

ORDINANCE NO. 14829

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

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OCTOBER 6, 2010

AN ORDINANCE

Adopting the 2009 International Fire Code as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That Section 1707, International Fire Code, be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1707 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

CHAPTER 1
ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 101
GENERAL

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the City of Allentown, hereinafter referred to as "this code".

SECTION 105
PERMITS

105.1.1.1 Permit Fees. Inspection and permit fees are to be established in accordance with the Charter.

105.6.30 Open Burning. An operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to.

~~Exception: Recreational fires~~

105.6.48 Family Day Care, Group Child Day Care, Adult Day Care, Child Day Care Facilities. An operational permit is required to operate a child or adult day care facility.

105.6.49 Educational Facilities. An operational permit is required to operate a post-secondary, college, university, business school, specialty or trade school.

105.6.50 Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation Centers, and other Group I Uses not covered elsewhere. An operational permit is required to operate an institutional facility.

105.6.51 Dormitories (off campus), Boarding Houses, Fraternity and Sorority Houses. An operational permit is required to operate such a residential use.

105.6.52 Hotels and Motels. An operational permit is required to operate a hotel or motel.

105.6.53 Pesticide Storage or Display. An operational permit is required to operate a pesticide storage. exc. mercantile displays and their accessory storage or approved residential or agricultural uses

105.6.54 Radioactive Materials. An operational permit is required to store, process, or use radioactive materials. exc. medical facilities under the direction of a licensed operator

105.6.55 Recreational Fire and Outdoor Fires. An operational permit is required to kindle or maintain a recreational fire or outdoor fire.

Exception: No permit is required for approved fires used for cooking or for outdoor fires meeting exception 6 or 7 of Section 307.1, except as required by Section 105.6.32.

SECTION 106 INSPECTIONS

106.5 Unsafe Conditions. Whenever the fire code official shall find in any structure or upon any premises dangerous or hazardous conditions or materials as follows, the code official shall order such dangerous conditions or materials to be removed or remedied in accordance with the provisions of this code:

1. Dangerous conditions liable to cause or contribute to the spread of fire in or on said premises or structure or endanger the occupants thereof.
2. Conditions which interfere with the efficiency or operation of any fire protection equipment and system.
3. Obstructions to or on fire escapes, stairs, passageways, doors or windows, which are liable to interfere with the egress of occupants or the operation of the Fire Department in case of a fire.
4. Accumulations of dust or waste material in air-conditioning or ventilating systems or grease in kitchen or other exhaust ducts.
5. Accumulations of grease on kitchen cooking equipment, or oil, grease or dirt upon, under or around any mechanical equipment.
6. Accumulations of rubbish, waste, paper, boxes, shavings or other combustible materials, or excessive storage of any combustible material.

7. Hazardous conditions arising from defective or improperly utilized or installed electrical wiring, equipment or appliances.
8. Hazardous conditions arising from defective or improperly installed equipment for handling or using combustible, explosive or otherwise hazardous materials.
9. Dangerous or unlawful amounts of combustible, explosive or otherwise hazardous materials.
10. All equipment, materials, processes or operations which are in violation of the provisions and intent of this code.
11. Storage inside or outside of any building or structure, or on any premises, shall be confined to approved areas.

SECTION 109 VIOLATIONS

109.2.3 Prosecution of Violations. If the notice of violation is not complied with promptly, the fire code official is authorized to ~~request the legal counsel of the jurisdiction~~ to institute the appropriate legal proceedings at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such violation or to require removal or termination of the unlawful occupancy of the structure in violation of the provisions of this code or of the order or direction made pursuant thereto.

109.3 Violation penalties. ~~Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a [SPECIFY OFFENSE], punishable by a fine of not more than [AMOUNT] dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding [NUMBER OF DAYS], or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.~~ Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a summary offense, punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both such fine or imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 111 STOP WORK ORDER

Section 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 of not less than Twenty-five (\$25) Dollars or more than Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars.

CHAPTER 3
GENERAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

SECTION 307
OPEN BURNING, RECREATIONAL FIRES, AND OUTDOOR FIRES

307.1 General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning or any outdoor fire, including burning in outdoor fireplaces, chimineas, firepots, stoves, cooking appliances, and barrels, unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

Exceptions:

1. Approved gas or liquid-fueled cooking devices used in compliance with this code.
2. Approved charcoal grills used in compliance with this code.
3. Approved enclosed food cookers or food smokers used in compliance with this code.
4. American Gas Association or other laboratory approved decorative gas-fueled appliances used in compliance with this code.
5. Outside burning in an approved device when such burning will not be a nuisance as defined in Section 307.1.1. All burning shall be attended at all times and requires a fire permit.
6. Flares, smudge pots, and similar devices used for safety or occupational uses.
7. Candles, small torches, oil lamps, and other small decorative devices when used in compliance with this code.
8. Approved bonfires and recreational fires with a permit.

~~**307.4.3 Portable Outdoor Fireplaces.** Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.~~

~~Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two family dwellings.~~

308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices. Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One-and-two family detached dwellings.

2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an *automatic sprinkler system* and the cooking device is used in compliance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
3. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2 ½ pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity], if used where buildings, decks, and balconies are protected by an automatic sprinkler system and the cooking device is used in compliance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
3. LP-gas containers with a with a water capacity greater than 2 ½ pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be permitted on decks or balconies of dwellings of two or more dwelling units above the ground floor.

SECTION 310 SMOKING

310.9 Smoking in Public Vehicles. No person shall smoke any pipe, cigar, cigarette, or other device for the smoking of tobacco, or carry any lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or other device for the smoking of tobacco, upon any bus, or school bus, in use for the conveyance of the general public within the limits of the City.

CHAPTER 5 FIRE SERVICE FEATURES

SECTION 503 FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS

503.4.1 Enforcement. At the discretion of the Fire Official, the fire official may deliver to any person who violates the provisions of Section 503.4 of the International Fire Code a notice of violation, in lieu of instituting a summary proceeding. For violation of this section, the owner or operator may, within ten (10) days of the time when such notice was attached to his motor vehicle/ conveyance, pay as a penalty the sum of Twenty-five (\$25) Dollars after ten (10) days but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Thirty-five (\$35) Dollars. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this ordinance may be removed by any member of the Police, Fire or Code Enforcement, their designee, or a designated Allentown Parking Authority personnel. Any vehicle removed may be towed to and placed at any area designed by the Mayor or his duly designated representative or the Parking Authority, for impounding of vehicles. All fines and costs for removal, towing, storage or parking of any vehicle removed under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle, and the vehicle shall remain impounded until all costs are paid.

503.6.1 Sprinkler requirement in gated facilities. The Fire Chief may require an approved automatic sprinkler system be installed and maintained to fully protect all structures, buildings or hazards located within the gated areas.

CHAPTER 6
BUILDING SERVICES AND SYSTEMS

SECTION 603
FUEL-FIRED APPLIANCES

~~603.4 Portable unvented heaters. Portable unvented fuel fired heating equipment shall be prohibited in occupancies in Groups A, E, I, R-1, R-3 and R-4.~~

603.4 Portable unvented heaters. Liquid or gas type portable heating appliances shall be prohibited except in single family residential homes. Where these appliances are permitted, single family residential homes, all flammable or combustible liquid fuel shall be stored in compliance with the standards set by the Bureau of Fire Prevention of the City of Allentown.

CHAPTER 8
INTERIOR FINISH, DECORATIVE MATERIALS AND FURNISHINGS

Section 806 of this Code is to remain as an enforceable portion of this Code as authorized by Act 45 and its amendments. (The State Construction Code eliminated the restrictions on natural cut Christmas trees unless re-authorized by local ordinance)

CHAPTER 9
FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

SECTION 903
AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

903.6.3. High Rise Buildings. An automatic fire suppression system shall be installed throughout every existing high-rise building.

903.6.4. Windowless Stories. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in existing occupancies per Section 903.2.11 of this code.

SECTION 906
PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

906.1 Where Required. Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in the following locations:

1. In all Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4, and S occupancies.

Exception: In all Group A, B and E occupancies equipped throughout with quick response sprinklers, fire extinguishers shall be required ~~only in special hazard areas~~ as designated by the fire code official.

CHAPTER 22
MOTOR FUEL-DISPENSING STATIONS AND REPAIR GARAGES

SECTION 2211
REPAIR GARAGES

2211.9 Disposal of Waste. Proof of proper disposal of flammable, combustible, or other hazardous waste including vehicle fluids, gases, and rubber tires shall be required, in the form of signed contracts, receipts or other such form as the fire official may accept, with approved certified disposal companies or waste haulers.

CHAPTER 33
EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS

SECTION 3301
GENERAL

3301.1.3.1 **Local Fireworks Regulation.**

A person shall not manufacture, store, offer or expose for sale, sell at retail, discharge or possess any fireworks in violation of this code.

SECTION TWO: That the following be added as Section 3309:

SECTION 3309
LOCAL FIREWORKS REGULATIONS

3309.1 **Displays**

All private displays of consumer-type fireworks, devices known as "ground and handheld sparkling devices" or "novelties", shall comply with this section.

Exceptions:

1. Where approved by the Fire Code Official
 2. Small novelties and caps that are by nature of minimal consequence such as party poppers, cap guns, and similar products.
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1. No pyrotechnic device shall be ignited or used on any public street, thoroughfare, alley, parking lot, public sidewalk or walkway, City parks, public way or similar area.
 2. No pyrotechnic device shall be ignited or used on private property without the owner's permission.
 3. No pyrotechnic device shall be ignited or used beneath overhead objects, structures, or combustible material.

4. No pyrotechnic device shall be ignited or used within fifteen (15') feet of any structure or vehicle.
5. No pyrotechnic device shall be ignited or used in areas deemed a fire hazard, such as dry grasses, fields, storage areas, and similar hazard sites.
6. No pyrotechnic device shall be ignited or used in a manner in which the sparks or discharge are a hazard to any combustible material.
7. No pyrotechnic device shall be used inside an enclosed area including but not limited to structures, buildings, porches and vehicles.
8. All pyrotechnic devices must be used in accordance with the directions on the device.

3309.2 Sales and Storage

~~Sales and storage associated with sales shall conform to this section.~~

Exceptions: ~~1. Where approved by the Fire Code Official~~

- ~~2. Less than twenty five (25) pounds total weight of small novelties and caps, such as party poppers, paper caps for cap guns, bangsite cannon chemical, and similar low hazard products.~~

3309.2.1.1 Tent, Canopy and Outside Sales

~~Legal fireworks may be displayed and sold in tents, canopies, or other temporary structures that are erected in compliance with the City Fire and Building Code. All fireworks must comply with APA Standard 87-1 for "toy caps", "novelties", or "ground and hand-held sparkling devices."~~

~~The distance from the edge of the tent or canopy to any building shall be a minimum of fifty (50) feet.~~

~~The distance from the edge of any tent to a public way, lot line or other hazard shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet.~~

~~Fireworks must be monitored at all times during sale hours.~~

~~Fireworks must be safely secured at all other times.~~

~~No sales are permitted to persons under the age of eighteen (18) unless accompanied by an adult.~~

3309.2.2 All Stores (Not to include Tents and Canopies)

All displays, stock and storage must be kept inaccessible to the public.

No storage permitted in a basement.

All fireworks must comply with APA Standard 87-1 for "toy caps", "novelties", or "ground and hand-held sparkling devices."

Fireworks shall not be located in any manner that is a fire hazard or restrict egress from the occupancy.

No sales are permitted to persons under the age of eighteen (18) unless accompanied by an adult.

3309.2.2.1 Stores Larger than 5,000 Square Feet

Sales and storage is restricted to five hundred (500) pounds of total package and product weight unless controlled areas are constructed in compliance with the International Building Code. This amount may be doubled if the building is equipped with an approved fire sprinkler system meeting Ordinary Hazard Group 2 density.

3309.2.2.2 Stores Smaller than 5,000 Square Feet

Sales and Storage is restricted to one hundred (100) pounds of total package and product weight or fifty (50) cubic feet.

SECTION THREE: That the geographic limits referred to in certain sections of the 2009 International Fire Code are hereby established as follows:

CHAPTER 34 **FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS**

SECTION 3404 **STORAGE**

3404.2.9.6.1 Locations Where Above-Ground Tanks are Prohibited. Storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the City of Allentown.

Exception: This provision shall not apply when it is determined by the fire code official that the container does not constitute a hazard and the container is installed in compliance with this chapter.

SECTION 3406 **SPECIAL OPERATIONS**

3406.2.4.4 Locations Where Above-Ground Tanks are Prohibited. The storage of Class I and II

liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited within the City of Allentown.

Exception: This Provision shall not apply when it is determined by the fire code official that the container does not constitute a hazard and the container is installed in compliance with this chapter.

CHAPTER 35
FLAMMABLE GASES AND FLAMMABLE CRYOGENIC FLUIDS

SECTION 3506
STORAGE

3506.2 Location. Storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings is prohibited within the City of Allentown.

Exception: This provision shall not apply when it is determined by the fire code official that the container does not constitute a hazard and the container is installed in compliance with this chapter and national standards.

CHAPTER 46
CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

4603.4.3 High Rise Buildings. An automatic fire suppression system shall be installed throughout every existing high-rise building.

4603.4.4 Windowless Stories. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in existing occupancies per Section 903.2.11 of this code.

4603.5 Standpipes. Existing structures with occupied floors located more than 50 feet (15 240 mm) four (4) stories above or below the lowest level of Fire Department access shall be equipped with standpipes installed in accordance with Section 905. The standpipes shall have an *approved* fire department connection with hose connections at each floor level above or below the lowest level of Fire Department access. The *fire code official* is authorized to approve the installation of manual standpipe systems to achieve compliance with this section where the responding Fire Department is capable of providing the required hose flow at the highest standpipe outlet.

4603.6.5 Fire Alarm and Detection Systems

~~**4603.6.5.2 Group R-1 boarding and rooming houses manual fire alarm system.** A manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.6 shall be installed in existing Group R-1 boarding and rooming houses.~~

Exception: Buildings less than two stories in height where all *sleeping units*, attics and crawl spaces are separated by 1-hour fire-resistance-rated construction and each *sleeping unit* has direct access to a *public way, exit court* or yard.

4603.6.5.2.1 Group R-1 boarding and rooming houses automatic smoke detection system. An automatic smoke detection system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.6 shall be installed in existing Group R-1 boarding and rooming houses throughout all interior *corridors* serving *sleeping units* not equipped with an *approved, supervised sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.

Exception: Buildings equipped with single station smoke alarms meeting or exceeding the requirements of Section 907.2.10.1 and where the fire alarm system includes at least one manual fire alarm box per floor arranged to initiate an alarm.

4603.6.6 Group R-2. An automatic or manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.6 shall be installed in existing Group R-2 occupancies more than three (3) stories in height or with more than sixteen (16) *dwelling or sleeping units*.

Exceptions:

1. Where each living unit is separated from other contiguous living units by *fire barriers* having a *fire resistance rating* of not less than 0.75 hour, and where each living unit has either its own *Independent exit* or its own independent stairway or ramp discharging at grade.

2. A separate fire alarm system is not required in buildings that are equipped throughout with an *approved supervised automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2 and having a local alarm to notify all occupants

3. A fire alarm system is not required in buildings that do not have interior *corridors* serving *dwelling units* and are protected by an *approved automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2, provided that *dwelling units* either have a *means of egress* door opening directly to an exterior *exit access* that leads directly to the *exits* or are served by open ended *corridors* designed in accordance with Section 1023.6, Exception 4.

4603.6.7 Group R-4. An automatic or manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.6 shall be installed in existing Group R-4 residential care/assisted living facilities in accordance with Section 907.2.10.

Exceptions:

1. Where there are interconnected smoke alarms meeting the requirements of Section 907.2.11 and there is at least one manual fire alarm box per floor arranged to continuously sound the smoke alarms.

2. Other manually activated, continuously sounding alarms *approved by the fire code official*.

~~4603.7 Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms.~~ Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed in existing Group R occupancies and in *dwelling*s not classified as Group R in accordance with Sections 4603.7.1 through 4603.7.3.

~~4603.7.1 Where required.~~ Existing Group R occupancies and *dwelling*s not classified as Group R occupancies, but in use as either permanent or temporary Group R housing or shelters, not already provided with single-station smoke alarms shall be provided with single-station smoke alarms. Installation shall be in accordance with Section 907.2.10, except as provided in Sections 4603.7.2 and 4603.7.3. a fire safety review performed by the Fire Code Official.

~~4603.7.2 Interconnection.~~ Where more than one smoke alarm is required to be installed within an individual *dwelling* or *sleeping unit*, the smoke alarms shall be interconnected in such a manner that the activation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual unit. The alarm shall be clearly audible in all bedrooms over background noise levels with all intervening doors closed.

Exceptions:

~~1. Interconnection is not required in buildings that are not undergoing alterations, repairs or construction of any kind.~~

~~2. Smoke alarms in existing areas are not required to be interconnected where alterations or repairs do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available which could provide access for interconnection without the removal of interior finishes.~~

~~4603.7.3 Power source.~~ Single-station smoke alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring provided that such wiring is served from a commercial source and shall be equipped with a battery backup. Smoke alarms with integral strobes that are not equipped with battery backup shall be connected to an emergency electrical system. Smoke alarms shall emit a signal when the batteries are low. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than as required for overcurrent protection.

Exceptions:

~~1. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated: in existing buildings where no construction is taking place.~~

~~2. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in buildings that are not served from a commercial power source.~~

~~3. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in existing areas of buildings undergoing alterations or repairs that do not result in the removal of interior walls or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available which could provide access for building wiring without the removal of interior finishes.~~

4603.8 Required smoke detection

A. Single family buildings. In all single family residential buildings smoke detectors shall be

required in each sleeping room, in the immediate area outside of each sleeping room and on every story of the dwelling unit, including basements. Smoke detectors may be battery operated.

B. 2 to 12 unit residential buildings. In two (2) to twelve (12) unit residential buildings interconnected smoke detectors shall be required in common public use areas such as halls, corridors, stairways, stair towers, lobbies, basements or similar common areas.

B.1. Approved smoke detectors shall be required in each sleeping room, in the immediate area outside of each sleeping room, and on each floor level, including the basement. Smoke detectors inside dwelling units may be battery-operated. Smoke detection in common areas are required to be connected to the common area system and must be hard-wired with battery back-up.

C. 13 or more unit residential buildings. Any building containing thirteen (13) or more residential units ~~must comply with the most recently adopted International Fire Code.~~ have an approved automatic fire alarm installed in all-common areas. The fire alarm shall meet the standards set forth in NFPA National Fire Code 72, as referenced by this code.

C.1. Approved smoke detectors shall be required in each sleeping room, in the immediate area outside of each sleeping room, and on each floor level, including the basement. Smoke detectors inside dwelling units may be battery-operated. Smoke detection in common areas are required to be connected to the common area system and must be hard-wired with battery back-up.

D. Mixed use buildings. In mixed use buildings containing any non-residential use and any residential unit(s) interconnected smoke detectors shall be required serving the non-residential use(s), and common use areas such as halls, corridors, stairways, stair towers, lobbies, basements or similar common areas.

D.1. Approved smoke detectors shall be required in each sleeping room, in the immediate area outside of each sleeping room, and on each floor level, including the basement. Smoke detectors inside dwelling units may be battery-operated. Smoke detection in common areas are required to be connected to the common area system and must be hard-wired with battery back-up.

E. Occupancies in use as temporary or permanent shelters and in use a dwellings or sleeping units, must have approved smoke detection installed to protect the occupants.

~~EXCEPTION 1: Buildings that comply with the currently adopted International Fire Prevention Code and were constructed or converted by alteration to a different use and occupancy by meeting the standards of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code or prior Building Codes adopted by the City of Allentown.~~

EXCEPTION 2: Buildings that are sprinklered in a manner approved by the International Fire Prevention Code, as amended, will be permitted the following exceptions:

A. Common public use area smoke detection is not required ~~other than in the basement.~~

B. Smoke detectors will not be retroactively required inside sleeping rooms, providing that an approved smoke detector is installed in the immediate vicinity outside each sleeping room. This exception does not apply to rooming units or similar sleeping units. All dwelling units must have at least one

approved smoke detector installed inside that unit.

NOTE: Immediate area outside each sleeping room shall mean approximately fifteen (15) linear feet.

NOTE: The smoke detector(s) installed to protect the area outside of each sleeping room satisfies the requirement of one smoke detector per floor within that unit.

SECTION FOUR: The City of Allentown hereby designates the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety and the Fire Department to administer this Ordinance.

SECTION FIVE: If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this Ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision or decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION SIX: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION SEVEN: That this Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after passage by Allentown City Council and signed by the Mayor.

The following amendment was approved, 7 – 0.

Retaining (not striking) subparagraph 8 in Section 3309.1 (Displays)

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on November 3rd and signed by the Mayor on November 5, 2010.

Michael F. Hurley

CITY CLERK

- What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Fire Department

- Summary and Facts of the Bill

The adoption of the International Fire Code would allow the Fire Prevention Division of the Allentown Fire Department to continue to perform its duties as charged through the Third Class City Code. The International Fire Code was originally adopted by City Council in July of 2004. The Fire Code is revised every three years and should be adopted on the same time schedule. We are currently one year behind on this current edition of the Code. The International Fire Code allows municipalities to amend sections of the Code to meet the needs of the individual municipalities with respect to specific or common hazards within their jurisdiction.

- Purpose
 - What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish

The Bill allows the City of Allentown and the Allentown Fire department to continue to establish Fire Permits, Fire Inspections and Fire Code Enforcement to prevent fire fatalities, property loss due to fire and other unsafe conditions that may result in fire or death.

- What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this

The benefits include a reduction in Fire Fatalities and property loss due to fire. There is no downside to adopting this Bill

- How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities

The Bill relates to the Cities vision and mission to provide a safe City for all who live, work and visit the City of Allentown. It has always been the City of Allentown's priority, as well as that of every elected official, to provide laws that ensure measures are taken to provide a safe environment for its citizens and visitors to live, work and play.

- Financial Impact
 - Cost (Initial and ongoing)

No Initial cost, on-going cost of the Fire Prevention Division of the Allentown Department.

- Benefits (initial and on-going)

Allows the City of Allentown and the Allentown Fire Department to establish Fire Permit and Fire Inspection fees, to recover the cost of the Fire Code enforcement efforts.

- Funding Sources
Make sure bill gives specific accounts if money is moved around

Fire Budget – General Fund

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any

We are one year late with this adoption, needed ASAP

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

For all the reasons as stated above.