

**First Reading: November 29, 2022**  
**Second Reading: December 6, 2022**

ORDINANCE NO. 13922

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, SECTIONS 19-1 AND 19-2, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND CERTAIN APPENDICES AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL GAS CODE OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TO AMEND SECTION 19-3 CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODE, TO AMEND SECTIONS 101.1; 101.2; 106.1; 106.3; 106.5.3; 106.5.4; 106.6.2; 106.6.3; 108.4; 108.5; 109; AND 310.1.1, REGARDING PERMIT INSPECTIONS AND BOARD ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS.

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SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Part II, Chattanooga City Code, Section 19-1, be and is hereby amended by striking said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**Section 19-1. Gas Code Adopted.**

The International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 edition, one (1) copy of which is, and has been on file in the Office of the City Council Clerk for more than fifteen (15) days, is hereby adopted as the official Gas Code of the City.

(Code 1986, § 19-1; Ord. No. 9362, § 1, 5-8-90; Ord. No. 9654, § 105, 1-6-92; Ord. No. 10173, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 10675, § 1, 3-10-98; Ord. No. 11722, § 1, 7-26-05; Ord. No. 12274, § 1, 8-4-09; Ord. No. 12603, § 1, 5-29-12)

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Section 19-2, Part II, Chattanooga City Code, be amended by striking same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following words and figures:

**Section 19-2. Appendices to the Code Adopted.**

The following appendices to the International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 edition, and as further amended in this chapter, are hereby adopted as part of the official Gas Code of the City.

Appendix A — Sizing and capacities of gas piping.

Appendix B — Sizing of venting systems.

Appendix C — Exit Terminals, et al.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Section 19-3, Part II, Chattanooga City Code, be amended by deleting same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following words and figures:

**Section 19-3. Amendments to Code Adopted.**

The following sections and appendices of the International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 edition, are hereby amended, as hereinafter provided:

- 1) Section 101.1 and 101.2 are deleted in their entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

**Section 101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the International Fuel Gas Code hereinafter referred to as "this code."

**Section 101.2 Scope.** This code shall apply to the installation of fuel-gas piping systems, fuel-gas utilization equipment and related accessories in accordance with Sections 101.2.1 through 101.2.5.

**Exceptions:** Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the *International Residential Code*.

- 2) Section 106.3 is deleted in its entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

**Section 106.3 Application for permit.** Each application for a permit, with the required fee, shall be filed with the code official on a form furnished for that purpose and shall contain a general description of the proposed work and its location. The application shall be signed by the properly licensed contractor. The application shall indicate the proposed occupancy of all parts of the building and of that portion of the site or lot, if any, not covered by the building or structure and shall contain such other information required by the code official.

- 3) Sections 106.5.3 and 106.5.4 are deleted in their entirety and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

**Section 106.5.3 Expiration.** Every permit issued by the code official under the provisions of this code shall expire by limitation and become null and void if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within 180 days from the date of such permit, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work is commenced for a period of 180 days. Before such work can be recommenced, a new permit shall be first obtained.

**Section 106.5.4 Extensions.** Any permittee holding an unexpired permit shall have the right to apply for an extension of the time within which the permittee will commence work under that permit when work is unable to commence within the time required by this section for good and satisfactory reasons. The code official shall extend the time for action by the permittee for a period not exceeding 180 days if there is reasonable cause. No permit shall be extended more than once.

- 4) Section 106.6.2 is deleted in its entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

**Section 106.6.2 Fees.** All fees are set forth in § 19-36 of the Chattanooga City Code and shall be non-refundable.

- 5) Section 106.6.3 is deleted in its entirety.

- 6) Sections 108.4 and 108.5 are amended by deleting said sections in their entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**108.4 Violation penalties.** Any person who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair plumbing work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a municipal offense subject to a fine assessed as a general penalty under Chattanooga City Code § 1-8. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

**108.5 Stop work orders.** Upon notice from the code official, work on any plumbing system that is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written

notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine assessed as a general penalty under Chattanooga City Code § 1-8.

- 7) Section 109. Means of Appeal, is amended by deleting said Section in its entirety, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**Section 109. Board of Adjustments & Appeals.**

The Construction Board of Appeals for the Building, Electrical, Fire, Fuel Gas, Life Safety, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes of the City of Chattanooga as established by Section 2-625, Part II, Chattanooga City Code, shall act as the Board of Adjustments and Appeals for appeals from any decision of the Building Official or his designee and consider variances of the technical codes as provided in this Code.

- 8) Section 310. Electrical Bonding 1B amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**Section 310.1.1 CSST.** Corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) gas *pipng* systems shall be bonded to the electrical service grounding electrode system. The bonding jumper shall connect to a metallic pipe or fitting between the *point of delivery* and the first downstream CSST fitting. The bonding jumper shall not be smaller than 4 AWG cooper wire or equivalent. Gas piping systems that contain one or more segments of CSST shall be bonded in accordance with this section.

(Code 1986, § 19-2; Ord. No. 9362, § 3, 5-8-90; Ord. No. 10173, § 3, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 10675, § 3, 3-10-98; Ord. No. 11722, § 3, § 7, 7-26-05; Ord. No. 12603, § 3, 5-29-12)

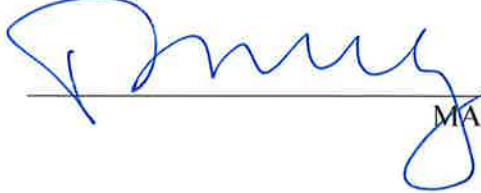
Section 19-5 through Section 19-122 no change.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its passage, but the Building Official shall have discretion to accept drawings and designs based upon the 2012 International Gas Fuel Code and the amendments of that code adopted by the City Council upon a showing of significant effect upon existing projects up to and including February 28, 2023.

Passed on second and final reading: December 6, 2022

  
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CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED:  DISAPPROVED:

  
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MAYOR

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