III, Building and Housing Codes, Chapter 26, Building Regulations, by amending Article 26-16, Fire Prevention Code, as follows:

26-16-1 Fire Prevention Code Adopted.

*The State Fire Code, as defined by RSA 153:1, VI-a is hereby adopted and together with this Article shall be known as the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Concord.*

~~[The State Fire Code, as defined by RSA 153:1, VI a is hereby adopted and together with this Article shall be known as the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Concord.]~~

26-16-2 Administration and Enforcement.

The administration and enforcement of this Article shall be the duty of the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief is hereby authorized to take such action as may be reasonably necessary to enforce the provisions and purposes of this Article and to appoint and authorize such assistants and agents as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Article.

**26-16-3 Amendments to State Fire Code.**

*The following amendments are hereby made to the State Fire Code as adopted by Section 26-16-1:*

**(a) Insert into NFPA 1 the additional new Section "13.1 General, 13.1.1.2 Fire Protection System Rules and Regulations" as follows:**

**"13.1.1.2 Fire Protection Systems Rules and Regulations"**

***The Fire Chief or Designee shall be authorized to issue rules and regulations for the installation, modification, addition, renovation, removal, disabling, operation, or maintenance of any fire alarm or suppression systems. These regulations shall address: reliability; ease of operation and understanding of the private system; compatibility with Fire Department operations and equipment; protection of***

***consumers with regard to system quality; reduction of needless alarms; design parameters; connection to Municipal Fire Alarm circuit or central station monitoring location."***

26-16-4[3] Fire Prevention Fee Schedule.

(a) A fire prevention permit shall not be issued, nor shall a plan be reviewed, fire protection system installed, or an inspection be conducted until the fees listed in Schedule I of Chapter 1 have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to the permit be approved until the additional fee, if any, required by this Article has been paid. The fees for permits shall be payable at the Code Administration office at the time of application.

(b) Inspection time for all permits is up to two (2) site visits for a total accumulated time of four (4) hours. Each subsequent hour required shall be at the rate per hour of the inspector's time listed in Schedule I of Chapter 1. This amount shall be paid in full prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

(c) All permits and plans will be scheduled as received. If the permittee wishes to have the job conducted in a more expeditious manner, or, wishes personalized inspections, this will be done at times other than normal working hours at a rate per hour listed in Schedule I of Chapter 1. The amount shall be paid in full prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

(d) If any fire protection system is installed or if any permitted use is initiated without issuance of a required Fire Prevention Permit, then the installer, building owner, or occupant shall be guilty of violation.

(1) The fee shall be increased by twenty-five (25) percent for a company's or individual's first such occurrence, fifty (50) percent for a second occurrence, and one hundred (100) percent for any subsequent occurrence.

(2) Any request for a refund shall be made in writing. In no case shall a refund be made for a request submitted later than one (1) year after the date of issuance of the permit, nor shall the amount exceed eighty (80) percent of the original fee paid as calculated on the unit prices in section 26-16-4. After such a refund has been paid, no work shall be resumed until a new application has been made and a new permit has been issued.

(3) In case of abandonment or discontinuance, the cost of work performed under a permit may be estimated, and adjustment of the fee made and the portion of the fee for uncompleted work returned to the permit holder, provided that no refund of the prescribed application fee listed in section 26-16-4 shall be made. If such discontinuance is due to revocation of the permit, a similar adjustment and return may be made, provided that no refund shall be made until all penalties and legal costs incurred or imposed by due authority have been collected.

(e) Abatement violations. Any person who has been issued a stop work order, a notice of hazard or a notice of violation and fails, refuses or neglects to comply with the

requirements therein, shall be assessed a penalty fee and shall be subject to the additional penalties and abatement procedures of Sections 109.2, 109.3, and 109.4 [see section 26-13-3(f) and (g) above].

(f) Life safety inspections of school buildings. Inspections shall be conducted annually for all school buildings pursuant to RSA 153:14, II (b).

**SECTION II:** Amend the CODE OF ORDINANCES, Title III, Building and Housing Codes, Chapter 26, Building Regulations, Article 26-18, Life Safety Code, by amending Section 26-18-1, Life Safety Code Adopted, as follows:

26-18-1 Life Safety Code Adopted.

*The State Fire Code, as defined by RSA 153:1, VI-a is hereby adopted and together with this Article shall be known as the Life Safety Code of the City of Concord.*

~~[The NFPA 101 Life Safety Code 2018 Edition as amended by the NH Code of Administrative Rules Saf C 6008.05, is hereby adopted and together with this Article, shall be known as the Life Safety Code of the City of Concord.]~~

**SECTION III:** This ordinance shall take effect on adoption.

Explanation: Matter inserted into the current ordinance appears in *bold and italics*.

Matter removed from the current ordinance appears in [brackets and ~~struck through~~].