

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 15-7, “ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE”, TO TITLE IT “PLUMBING CODE” ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, 2024 EDITION, AS THE CITY OF COPPELL PLUMBING CODE; PROVIDING AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING 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 Coppell, Texas be, and the same is, hereby amended by amending Chapter 15, Article 15-7 in part to adopt the International Plumbing Code, 2024 Edition, and all appendices, with amendments to read as follows:

“ARTICLE 15-7. PLUMBING CODE”

Sec. 15-7-1 International Plumbing Code – Adopted.

There is hereby adopted the International Plumbing 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. 15-7-2. Amendments.

The following sections of the International Plumbing 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 *Plumbing Code* of the City of Coppell, hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

2. Adopt a new Section 305.6.1, to read as follows:

305.6.1 Sewer Depth. Building sewers shall be a minimum of 12 inches (304 mm) below grade.

3. Insert new Sections 312.12 and 312.12.1, to read as follows:

312.12 Annual Backflow Assembly Inspections. Annual inspections shall be made of all backflow prevention assemblies and air gaps to determine whether they are operable. The property owner is responsible to insure that testing is being performed.

312.12.1 Testing. Reduced pressure principle backflow preventer assemblies, double check-valve assemblies, double detector-check valve assemblies and pressure vacuum breaker assemblies shall be tested at the time of installation, immediately after repairs or relocation and at least annually. The testing procedure shall be performed in accordance with applicable local provisions. The property owner is responsible to ensure that testing is done in accordance with one of the following standards: (list of standards unchanged)

4. Amend Section 413.4, to read as follows:

412.4 Required location for floor drains. Floor drains shall be installed in the following areas.

1. In public coin-operated laundries and in the central washing facilities of multiple family dwellings, the rooms containing automatic clothes washers shall be provided with floor drains located to readily drain the entire floor area. Such drains shall have a minimum outlet of not less than 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter.

2. Commercial kitchens. In lieu of floor drains in commercial kitchens, the code official may accept floor sinks.
3. Public restrooms.

5. Amend Section 502.3 to read as follows:

502.3 Appliances in attics. Attics containing a water heater shall be provided . . . {bulk of paragraph unchanged} . . . side of the water heater. The clear access opening dimensions shall be not less than 20 inches by 30 inches (508 mm by 762 mm), where such dimensions are large enough to allow removal of the water heater. 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.

6. Adopt a new Section 502.6 and 502.6.1 to read as follows:

502.6 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 with approval) 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.

7. Amend Sections 1003.3.1 and 1003.3.1.1, to read as follows:

1003.3.1 Grease Interceptors and Automatic Grease Removal Devices required. All food establishments having a food waste disposal or a discharge of more than 50 gallons per minute shall discharge into a grease interceptor of at least 750-gallon capacity. Establishments with a discharge of 50 gallons per minute or less shall discharge into at least a 100-lb. size grease

trap. An approved grease trap or interceptor complying with the provisions of this section shall be installed in the waste line leading from sinks, drains and other fixtures or equipment in establishments such as restaurants, cafes, lunch counters, cafeterias, bars and clubs, hotel, hospital, factory or school kitchen, or other establishments where grease may be introduced into the drainage or sewage system in quantities that can affect line stoppage or hinder sewage treatment or private disposal.

1003.3.1.1 Engineered Design. Interceptors required by Section 1003.3.1, 1003.3.4 and 1003.4.2 shall be designed and sized by a Texas-license professional engineer.

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