

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THE HILLS, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “FIRE CODE” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE AND A SEPARATE OFFENSE SHALL BE DEEMED COMMITTED EACH DAY DURING OR ON WHICH A VIOLATION OCCURS OR CONTINUES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Village of The Hills, Texas (the “City”) is authorized by Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government code to adopt rules and regulations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the adoption of a Fire Code is necessary to minimize the risk of fire hazards, promote fire safety, and provide standards for fire prevention, detection, and suppression; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code, as published by the International Code Council, provides nationally recognized standards and has been reviewed and found suitable for adoption with local amendments; and

WHEREAS, after review and consideration, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the public to adopt the 2021 International Fire Code, subject to amendments specific to the needs and conditions of the City;

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

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Premises. The recitals set forth above are findings of the City Council and are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Amendments. Chapter 6 “Fire Code” is hereby amended in to be and read in its entirety as follows:

“Article 6.02 Fire Code

§6.02.001 Definitions.

When used in this Code the following term has the following meaning:

Fire Code or fire prevention code of the City. The 2021 International Fire Code, as published, with or without exceptions or modifications, and any such future edition of the

International Fire Code adopted or amended by the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6.

§6.02.002 Fire Code Official to Administer.

The fire marshal's office of the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6, is hereby designated as the fire code official of the city and authorized to enforce this Chapter 6 or the fire code of the city by reference, and to conduct all inspections, review all plans, and accept all applications and/or fees for a permit or approval authorized or required by the terms of this Chapter 6 or the fire code of the city. The city administrator is hereby authorized to enter into any necessary interlocal cooperation agreement with the district and/or any other proper authority to give effect to this Chapter 6.

§6.02.003 Application Within Corporate Limits of City.

This Chapter 6 and the fire code of the city as adopted are applicable and in full force and effect within the corporate limits of the city

§6.02.004 Interpretation.

This Chapter 6 will, to the extent reasonable, be construed in a manner consistent with the International Fire Code as adopted by the city herein. If there is a conflict between this Chapter 6 and the International Fire Code, this Chapter 6 will prevail.

§6.02.005 Enforcement.

The fire code official shall be able to enforce criminal violations of this Chapter 6 or the fire code of the city in the municipal court of the city through the city attorney or in a court of competent jurisdiction. Any civil violation of this Chapter 6 or the fire code may be enforced by the city attorney in a court of competent jurisdiction.

§6.02.006 Fire Marshal.

The fire marshal's office of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6 is hereby designated as the fire marshal of the city and authorized to perform the duties of a fire marshal within the corporate limits of the city.

SECTION 3. Penalty. Any person, firm, or corporation who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly violates any provision of this Ordinance or the IFC, as amended hereby, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, and each and every day any such offense shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense; provided, however, that in all cases involving violation of any provision of this Ordinance or the IFC, as amended hereby, governing the fire safety or public health shall be subject to a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense.

SECTION 4. Cumulative Repealer. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other Ordinances of the Village of The Hills and shall not repeal any of the provisions of such Ordinances except for those instances where there are direct conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance or where expressly repealed hereby. Ordinances or parts thereof in force at the time this Ordinance shall take effect and that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall to any extent be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unconstitutional, the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, and provisions of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the Village of The Hills on this
____ day of May 2025.

APPROVED:

Kevin Proud, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Village Secretary