

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 15-8, “RESIDENTIAL; CODE”, TO TITLE IT “FUEL GAS CODE”, AND TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, 2024 EDITION, AS THE CITY OF COPPELL FUEL GAS CODE; PROVIDING AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS 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.

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

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coppel, Texas be, and the same is, hereby amended by amending Chapter 15, Article 15-8, “Fuel Gas Code”, in part to adopt the International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 Edition, and all appendices, with amendments to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 15-8. FUEL GAS CODE”

Section 15-8-1 Fuel Gas Code – Adopted.

There is hereby adopted the International Fuel Gas 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. 15-8-2 Amendments.

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

1. Amend Section 101.1, to read as follows:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fuel Gas Code of the City of Coppell, hereinafter referred to as “this code”.

6. Amend Section 306.3 and exceptions, to read as follows:

306.3 Appliances in Attics. Attics containing appliances requiring access shall be provided . . . {bulk of paragraph unchanged} . . . from the opening to the appliance. The passageway shall have continuous unobstructed solid flooring not less than 24 inches (610 mm) wide. A level service space not less than 30 inches (762 mm) deep and 30 inches (762 mm) wide shall be present at the front or service side of the equipment. 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, access to the attic space shall be provided by 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 structural conditions.

Exceptions:

1. The passageway and level service space are not required where the appliance is capable of being serviced and removed through the required opening.
2. Where the passageway is not less than 6 feet (1829 mm) high for its entire length, the passageway shall not be greater than 50 feet (15250 mm) in length.

3. Amend Section 306 by adding Section 306.7 with an exception and subsection 306.7.1 to read as follows:

306.7 Water heaters above ground or floor. When the attic, roof, mezzanine or platform in which a water heater is installed is more than eight (8) feet (2438 mm) above the ground or floor level, it shall be made accessible by a stairway or permanent ladder fastened to the building.

Exception: A max 10 gallon water heater (or larger when approved by the code official) is capable of being accessed through a lay-in ceiling and a water heater is installed is not more than ten (10) feet (3048 mm) above the ground or floor level and may be reached with a portable ladder.

4. Amend Section 401.5 by adding a second paragraph to read as follows:

Both ends of each section of medium pressure corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) shall identify its operating gas pressure with an approved tag. The tags are to be composed of aluminum or stainless steel and the following wording shall be stamped into the tag: "WARNING 1/2 to 5 psi gas pressure Do Not Remove."

5. Amend Section 402.3 by adding an exception to read as follows:

Exception: Corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) shall be a minimum of 1/2" (18 EHD).

6. Amend Section 404.12, to read as follows:

404.12 Minimum Burial Depth. Underground piping systems shall be installed a minimum depth of 18 inches (458 mm) to top of pipe below grade

7. Amend Section 404.12.1 to read as follows:

404.12.1 Individual outside appliances. Individual lines to outside lights, grills or other appliances shall be installed a minimum of 12 inches (203 mm) to top of pipe below finished grade, provided that such installation is approved and is installed in locations not susceptible to physical damage.

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:

WES MAYS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASHLEY OWENS, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROBERT HAGER, CITY ATTORNEY