1	CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
2	ORDINANCE NO. 2020-25
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5	AN ORDINANCE
6	AMENDING 12-2.1 SFCC 1987 TO UPDATE THE VERSION OF THE
7	INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA FE; AND
8	AMENDING EXHIBIT A OF CHAPTER 12.
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10	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:
11	Section 1. Section 12-2.1 SFCC 1987 (being Ord. No. 2004-53, § 3; as amended)
12	is amended to read:
13	12-2.1 Adoption of fire code.
14	A. Pursuant to Section 3-18-11 NMSA 1978, the city may adopt regulations for
15	the prevention of fire.
16	B. For the purposes of reasonably safeguarding life and property from the
17	hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous
18	substances, materials and devices, and from hazardous conditions in the use or occupancy of
19	buildings or premises, the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC) as published by the
20	International Code Council (ICC) is adopted by reference and incorporated as fully as if set
21	out herein except as amended by the governing body. The amendments are set forth in Exhibit
22	A attached to the end of this chapter. The 2015 International Fire Code as amended by the
23	governing body shall be known as "the fire code of the city of Santa Fe." This paragraph shall
24	be effective November 1, 2020.
25	C. A copy of the fire code of the city of Santa Fe shall be kept on file at the Santa

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1	Fe fire prevention bureau, 1751 Cerillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 and shall be, at
2	all reasonable times, available and subject to inspection. A copy of the fire code of the city of
3	Santa Fe shall be available to any individual upon request and payment of a reasonable
4	charge.
5	Section 2. Exhibit A of Chapter 12 (being Ordinance No. 2008-33, as amended)
6	is amended to read:
7	CITY OF SANTA FE
8	CHAPTER 12
9	EXHIBIT A
10	AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE
11	(SUBSECTION 12-2.1 SFCC 1987)
12	ADOPTED: October 14, 2020 (effective November 1, 2020)
13	AMENDED:
14	1. Section 101.1 of the 2015 International Fire Code is amended to read:
15	101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the city of Santa Fe,
16	hereinafter referred to as "this code."
17	2. Section 105.3.7 of the 2015 International Fire Code is amended to read:
18	105.3.7 Information on the permit. The fire code official may issue any permits
19	required by this code on an approved form furnished for that purpose. The permit shall contain a
20	general description of the operation or occupancy and its location and any other information
21	required by the fire code official. Issued permits shall bear the signature of the fire code official
22	or other approved legal authorization.
23	3. Section 108.1 of the 2015 International Fire Code is repealed in its entirety and
24	a new Section 108.1 is ordained to read:
25	108.1 Appeal of Department Decisions. When the fire department disapproves an

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application or refuses to grant a permit applied for as required by this code or when it is claimed
that the provisions of this code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of this code has
been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal the decision of the fire
department to the city manager within thirty (30) days of the decision. The applicant may appeal
the decision of the city manager to the governing body within ten (10) days of the city manager's
decision.

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4. Section 108.2 of the 2015 International Fire Code is repealed in its entirety.

5. Section 108.3 of the 2015 International Fire Code is repealed in its entirety.

6. Section 109.4 of the 2015 International Fire Code is repealed in its entirety and a new Section 109.4 is ordained to read:

11 **109.4 Violation penalties.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this code or 12 failing to comply with any order made thereunder, building in violation of any detailed statement 13 of specifications or plans submitted and approved, any certificate or permit issued thereunder and 14 from which no appeal has been taken; or failing to comply with an order as affirmed or modified 15 by the governing body or by a court of competent jurisdiction within the time defined herein, 16 shall severally for each noncompliance be punished as provided by Section 1-3 SFCC 1987. The 17 imposition of a penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violations or permit it to continue. 18 All such persons shall be required to correct or remedy the violations or defects within a 19 reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten (10) days that prohibited conditions 20 are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

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7. Section 111.4 of the 2015 International Fire Code is amended to read:

111.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been
served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a
violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine as provided in Section 1-3 SFCC 1987.

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8. A new Section 508.5.1.1 of the 2015 International Fire Code is ordained to read:

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1	508.5.1. Fire Protection in Recreational Vehicles, Mobile Home and Manufactured
2	Housing Parks, Sales Lots, and Storage Lots. Fire protection in recreational vehicles, mobile
3	home and manufactured housing parks, sales lots, and storage lots shall provide and maintain fire
4	hydrants and access roads in accordance with Sections 503 and 508.5.
5	Exception: Recreational vehicle parks located in remote areas shall be provided with
6	protection and access roadways as required by the fire code official.
7	9. Section 603.9 of the 2015 International Fire Code is amended to read:
8	603.9 Gas meters. Where required by the fire code official, above-ground gas meters,
9	regulators and piping subject to damage shall be protected by a barrier complying with Section
10	312 or otherwise protected in an approved manner.
11	10. The following definition of Section 902.1 of the 2015 International Fire Code,
12	and defined in Chapter 2 of the International Fire Code 2015 is amended to read:
13	STANDPIPE SYSTEM, CLASSES OF. Standpipe classes are as follows:
14	Class I system. A system providing 2.5-inch (64 mm) hose connections to supply water
15	for use by fire departments and those trained in handling heavy fire streams.
16	Class II system. A system providing 1.5-inch (38 mm) hose stations to supply water for
17	use primarily by the building occupants or by the fire department during initial response. 1.5
18	inch hoses and hose cabinets shall not be provided, unless required by the New Mexico laws
19	applicable to fire protection for class II and class III standpipe systems.
20	Class III system. A system providing 1.5-inch (38 mm) hose stations to supply water for
21	use by building occupants and 2.5-inch (64 mm) hose connections to supply a larger volume of
22	water for use by fire departments and those trained in handling heavy fire streams. 1.5-inch hoses
23	and hose cabinets shall not be provided, unless required by the New Mexico laws applicable to
24	fire protection for class II and class III standpipe systems.
25	11. Section 904.12 of the 2015 International Fire Code is amended to read:

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1	904.12 Commercial cooking systems. The automatic fire-extinguishing system for
2	commercial cooking systems shall be of a type recognized for protection of commercial cooking
3	equipment and exhaust systems of the type and arrangement protected. Pre-engineered automatic
4	dry- and wet-chemical extinguishing systems shall be tested in accordance with UL 300 and listed
5	and labeled for the intended application. Other types of automatic fire-extinguishing systems shall
6	be listed and labeled for specific use as protection for commercial cooking operations. The
7	system shall be installed in accordance with this code, its listing and the manufacturer's
8	installation instructions. Automatic fire-extinguishing systems of the following types shall be
9	installed in accordance with the referenced standard indicated, as follows:
10	1. Carbon dioxide extinguishing systems, NFPA 12.
11	2. Automatic sprinkler systems, NFPA 13.
12	3. Foam-water sprinkler system or foam-water spray systems, NFPA 16.
13	4. Dry-chemical extinguishing systems, NFPA 17.
14	5. Wet-chemical extinguishing systems, NFPA 17A.
15	12. A new Section 904.14 of the 2015 International Fire Code is ordained to read:
16	Itinerant mobile food vendors/food trucks shall comply with 904.12 Commercial cooking
17	systems.
18	13. Section 906.1 of the 2015 International Fire Code is amended to read:
19	906.1 Where required. Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in the following
20	locations.
21	1. In new and existing Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R- 1, R-2, R-4 and S occupancies.
22	Exception: When allowed by the fire code official, in all Group A, B and E occupancies
23	equipped throughout with quick-response sprinklers, portable fire extinguishers shall be required
24	only in locations specified in items 2 through 6.
25	2. Within 30 feet (9144mm) of commercial cooking equipment.
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1	3. In areas where flammable or combustible liquids are stored, used or dispensed.
2	4. On each floor of structures under construction, except Group R-3 occupancies, in
3	accordance with Section 1415. 1.
4	5. Where required by the sections indicated in Table 906. 1.
5	6. Special-hazard areas, including but not limited to laboratories, computer rooms and
6	generator rooms, where required by the fire code official.
7	14. Section 5704.2.9.6.1 of the 2015 International Fire Code is amended to read:
8	5704.2.9.6.1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. Storage of Class I
9	and II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the limits
10	established by law in subsection 12-2.4 SFCC 1987.
11	15. Section 5706.2.4.4 of the 2015 International Fire Code is amended to read:
12	5706.2.4.4 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. The storage of Class I and
13	II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited within the limits established by law in subsection
14	12-2.4 SFCC 1987.
15	16. Appendix B of the 2015 International Fire Code is adopted in its entirety, with
16	the following addition: In lieu of fire flow, the fire code official may approve the use of a fire
17	sprinkler system complying with NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, NFPA 13D, and/or water storage tanks
18	complying with NFPA 1142 for one- or two- family dwellings, R-3, or R-4.
19	17. Appendix D of the 2015 International Fire Code is adopted with the following
20	amendments:
21	(a) D103.1 Access road width with a hydrant. Where a fire hydrant is located on a
22	fire apparatus access road, the minimum road width shall be 20 feet (6096mm).
23	(b) D103.5 Fire apparatus access road gates. Where required by the fire code official,
24	gates securing the fire apparatus access roads shall comply with all of the following criteria:
25	1. Where a single gate is provided, the gate width shall be not less than 20 feet
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1	(6096 mm). Where a fire apparatus road consists of a divided roadway, the gate width
2	shall be not less than 12 feet (3658 mm).
3	2. Gates shall be of the swinging or sliding type.
4	3. Construction of gates shall be of materials that allow manual operation by
5	one person.
6	4. Gate components shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times
7	and replaced or repaired when defective.
8	5. Electric gates shall be equipped with a means of opening the gate by fire
9	department personnel for emergency access. Emergency opening devices shall be
10	approved by the fire code official.
11	6. Methods of locking shall be submitted for approval by the fire code
12	official.
13	7. Electric gate operators, where provided, shall be listed in accordance
14	with UL 325.
15	8. Gates intended for automatic operation shall be designed, constructed
16	and installed to comply with the requirements of ASTM F 2200. D103.6 Signs.
17	(c) D104.1 Buildings exceeding three stories or 30 feet in height. Buildings or
18	facilities exceeding 30 feet (9144 mm) or three stories in height shall have at least two means of
19	fire apparatus access for each structure.
20	(d) D104.2 Buildings exceeding 62,000 square feet in area. Buildings or facilities
21	having a gross building area of more than 62,000 square feet (5760 m2) shall be provided with
22	two separate and approved fire apparatus access roads.
23	Exception: When required by the fire code official, projects having a gross building area
24	of up to 124,000 square feet (11520 m2) that have a single approved fire apparatus access road
25	when all buildings are equipped throughout with approved automatic sprinkler systems.
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(e) D105.1 Where required. Where required by the fire code official, buildings or portions of buildings facilities exceeding 30 feet (9144 mm) in height above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access shall be provided with approved fire apparatus access roads capable of accommodating fire department aerial apparatus. Overhead utility and power lines shall not be located within the aerial fire apparatus access roadway.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2020.

ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANDA Y. VIG**I**L CITY CLERK APPROVED AS TO FORM: Y ATTORNEY ERIN K. McSHERRY, OUT Bill No. 2020-27 Legislation/2020/Ordinances/2020-25 International Fire Code Update

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