

**CITY OF LOVES PARK**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 4682-25**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-106 AND 42-109  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
OF CITY OF LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS  
(FIRE CODE)**

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**ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS, THIS  
17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025**

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Robert J. Burden, City Clerk

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OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOVES PARK**

**WHEREAS**, Sections 42-106 and 42-109 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Loves Park regulate and govern the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling or use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Loves Park desires to ensure public safety in such buildings and structures; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to amend said sections.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVES PARK, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION ONE: Sec. 42-106 of the Loves Park City Code is hereby rescinded and replaced to reads as follows:**

The International Fire Code, 2021 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, including Appendices B, C, D, F and H, and the National Fire Protection Association's National Fire Code, updated yearly, be and are hereby adopted as the *Fire Code* of the City of Loves Park, in the State of Illinois regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises as herein provided; providing for the issuance or permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the City of Loves Park are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if full set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes prescribed in Section Two of this ordinance.

**SECTION TWO: Sec. 42-106.1 is hereby rescinded and replaced to read as follows:**

**Section 42-107 Amendments to the Fire Code.**

**The International Fire Code Edition 2021 amended as follows:**

**(1) Section 101.1 is amended as follows:**

**101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the *Fire Code* of the City of Loves Park, State of Illinois, hereinafter referred to as such or as "this code".

**(2) Section 105.1.1.1 is added as follows:**

**105.1.1.1. Operational permit fee.** The permit fees for an operational permit in accordance with section 105.6 shall equal one percent (1%) of the operation, with a minimum fee of \$25.00 and a maximum fee of \$500.00 per operation. Flammable and combustible liquid tanks will be \$100.00 per tank.

**(3) Section 107.4 is deleted and replaced as follows:**

**107.4 Work commencing before permit issuance.** When a permit is required by this code, and any operation or work is started or proceeded with, prior to obtaining said permit, the fees established in Section 105.1.1.1 shall be doubled and not less than \$250.00. This penalty may be waived by the fire code official if the person in violation has not obtained a permit in the last year and is the owner of the property. For the second offense within a twelve (12) month period, starting or proceeding with the work prior to obtaining a permit, the fees established in Section 105.1.1.1 shall be doubled and not less than \$500.00 plus an additional fee of \$500.00 shall be paid for each day work continued without said permit. For the third such instance within a twelve (12) month period, the fees established in Section 105.1.1.1 shall be tripled and not less than \$750.00 plus an additional fee of \$750.00 shall be paid for each day work continued without said permit. For the fourth such instance within a twelve (12) month period, the offender shall be prosecuted by the City of Loves Park Legal Department as permitted by state law. The payment of such fees shall not relieve any person from complying with the requirements of this code and the execution of the operation or work, nor from any penalties prescribed herein.

**(4) Section 112.2.1 is added as follows:**

**112.2.1 Debris as nuisance.** Debris remaining at the scene of a fire after the site has been released by the fire department shall constitute a nuisance. The property owner shall be notified of said nuisance and, if not rectified to standards established by the fire inspectors, said debris shall be removed by the city or its duly authorized agent. Costs for removal shall become a lien against the property, or may include other actions permitted by law.

**(5) Section 202 is amended by adding the following definitions:**

**Section 202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

**OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION.** For the purposes of this code, certain occupancies are defined as follows:

**Assembly Group A is amended by deleting and replacing as follows:**

**Assembly Group A.** Group A occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for the gathering together of persons for purposes such as civic, social or religious functions, recreations, food or drink consumption or awaiting transportation. A room or space used for assembly purposes by less than 50 persons and 750 square feet or less shall be included as a part of that occupancy.

Assembly occupancies shall include the following:

(The remainder of this definition remains unchanged.)

**STRUCTURE.** That which is built or constructed or portion thereof. This shall include all buildings, but shall not include any other structures which are within a public right-of-way.

**(6) Section 307.1.1 is deleted and replaced as follows:**

**307.1.1 Prohibited open burning.** Open burning shall be prohibited.

**Exceptions:** Where approved by the local jurisdiction.

**(7) Section 307.1.2 is added as follows:**

**307.1.2 Materials.** Fuel for all recreational fires and bonfires shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and other material approved by the fire code official. The fire shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants.

**(8) Section 307.4.1.1 is added as follows:**

**307.4.1.1 Permit.** All permits, required by section 105.6.31, shall be requested by and issued to the owner of the land upon which the bonfire is to be kindled.

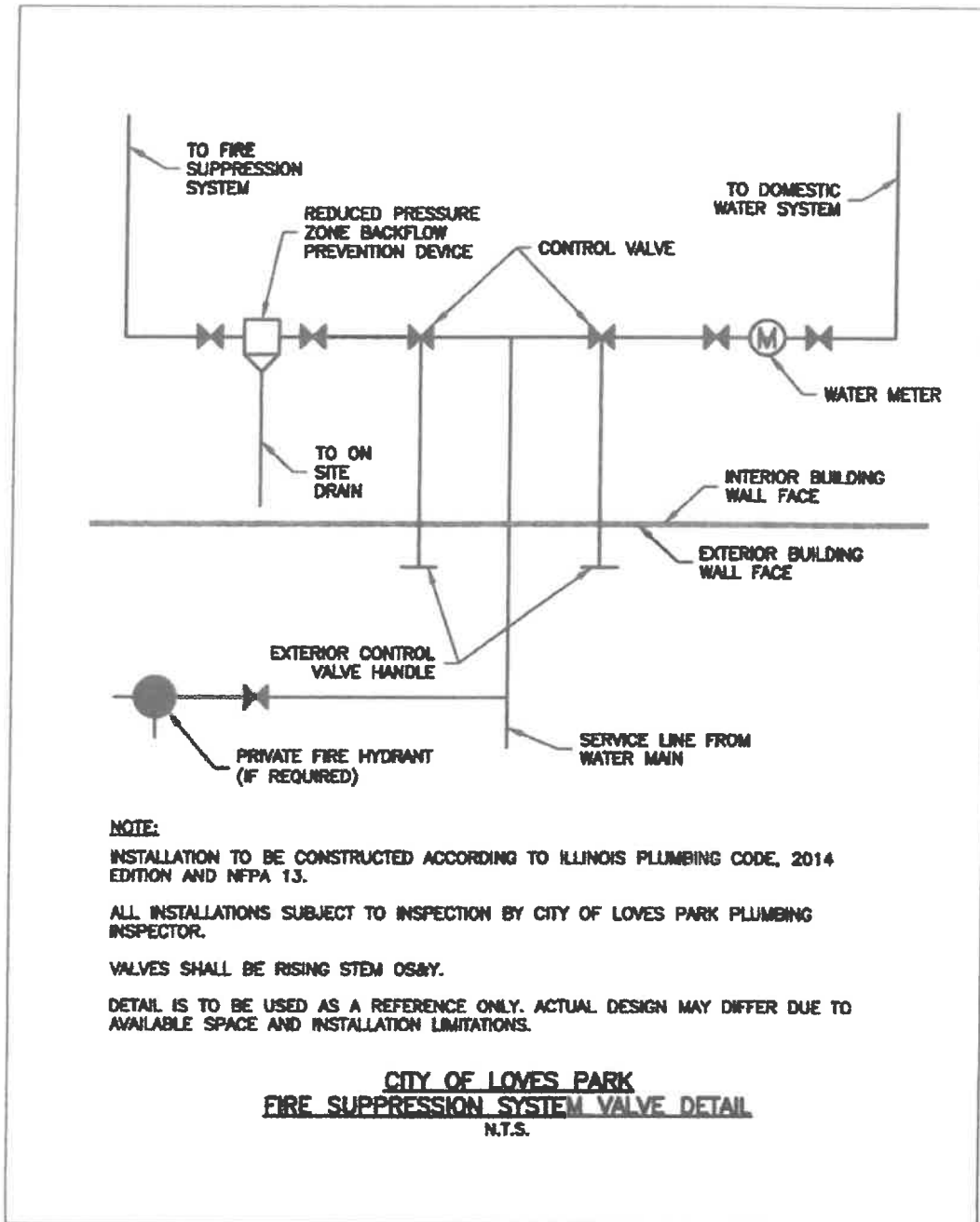
**(9) Section 505.3 is added as follows:**

**505.3 Strip malls.** When a strip mall has multiple tenant spaces and a dedicated sprinkler control/fire alarm room, the room shall have its own street address.

**(10) Section 507.2.3 shall be added as follows:**

**507.2.3 Combination fire and domestic water service lateral installation.**

- (1) All combination fire and domestic water service lateral connections to the city water system shall be constructed to comply with the current Illinois Plumbing Code, NFPA 13, and comply with standards set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health for public water supplies.
- (2) Should a newly constructed structure require fire suppression in addition to domestic water service, the service lateral shall be a combination fire and domestic service line designed for compliance with current Illinois Plumbing Code, NFPA 13, and Illinois Department of Public Health standards.
- (3) Should an existing building require installation of a fire service lateral, the domestic water service line shall be installed on the fire service line no further than 12 inches from the fire service control valve on the interior of the structure being served. Should modifications requiring a City of Loves Park plumbing permit be made to an existing building with separate fire and domestic water services that is not in compliance with current Illinois Plumbing Code, NFPA 13, and Illinois Department of Public Health standards, the service shall be upgraded to meet minimum standards.
- (4) Where buildings have a combination fire and domestic water service, exterior control valves shall be mounted on the building and easily located with appropriate signage and coloring notating what service the valves control.
- (5) All plans and specifications for the installation of a combination fire and domestic water service system shall be submitted to the city for approval prior to installation.
- (6) Exterior control valves for buildings requiring a combination fire and domestic water service shall be rising stem OS&Y NIBCO control valves or approved equal with written authority from the water superintendent. See City of Loves Park fire suppression system valve detail below.



(11) Section 901.4.2.1 is added as follows:

**901.4.2.1 Discontinuance of use.** All non-required fire protection systems shall be approved for discontinuance upon written approval of both the fire code official and the building code official after inspection of the premises and system.

**(12) Section 903.2.11.1 number 3. is added as follows:**

**903.2.11.1 Stories without openings.**

3. An interior stairway that conforms to requirements of Section 1005 with a fire separation assembly enclosure of not less than 1 hour, which has a door directly to the exterior and the stairway does not connect more than 2 stories. The basement or windowless story floor level shall be 15 feet (4572 mm) or less vertically from the exterior door threshold level and the door threshold shall be within 10 feet (3048 mm) of grade. Interior stair doors or openings shall be provided in each 50 linear feet (15240 mm) or fraction thereof on at least one side of the basement or windowless story.

**(13) Section 903.3.9 is added as follows:**

**903.3.9 Interior control valves.** The fire code official may require interior control valves to be installed to isolate occupancies that share a fire suppression system. Where valves are installed in a system, valves shall be supervised or locked in the “open” position.

**(14) Section 903.3.10 is added as follows:**

**903.3.10 Exterior Control valves.** All exterior fire suppression control valves shall have an exterior Indicator Valve (PIV or WPIV) provided in a location approved by the fire code official. Valves shall be locked in the “open position”.

**(15) 903.4.2.1 is added as follows:**

**903.4.2.1 Strip malls.** Strip malls shall provide individual tenant space notification to comply with IFC 907.1.

**(16) 907.1.2.1 is added as follows:**

**907.1.2.1 Qualifications.** Shop drawings for fire alarm systems shall be prepared by one of the following:

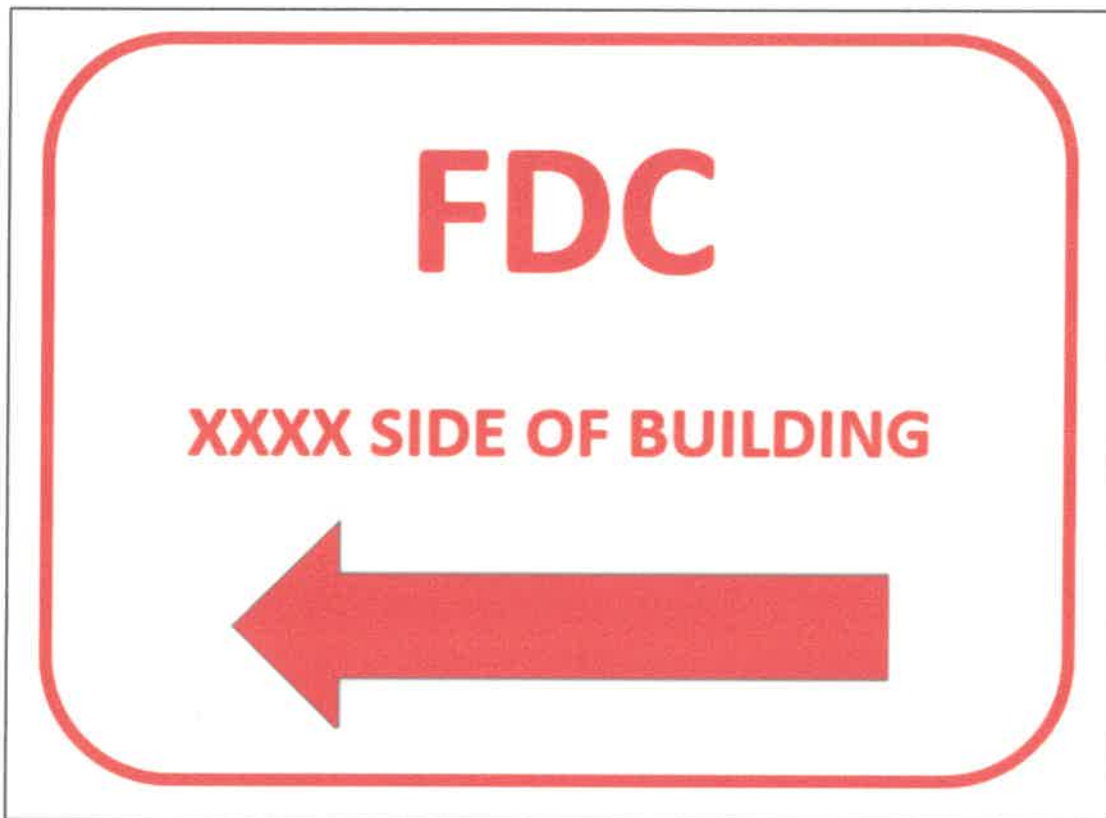
- (1) An Illinois licensed Professional Engineer with formal training in fire alarm layout/design.
- (2) A holder of a valid NICET level III or higher certification in Fire Alarm System Layout, who is either employed by or hired by the fire alarm installation contractor.

**(17) Section 907.1.4 is added as follows:**

**907.1.4 Strip malls.** Fire alarm systems shall be capable of identifying a fire alarm device activation or waterflow device activation in each tenant space. An audio/visual device shall be provided at the front entrance to each tenant space to identify the location of an activated device(s).

**(18) Section 912.2.2 is amended as follows:**

**912.2.2 Existing buildings.** On existing buildings, wherever the fire department connection is not visible to approaching fire apparatus, the fire department connection shall be indicated by an *approved* sign mounted on the street front or on the side of the building. **Such sign shall be reflective and constructed of material designed to resist weathering. The sign shall have a white background with all lettering and graphics red in color.** Such sign shall have the letters “FDC” not less than 6 inches (152 mm) high and words in letters not less than 2 inches (51 mm) high or an arrow to indicate the location **not less than 3 inches (75 mm) high**. Such signs shall be subject to the approval of the fire code official.



**(19) Section 912.6 is deleted and replaced as follows:**

**912.6 Backflow protection.** A water supply serving a fire suppression system shall be protected against backflow with a Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) backflow device and comply with the requirements of *Illinois Plumbing Code*.

**(20) Section 1008.3.3 Rooms and Spaces is amended as follows:**

**1008.3.3 Rooms and Spaces.** In the event of power supply failure, an emergency electrical system shall automatically illuminate all of the following areas:

1. Electrical equipment rooms
2. Fire command centers
3. Fire pump rooms
4. Generator rooms
5. All bathrooms

**(21) Sections 1205.2.1.1 through 1205.2.1.3 are deleted and replaced as follows:**

**1205.2.1.1 Roof access points.** Roof access points shall be located in areas that do not require the placement of ground ladders over openings such as windows or doors, and located at strong points of building construction in locations where the access point does not conflict with overhead obstructions such as tree limbs, wires or signs.

**1205.2.1.2 Hip roof layouts.** Panels and modules installed on *dwelling*s with hip roof layouts shall be located in a manner that provides a clear access pathway not less than 3 feet (914 mm) in width from the eave to the ridge on each roof slope where panels and modules are located. The access pathway shall be located at a structurally strong location on the building capable of supporting the live load of fire fighters accessing the roof.

**1205.2.1.3 Single ridge roofs.** Panels and modules installed on *dwelling*s with a single ridge shall be located in a manner that provides two, 3-foot-wide (914 mm) access pathways from the eave to the ridge on each roof slope where panels or modules are located.

**1205.2.1.4 Roofs with hips and valleys.** Panels and modules installed on *dwelling*s with roof hips or valleys shall not be located less than 18 inches (457 mm) from a hip or valley where panels or modules are to be placed on both sides of a hip or valley. Where panels are to be located on one side only of a hip or valley that is of equal length, the 18-inch (457 mm) clearance does not apply.

**1205.2.1.5 Allowance for smoke ventilation operations.**

Panels and modules installed on *dwelling*s shall not be located less than 3 feet (914 mm) below the roof ridge to allow for fire department smoke ventilation operations.

**(23) Section 5608.1 is amended as follows:**

**5608.1 General.** Outdoor fireworks displays, use of pyrotechnics before a *proximate audience* and pyrotechnic special effects in motion picture, television, theatrical and group entertainments productions shall comply with Section 5608.2 through 5608.10 and NFPA 1123, 1126 and all requirements of the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

- (24) Appendix B “Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings” is added as part of this Code.**
- (25) Appendix C “Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution” is added as part of this Code.**
- (26) Appendix D “Fire Apparatus Roads” is added as part of this Code.**
- (27) Appendix F “Hazard Ranking” is added as part of this Code.**
- (28) Appendix H “Hazardous Materials Management Plan (HMMP) and Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement (HMIS) Instructions” is added as part of this Code.**

**SECTION THREE:** The Provisions and Sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

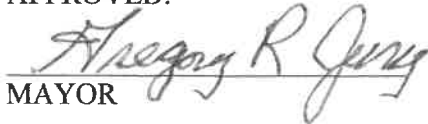
**SECTION FOUR:** All ordinances, resolutions, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION FIVE:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effective on April 1, 2025.

**SECTION SIX:** A full, true, and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published within 10 days after its passage in pamphlet form by and under the authority of the Corporate Authorities.

Dated: February 17, 2025

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

ATTESTED:

  
CITY CLERK

**PASSED: February 17, 2025, 9 Ayes, (Aldermen Owens, John Jacobson, Little, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes, Schlensker) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton)**

**APPROVED: February 20, 2025**

**PUBLISHED: In pamphlet form February 20, 2025 as required by Ordinance.**

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO    )  
CITY OF LOVES PARK        )

**CERTIFICATE**

I, **ROBERT J. BURDEN**, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Loves Park, Winnebago County, Illinois. I further certify that on February 17, 2025, the Corporate Authorities passed Ordinance No. 4682-25, entitled "An Ordinance Amending Sections 42-106 and 42-109 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Loves Park, Illinois (Fire Code)," and by its terms, that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 4682-24, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on February 20, 2025, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such ordinance were also available for public inspection, upon request, in the office of the municipal clerk.

Dated at Loves Park, Illinois, this February 20, 2025.

  
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Robert J. Burden, City Clerk