

ORDINANCE NO. 95-6 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1501.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO, TO ADOPT THE 1992 EDITION OF THE OHIO FIRE CODE, THE 1993 EDITION OF THE BOCA NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND TO MAKE CERTAIN LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

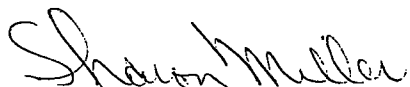
SECTION 1. That Section 1501.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, is hereby amended to read as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or 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 action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED:	1st Reading	-	January 3, 1995
	2nd Reading	-	January 17, 1995
	3rd Reading	-	February 6, 1995

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL



CHAIR OF COUNCIL

POSTED: February 10, 1995

EFFECTIVE: March 8, 1995

EXHIBIT A - ORDINANCE NO. 95-6 AC CMS

1501.01 ADOPTION

(a) Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 731.231, there is hereby adopted by and for the City, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain code known as the Ohio Fire Code, recommended by the State of Ohio, Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal, being particularly the 1992 edition thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter amended or deleted.

(b) The BOCA National Fire Prevention Code, prepared and promulgated by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., being particularly the 1993 edition thereof is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference, save and except such portions as may be hereinafter amended or deleted.

AMENDMENTS.

The following sections of the Ohio Fire Code, as adopted in Section 1501.01, are hereby revised as follows:

OFC 1301:7-7-03(N) SECTION F-313.0 FIRE LANES (Amended)

(4) F-313.4 Establishment and use:

(a) The minimum allowable width for any fire lane shall be twelve feet, except where the fire lane is a two directional drive, in which case such fire lane shall not be less than twenty feet in width.

(b) The minimum allowable radius shall be twenty feet at intersections of all driveways, thruways, roadways or any other means of ingress for fire apparatus.

(c) A fire lane shall have not less than one foot of width for each foot of outside building wall height, subject to a minimum width of twelve feet and a maximum required width of forty feet.

(d) In the event that any fire lane has to be blocked for an extended period to time due to normal work procedures or extenuating circumstances (two hours or more), the Fire Chief and/or the Police Chief, or any of their subordinate officers, shall be notified of such condition.

(e) A fire lane shall be preserved and no person shall park a vehicle in such fire lane adjacent to or parallel with any multifamily, commercial, industrial, professional, recreational, public assembly, educational or business building, except for brief periods for purposes to drop off or pick-up in areas acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

(f) No parking area shall be so laid out where parked vehicles in such area would not interfere with fire lanes and every parking area shall have a separate entrance and an exit way.

(g) All areas designated as fire lanes and "no parking" areas shall be properly identified by adequate signs and markings so designated by the authority having jurisdiction, supplied and installed by the property owner.

(h) In addition to signs and markings required in subsection (g) hereof, all designated fire lane areas shall be marked with traffic yellow paint as designated by the authority having jurisdiction in subsection (g) hereof.

All normally used parking areas and walkways shall be marked in traffic white paint.

All signs required by subsection (g) hereof shall be spaced in such as manner as to properly identify such designated fire lanes. Normal spacing shall be not more than seventy feet apart nor less than fifty feet apart. Special circumstances may indicate less distance, more distance or additional or different types of style of signs by the authority having jurisdiction.

(i) Enforcement of this section shall be the responsibility of the Police Department and/or the Fire Department.

(j) Penalties for violations of any of the provisions of this section shall be as follows:

(1) For the first offense, ten dollars (\$10.00);

(2) For the second offense occurring within twelve months of the first offense, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); and

a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
The fines for the first and second offenses shall be waivable as provided in Section 351.99 of these Codified Ordinances.
(k) In addition to the penalties provided in subsection (j) hereof, any vehicle found in violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be towed away.

(5) F-313.5 Speed control devices:

(a) No owner or operator of any building, apartment or other structure in the City of Oberlin that has designated fire lanes shall have any type of traffic control device or speed bump that does not conform with the specifications in the "Speed Control Device" diagram set forth below. The materials to be used to construct the speed control devices shall conform to the latest edition of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Materials Specifications Manual.

(b) The failure of any owner or operator to remove nonconforming speed control devices from designated fire lanes upon order of the Fire Department shall subject such owner or operator to the penalties set forth in Section 1501.99. The installation of nonconforming speed control devices in designated fire lanes by an owner or operator shall also subject such owner or operator to the penalties set forth in Section 1501.99.

OFC 1301:7-7-03(T) SECTION F-319.0 FIRES IN HOTELS, ROOMING HOUSES, HOSPITALS, ETC (Added)

- (1) F-319.1 Carelessness, neglect or negligence prohibited: No person shall in any hotel, motel, rooming house, lodging house, apartment house, tenement house, convalescent home, rest home, hospital, child-care facility or similar place of abode, by any means whatsoever, through carelessness, neglect or negligence, set fire to, or cause burning of any bedding, furniture, rug, curtain, drape or other household furnishing or fitting or any part of such building or premises in such a manner as to endanger the safety of any person or property.
- (2) F-319.2 Posting required: The manager, owner or lessee of any hotel or motel shall post the provisions of this section in a conspicuous place in each room occupied by guests in such hotel or motel. The manager, owner or lessee of any rooming house, lodging house, apartment house, tenement house, convalescent home, rest home, hospital, child-care facility or similar place of abode shall post the provisions of this section in a conspicuous place upon such premises.
- (3) F-319.3 Notification of Fire Department: The manager, owner or lessee, and any employee of any manager, owner or lessee, and the occupant of and any person in direct control of rooming houses, hospitals, schools, apartments, hotels, motels, rest homes, department stores, theaters, auditoriums and other public places of assembly, upon the discovery of any unfriendly fire or upon receiving information that there is an unfriendly fire on the premises, immediately and with all reasonable dispatch and diligence, shall call or notify the Fire Department concerning such fire and shall spread the alarm immediately to all occupants of the building.

OFC 1301:7-7-17(D) SECTION F-1703.0 MEANS OF EGRESS (Amended)

- (6) F-1703.6 Egress Plan: A plan showing the capacity (maximum occupancy) of the entire building, as well as each floor, room, space, and the capacity and location of exitways and of aisles leading thereto, shall be submitted for approval to the Fire official and an approved copy shall be kept on the premises.

OFC 1301:7-7-28(E) SECTION F-2804.0 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (Amended)

(8) F-2804.8 Testing:

(e) Periodic tests of underground tank storage systems may be required by the Fire official to determine that leakage has not occurred in accordance with the authority granted under Section FM-102.7 of the Ohio Fire Code.

(i) Every underground storage tank used for public purposes within the City and being used for the storage of flammable liquids shall be hydrostatically tested with circulation once each year for the absence of leaks. Air testing of tanks with product inside is hereby prohibited.

The piping systems shall be air tested to withstand at least 150 percent of anticipated pressures, or 100 pounds per square inch, whichever is greater. If such testing reveals that any leaking conditions exist, the permit shall be revoked and the Fire official shall order the owner or operator to discontinue using such tanks or piping until the leaking condition is corrected. In a case where dual occupancy may exist and there exists a leaking condition, all occupancies on the property shall cease operations until the conditions are corrected and tested. A statement of the test's validity shall be received by the Fire official before reoccupying businesses. There shall not exist any hazardous or dangerous conditions to persons or property.

(ii) Any occupancies (change of ownership or change of lease) shall be required to have a hydrostatic test before any permits are issued. A copy of such test shall be received by the Fire official and, if there are no leaking conditions existing, a permit may be issued at that time.

(iii) Any leaking conditions, shortages of flammable liquids, spills into public sewers, drains and waterways, shall be reported at once to the Fire official. Underground storage tanks referred to in paragraph

(e)5.i. hereof shall be inventoried at least once per day, and accurate and daily records of flammable liquids shall be kept and made available for inspection by the fire official.

(iv) Costs incurred by the City for services rendered by fire prevention personnel or their designated assistants, supplies, equipment or work that may be ordered by the fire official shall be at the property owner's expense. Any corrections ordered shall be made as soon as possible to protect life and property.

(9) F-2804.9 Abandonment of tanks:

(f) Any abandoned underground tank shall be removed from the ground within a period not to exceed ninety days after abandonment. The piping shall also be removed from the ground at the time the tank is removed.

OFC 1301:7-7-30(E) SECTION F-3004.0 FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS (Amended)

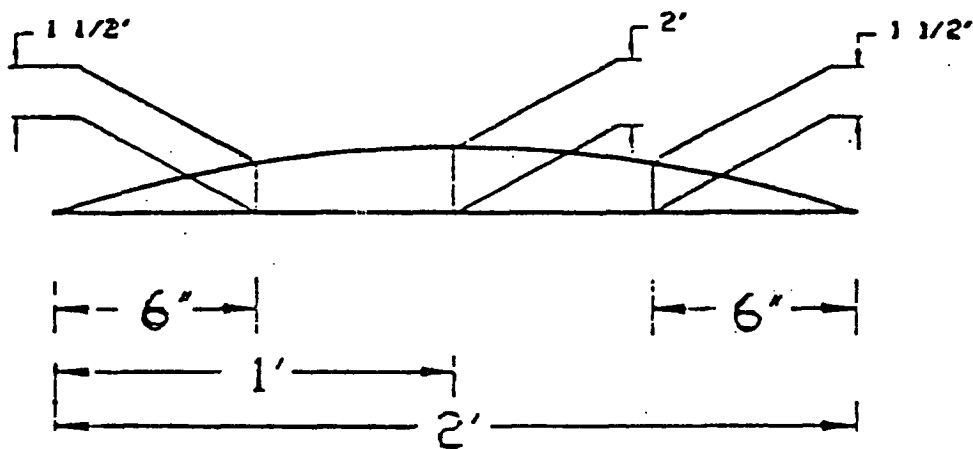
(5) F-3004.5 Inspection of installations:

(a) Installations shall be inspected and approved by the Fire Department. Such inspection and approval also includes temporary installations. A final inspection of the entire system shall be made by the Fire Department. Under no circumstances shall any liquified petroleum gas product be placed into tanks until this final inspection has been made and a permit has been issued by the Fire Department.

(b) Piping shall not be covered until it has been inspected and approved by the Fire Department and has undergone an observed pressure test for twenty minutes using nitrogen or other inert gas or compressed air, at a pressure of one and one-half times the working pressure. Regulators are excluded from this test.

(c) After installation is completed, there shall be a letter to the Fire Department certifying that such installation conforms to Pamphlet #58, latest edition, of the National Fire Protection Association and to all local and legal requirements.

SPEED CONTROL DEVICE



404 ASPHALT CONCRETE
@ WIDTH EQUAL TO THE
TRAVELED LANE.

EDGES SHALL BE SEALED
WITH AC-20.

CROSS SECTIONAL AREA = .082 SQ. FT.