

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF FIRE ALARMS IN EXISTING BUILDINGS AND AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING THERETO A NEW CHAPTER TO BE KNOWN AS CHAPTER 21.35.

The City Council of the City of Kirkland do ordain as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby added to Title 21 of the Kirkland Municipal Code a new chapter to be known as Chapter 21.35 to read as follows:

- 21.35.010 Purpose. The purpose of Chapter 21.35 is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, installation, quality of materials, location and maintenance of fire alarms and fire alarm systems within existing multifamily, rooming house, motel/hotel, and institutional dwelling buildings.
- 21.35.020 Scope. The provision of this chapter shall apply to all existing buildings that:
- (1) Are classified as Group R-1 or I-2 and contain interior corridors as the primary means of exit. In such buildings an automatic fire alarm system shall be installed to monitor all interior areas that provide exit pathways from the building. Individual smoke detectors shall be installed within each dwelling unit or guestroom; or
- (2) Are classified as Group R-1 or I-2 and do not contain interior corridors as the primary means of exit. In such buildings individual smoke detectors shall be installed in each dwelling unit or guest room.

The occupancy designations and the definitions shall be that of the Uniform Building Code and the Uniform Fire Code as adopted by the City of Kirkland.

21.35.030 Rules to be Developed. The Building Official is hereby directed to develop and publish rules and regulations for fire alarm systems in existing buildings. The rules and regulations shall specify the requirements of systems and shall be developed from nationally recognized standards. No less than three copies shall be available for public inspection and review in the Building Department office. The Building Official may offer the rules and regulations for sale at a reasonable cost to cover printing and handling.

21.35.040 Approval Required. Prior to the installation of a fire alarm system, or individual smoke detectors, plans shall be submitted to the Building Official for approval. The plans shall indicate the layout of all equipment to be used in the installation. The manufacturer and the model number of each component in the system shall be indicated.

The application, plans and specifications, and other data filed by an applicant for a fire alarm system or individual smoke detectors permit, shall be reviewed by the Building Official or authorized representative. If the Building Official finds that the work described in the application for a fire alarm system or individual smoke detector permit and the plans, specifications, and other data filed therewith conform to the requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations as specified herein, he shall collect the permit fee and issue a fire alarm system or individual smoke detector permit.

The permit fee shall be:

For issuing each permit \$10.00

For each zone 5.00

21.35.050 Validity of Permit. The issuance of a permit or approval of plans and specifications shall not be construed to be a permit for, or an approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of the chapter or the technical codes, or of any other ordinance of the City of Kirkland. No permit presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of these codes shall be valid.

The issuance of a permit based upon plans, specifications, and other data shall not prevent the Building Official from thereafter requiring the correction of errors in said plans, specifications, and other data, or from preventing the installation being carried on thereunder when in violation of this chapter or of any ordinances of the City of Kirkland.

21.35.060 Completion Date Prior to September 30, 1982, the fire alarm system and/or individual smoke detectors shall be installed. The fire alarm system and/or individual smoke detectors shall be tested prior to the above listed date in the presence of the Building Official or authorized representative, after inspection and approval by the State of Washington, Department of Labor and Industries, Electrical Inspection Division.

21.35.070 Violation Designated A Serious Crime. Any violation of the manditory provisions of this ordinance is designated a serious crime. Each day that a building, as designated in Section 21.35.020, remains in violation, shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 2. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance or the codes herein adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the City Council that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination herefrom of any such section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or word as may be declared invalid.

Section 3. HOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL JURISDICTION

To the extent that the subject matter or any portion thereof, this Ordinance may be subject to the disapproval jurisdiction of the Houghton Community Council as created by Ordinance No. 2001, this Ordinance shall become effective within the Houghton Municipal Community, either on approval of the Houghton Community Council, or failure of said Community Council to disapprove within sixty days of the date of passage of this Ordinance.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as provided in Section 3, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days from and after its passage by the Council and publication as required by law.

PASSED by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in regular meeting on the 20th day of October, 1980.

SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION THEREOF on the 20th day of October , 1980.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Director of Administration & Finance

(ex officio City Clerk)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney