

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15 ARTICLE 15-6, “FUEL GAS CODE”, TO TITLE IT “MECHANICAL CODE” AND TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, 2024 EDITION, AS THE CITY OF COPPELL MECHANICAL CODE; PROVIDING AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE 2024 EDITION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; EXCEPT HOWEVER, WHERE A DIFFERENT PENALTY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW FOR SUCH OFFENSE WHICH IS A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF LAW THAT GOVERNS FIRE SAFETY, ZONING, OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION, INCLUDING DUMPING OF REFUSE, THE PENALTY SHALL BE A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Coppel Code of Ordinances be, and the same is, hereby amended by amending Chapter 15, Article 15-6, “Mechanical Code”, in part to adopt the International Mechanical Code, 2024 Edition, and all appendices, with amendments to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 15-6. MECHANICAL CODE**

**Sec. 15-6-1. Mechanical Code - Adopted.**

There is hereby adopted the International Mechanical Code, 2024 Edition, and made a part hereof for all purposes, the same as if fully copied in full herein, with the exception of such sections hereof, which are hereafter deleted, modified or amended.

**Sec. 15-6-2. Amendments.**

The following sections of the International Mechanical Code, 2024 Edition, are hereby amended to read as follows:

**1. Amend Section 101.1: Title to read as Follows:**

[A] 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the *Mechanical Code* of the City of Coppell, hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

**2. Amend Section 306.3, to read as follows:**

**306.3 Appliances in attics.** Attics containing appliances requiring *access* shall be provided . . . *{bulk of paragraph unchanged}* . . . side of the appliance. The clear *access* opening dimensions shall be a minimum of 20 inches by 30 inches (508 mm by 762 mm), or larger where such dimensions are not large enough to allow removal of the largest appliance. A walkway to an appliance shall be rated as a floor as approved by the building official. As a minimum, for *access* to the attic space, provide one of the following:

1. A permanent stair.
2. A pull-down stair with a minimum 300 lb. (136 kg) capacity.
3. An *access* door from an upper floor level.
4. *Access* Panel may be used in lieu of items 1, 2, and 3 with prior approval of the code official due to building conditions.

**Exceptions:**

1. The passageway and level service space are not required where the appliance is capable of being serviced and removed... *{remainder of section unchanged}*

**SECTION 2.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or work in this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Coppell, Texas hereby declares it would have enacted such remaining portions despite any such invalidity.

**SECTION 3.** That the repeal of any ordinance or any portion thereof by the preceding sections shall not affect or impair any act done or right vested or accrued or any proceeding, suit or prosecution had or commenced in any cause before such repeal shall take effect; but every such

act done, or right vested or accrued, or proceedings, suit or prosecution had or commenced shall remain in full force and effect to all intents or purposes as if such ordinance or part thereof so repealed shall remain in force.

**SECTION 4.** That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or the Code of Ordinances as amended hereby, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Coppell, Texas, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, except where a different penalty has been established by State law for such offense, the penalty shall be that fixed by State law, and for any offense which is a violation of any provision of law that governs fire safety, zoning or public health and sanitation, including dumping of refuse, the penalty shall be fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense; and each and every day such offense is continued shall constitute a new and separate offense.

**SECTION 5.** That this ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

**DULY PASSED by the City Council of Coppell, Texas, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

**APPROVED:**

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**WES MAYS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ASHLEY OWENS, CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**ROBERT HAGER, CITY ATTORNEY**