

ORDINANCE NO. 14373

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10-3 TO DELETE SECTION 423 OF THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AS THE OFFICIAL BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA.

WHEREAS, the 2018 International Building Code (IBC) was last adopted via Ordinance No. 13921, on December 6, 2022, and is currently codified at Section 10-1 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, for the orderly maintenance of all building codes through the City of Chattanooga, it is necessary to periodically adopt, amend and/or update codes as prepared by technical trade associations and model code organizations over time; and

WHEREAS, the requirements included in the 2018 IBC at Section 423 Storm Shelters were not required by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Division of Fire Prevention, in the state's adoption of the International Building Code (IBC), 2021 edition; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has amended its adoption of the 2018 IBC to remove the requirements of Section 423 for Storm Shelters in its entirety; and

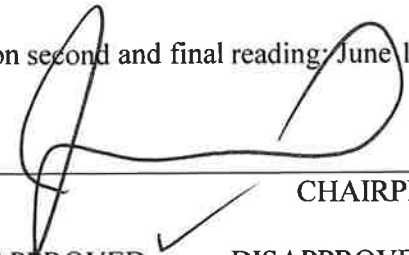
WHEREAS the City Council desires to maintain consistency with state and regional building standards for all Group E occupancies referenced in Section 423 and to amend the adoption of the International Building Code (IBC), 2018 edition previously approved in Ordinance No. 13921 to remove the requirements of Section 423 Storm Shelters in its entirety.

SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 10, Section 10-3 be and is hereby amended to add a new subsection (r) to read as follows:

(r) Section 423, Storm Shelters, is deleted in its entirety and is not adopted as part of this code.

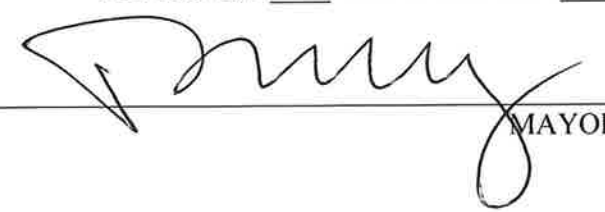
SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: June 16, 2026



CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: ☒ DISAPPROVED: ☐



MAYOR

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