

BEREA CITY COUNCIL

City of Berea, Ohio

ORDINANCE NO. 2024- __

By: _____

Sponsor: Mayor Cyril M. Kleem

AN ORDINANCE

REPEALING, REPLACING AND RECONSTITUTING BEREA CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1501, OHIO FIRE CODE (OFC), AND ITS RELATED CODES AND REFERENCED STANDARDS, AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AND REPEALING CHAPTER 1505, LIFE SAFETY CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety and Fire Chief recommend that Chapter 1501 of Part Fifteen, Fire Prevention Code, be updated and amended to refer to, adopt, and incorporate the current Ohio Fire Code (OFC), and its related codes and referenced standards, as may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, existing Chapter 1505, Life Safety Code, of Part Fifteen, Fire Prevention Code, is no longer in effect and similar provisions relative to life safety are now incorporated into the current Ohio Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 731.231 grants the City full authority to adopt, enforce and incorporate by reference the Ohio Fire Code, its related codes and referenced standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berea, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That existing Chapter 1501, Ohio Fire Code, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby repealed and replaced with reconstituted Chapter 1501, Ohio Fire Code, attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. That existing Chapter 1505, Life Safety Code, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public or as otherwise permitted by the Charter of the City of Berea and Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

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SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare, or providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, and for the further reason that the State of Ohio has amended some technical codes relating to building and fire, which are effective on March 1, 2024, with other code updates to follow in 2024. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earlier period allowed by law.

PASSED:

President of Council

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mayor

Director of Law