

ORDINANCE NO. 1909

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CITY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook that Chapter 109, Article II - Building Code, Division I of the Code of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama ("City Code") shall be amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 109-32 of the City Code shall be amended by adding subsection (f) so that the entire Section 109-32, as amended, shall be as follows:

Sec. 109-32. Same---Amendments

The building code adopted by section 109-31 is amended as follows:

- (a) Section R108.2 of the International Residential Code is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

"R108.2 Schedule of permit fees. On buildings, structures, electrical, gas, mechanical, and plumbing systems or alterations requiring a permit, a fee or fees as set forth in City Code Section 14-1 shall be paid at the time of filing application, in accordance with such fee schedule as shall be set from time to time by the city council. A list of such fees shall be kept on file in the city clerk's office."

- (b) Section R110.1 of the International Residential Code is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

"R110.1 Use and occupancy. No residential building or structure shall be used or occupied, and no change in the existing occupancy classification of a residential building or structure or portion thereof shall be made until the building official has issued a certificate of occupancy which has been signed by the building official and the city manager. No commercial building or structure shall be used or occupied, and no change in the existing occupancy classification of a commercial building or structure or portion thereof shall be made until the building official has issued a certificate of occupancy which has been signed by the building official, the fire official, and the city manager. A certificate of occupancy shall not be issued until after the city manager shall have determined that the building conforms to all provisions and regulations of the city with respect thereto, including its use under the zoning ordinances of the city. A certificate of occupancy (whether a temporary certificate of the regular certificate) issued without the signature of the building official, fire official (in the case of commercial buildings), and the city manager shall not be deemed to be a certificate of occupancy issued under this code or under the city's zoning ordinance."

- (c) Section R112 (Board of Appeals) of the International Residential Code is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

"Section R112 Board of Appeals. Appeals regarding the application of the adopted building and fire codes may be presented to the city manager for consideration. The city manager may elect to render a decision on such appeal or

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remand the appeal to the board of zoning adjustment. In cases where the appeal is heard by the city manager and a decision is rendered, the appellant, if not satisfied with the decision, may then appeal to the board of zoning adjustment.

The board of zoning adjustment of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama, as said board is prescribed by Section 11-52-80 Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, shall constitute a board of adjustments and appeals under this code."

- (d) Section R113.4 of the International Residential Code is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

"R113.4 Violation penalties. Any person who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters or repairs a building or structure in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the building official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by law.

In instances where a person commences work prior to making application for a required permit, all applicable permit fees shall be doubled. Once notified in writing by the building official of the city that a report or building permit application must be submitted, such person must submit such report within ten (10) days. Persons who fail to make such report within the time period required shall be subject to additional penalties as provided under Sec. 1-6.1 of the city code and by § 13A-10-4 of the Code of Alabama."

- (e) Section P2904.1 of the International Residential Code shall be hereby amended by adding the following provision:

"P2904.1.2 Sprinkler Exemption. Any homeowner may, upon application to the City, request an exemption to the sprinkler requirement of P2904.1.1 and such exemption shall be granted upon the following:

- a. The applicant must either confer with the Fire Marshal or his or her designee about the benefits of installing a residential fire sprinkler system or review presentation materials developed by the Fire Marshal concerning sprinkler systems; and
- b. The applicant must certify that he or she has met the requirements in subsection (a) above, and fully understands and acknowledges the risks of opting not to install a residential fire sprinkler system.

Exception:

1. No exemption shall be granted for any dwelling constructed less than 5 feet from the property line in accordance with Table R302.1 (1).
2. No exemption shall be granted for 2-family dwelling units."

“(f) The following provisions of the International Residential Code (IRC) are inapplicable with respect to the repair, renovation, alteration, reconstruction of or room additions to existing buildings and structures that are within the scope of the IRC:

- a. **Subsection N1102.3.6 (R402.3.6) Replacement fenestration in Chapter 11 - Energy Efficiency; and**

b. Subsection AJ102.4 Replacement windows of Appendix J - Existing Buildings and Structures.”

Section 2. This ordinance is cumulative in nature and is in addition to any power and authority which the City of Mountain Brook may have under any other ordinance or law.

Section 3. If any part, section or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

Section 4. This section shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED: This 14th day of July, 2014.



Council President

APPROVED: This ¹⁵/₁₄th day of July, 2014.



Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Steven Boone, City Clerk of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama, as its meeting held on July 14, 2014, as same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting, and published by posting copies thereof on July 15, 2014, at the following public places, which copies remained posted for five (5) days as required by law.

City Hall, 56 Church Street
Gilchrist Pharmacy, 2850 Cahaba Road
Overton Park, 3020 Overton Road
The Invitation Place, 3150 Overton Road



City Clerk