

**First Reading: July 9, 2024**  
**Second Reading: July 16, 2024**

ORDINANCE NO. 14135

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10-3(f) RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE REGARDING MANDATORY SPRINKLER REQUIREMENTS.

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WHEREAS, Tennessee law was recently amended to allow the State Fire Marshal and local governments to amend their adopted building codes for three-family dwellings and four-family dwellings subject to certain conditions regarding mandatory sprinkler requirements; and

WHEREAS, local governments may adopt amended building codes to include three-family and four-family dwellings within the scope of the 2018 International Residential Code without mandatory sprinkler requirements subject to certain conditions by local ordinance pursuant to Public Chapter 946 which has an effective date of July 1, 2024; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 10, Section 10-3(f) regarding 2018 International Residential Code amendments, be amended by adding the following additional language at the end of that subsection:


**Sec. 10-3. Amendments to Code adopted.**

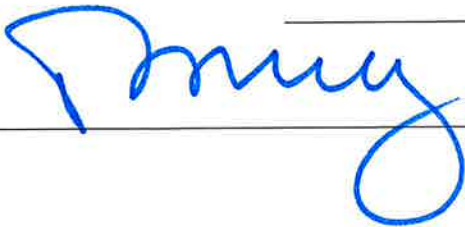
- (f) Section R313 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems for Three-Family Dwellings and Four-Family Dwellings - No sprinklers shall be mandatory in certain three-family dwellings and four-family dwellings in accordance with these standards. The state fire marshal and local building officials shall not mandate automatic fire sprinkler systems for three-family dwellings and four-family dwellings where structures are under five thousand (5,000) square feet in area and less than three (3) stories in

height and where two-hour fire-resistance-rating for wall, floor, and ceiling separation assemblies is met.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two (2) weeks from and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: July 16, 2024

  
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APPROVED:  DISAPPROVED:

  
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