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## Culver City Municipal Code

***CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS*****§ 9.02.005 THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH THE 2013 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.**

A. The City Council hereby adopts all chapters, certain amendments, additions, deletions and exceptions to the 2012 International Fire Code, with errata, incorporating Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations known as the 2013 California Fire Code, with errata, including the 2013 Fire Code Chapter 1 as amended, Chapter 2 as amended, Chapter 4 as amended, Chapter 5 as amended, Chapter 9 as amended, Chapter 20 as amended, Chapter 23 as amended, Chapter 48 as amended, Chapter 57 as amended, Appendix Chapter 4, Appendix B as amended, Appendix C as amended, Appendix CC, Appendix D as amended, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G, Appendix H, Appendix I, and Appendix K as adopted by the California Building Standards Commission, Chapter 9.02, the Zoning Code, as set forth in Title 17 of this Code, and any other City regulations relating to existing zoning, fireworks, building trades, is hereby adopted. The provisions of the International Fire Code, with errata, California Fire Code, and Fire Code Appendices, as indicated above, shall be applicable in the City and referred to as the "Fire Code of the City of Culver City."

B. One copy of the Fire Code of the City of Culver City shall be available in the Culver City Fire Prevention office for public inspection.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

**§ 9.02.010 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

A. No person shall violate any provision or fail to comply with the requirements of the Fire Code of the City of Culver City, hereinafter referred to as the "Fire Code." Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the requirements of the Fire Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished in accordance with § 1.01.035 and § 1.01.040 of this Code.

B. In addition to the penalties herein provided above, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any provision of the Fire Code, shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be summarily abated as such, and each day such condition continues, shall be regarded as a new and separate offense.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

**§ 9.02.015 AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

The Fire Code is amended as provided in this Subchapter.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

**§ 9.02.020 AMENDMENTS; CHAPTER 1 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Section 104.1.1 Fire Prevention Standard Operating Policy Manual. A Fire Code Departmental Policy Manual, known as the Culver City Fire Prevention Standard Operating Guidelines has been created and adopted to serve as instructions and interpretations of the adopted Fire Code. The Policy Manual shall be a published document, maintained in the Fire Prevention office, and amended from time to time to provide current instruction and interpretation.

Section 105.1.1.1 Permit Fees. Permit Fees shall be adopted by resolution of the City Council.

Section 105.6.3.1 Aviation. An operational permit is required for all types of aircraft that are flying, hovering, landing, lifting, filming, parking, or similar activities.

Section 105.6.34.1 Special Events and Assemblage. A permit is required for special events and assemblages.

Section 105.6.48 Non-Defined Operations. An operational permit may be required after a Fire Department Review for hazards to people or property from the proposed operation, system or event.

Section 105.6.49 Installation Contractor Permit. An Installation Contractor permit shall be obtained prior to obtaining a Suppression/Detection permit for life safety system installations, service repairs, maintenance or testing. Permit fees shall be per City Council fee schedule adopted by City Council Resolution.

Section 108.4 Appeals. Protests and appeals from the enforcement of this Code shall be made to the Municipal Code Appeals Committee in accordance with Section 1.01.065 of the Culver City Municipal Code.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.025 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 2 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Chapter 2 Definitions is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 202, Existing Building/structure square footage. The existing square footage of a building/structure is defined as the remaining square footage after all demolition of the building has been completed.

Section 202, Existing Roof Structure square footage. The existing square footage of a roof structure is defined as the remaining square footage of the roof structure after all demolition of the roof structure has been completed.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.030 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 4 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Chapter 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

401.1.1 Permits. A permit shall be required as set forth in the Culver City, City Council approved fee schedule for all special event and assemblages.

Section 403.1.1.1 Special Event Application and Submittals. All special events and assemblages shall be submitted to the fire department for review. All applications shall have a contact name, phone number, business name, address, a plot plan, floor plan and sufficient detail and information to allow for a comprehensive evaluation. Permits, Fire Safety Officers, security, and other issues determined by the

review shall be provided by the event organizer prior to allowing the event or assemblage to operate. Tents in excess of 400 square feet needed for a special event or assemblage shall meet the requirements of Chapter 31 and require a separate fire permit.

Section 408.11.2.1 Identification. Identification numbers shall be provided for all individual units in covered mall buildings, multi-unit buildings and other commercial complexes, and shall be placed in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible. The position and size of such identification numbers shall be determined by the Fire Code Official. Numbers and names shall be provided for all enclosed rooms and spaces, including service rooms, mechanical rooms, closets, and similar spaces to identify use.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

### **§ 9.02.035 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 5 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Chapter 5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 503.1.2.1 Difficult apparatus access. If the Fire Code Official or his/her designee determines that access for fire apparatus and equipment to any building or structure is unduly difficult, installation of an automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be required.

Section 504.1 Required Access.

504.1.1 Keysets, handles, locks and keys. As determined by a fire department review, all noted exterior doors shall be provided with locksets and handles for Fire Department Access. Keys for required access shall be provided by the owner and made readily available in the KNOX Box.

Section 504.5 Catwalks and Ladders. Upon review, buildings with parapets and other construction that exceeds five (5) feet from the roof may be required to provide non-combustible catwalks and ladders.

Section 504.6 Exterior Structure Requirements. All buildings with wall tops and/or parapets with soft materials, rails or other construction that creates a hazard to safe access for firefighting purposes shall have solid surfaces to support the use of ladders, firefighters with gear and other suppression equipment. Review and approval of surfaces shall be by the Fire Code Official.

Section 507.1.1 Hydrant location for new sprinkler systems. Fire Hydrants shall not be located more than 250 feet from the Fire Department Connection.

Section 509.3 Ventilation/exhaust fan Controls. When the Building Code requires a mechanical ventilation/exhaust system for enclosed areas and parking structures (other than in enclosed malls or high rise buildings) the mechanical exhaust system shall include a Fire Department manual control switch(s); The design and submittal of the Manual Control Switch shall include an "Off, On, Automatic" operations provided to the Culver City Fire Prevention Division and the Building Department for review and issuance of permits. Location of Manual fan control switch(s) shall be in a fire department approved location.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

### **§ 9.02.040 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 9 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Chapter 9 of the Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 901.4.1.1. An automatic fire-extinguishing (sprinkler) system shall be installed in every new building in the City, including any new residential building, hereinafter constructed or moved into the

City, regardless of area separation or type of construction.

Exception: New buildings less than 500 square feet may be exempted upon approval of the Fire Code Official.

Section 901.4.1.3 Commercial, Industrial and Multi-family. In existing commercial, industrial and multi-family residential occupancies, fire sprinklers shall be required in existing and new portions of the building for height increases, area increases of 50% or more, and for any occupancy change that increases fire risk or hazard.

Section 901.4.1.4 Residential. Existing one and two family dwellings shall be required to install a full automatic fire sprinkler system in existing and new portions of the building when a story is added, more than 75% of the existing roof structure is replaced, or when the enclosed floor area is increased by more than 75%. NOTE: See Culver City Amended Chapter 2 for the definition of ***EXISTING BUILDING/STRUCTURE AND ROOF STRUCTURE***.

Section 903.3.5.1.1. Limited area sprinkler systems deleted, replaced by new Section 903.5.1.1. Partial Fire Sprinkler Systems. Where in the Fire Code or the Building Code a partial fire sprinkler system is allowed or required, the fire sprinkler system shall be installed, modified or extended to protect the entire building or structure.

Section 903.3.5.3 Hydraulically calculated systems. The design of hydraulically calculated fire sprinkler systems shall not exceed 90% of the water supply capacity.

Section 903.3.5.4 Sprinkler Control Valves and Equipment. Sprinkler shutoff valves, flow switches, gauges, and drains shall be required on each floor of buildings three stories or greater in height.

Section. 907.1.2(9) Voltage Drop Calculations. Maximum percent of voltage drop on any initiation, output, audible/visual circuit or load consuming circuit shall not exceed percentage as required per UL and manufacturer's requirements.

Section. 907.1.6 Projection Room Controls. All projection equipment and audio equipment shall be interconnected to the fire alarm system for shut down, upon an interrupt signal from the fire alarm panel, to prevent interference of all visual and audible evacuation devices and directions from the theatre staff for evacuation directions.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

## **§ 9.02.045 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 20 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Chapter 20 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2001.4 Permits.

All flight operations within the City of Culver City are required to have an approved Culver City Fire Department permit. Permits shall cover but not be limited to: flight to perform lifts, hovering, fly over, landings, filming and other operations while flying, hovering or landing.

Commercially operated radio controlled aircraft shall provide a flight plan approved by the FAA, with sufficient details to allow for review and approval from the Culver City Fire Department.

Section 2001.5 Operation and review standards.

Compliance with CA Fire Code Chapter 20 and CCMC 9.09 shall be used to obtain a flight permit and the requirements for flight operations and approvals. All operations shall be reviewed and approved by

the fire department. Landing, fueling, repairs, and storage are limited.

The need for providing standby personnel, Fire Safety Officers and permits for any or all activities shall be determined by the Fire Department.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.050 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 23 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Chapter 23 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2301.7 Class III-B Liquids. Where in this chapter there is a requirement for Class III-A Liquids, this same requirement shall apply to Class III-B Liquids.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.055 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 48 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Chapter 48 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4804.6.1 Illumination. The approved perimeter aisles shall be illuminated at floor level with light fixtures spaced at intervals of not more than fifty (50) feet apart and providing a minimum light intensity of not less than (1) foot-candle. Power for the emergency light fixtures shall be supplied as required by Culver City Fire Department Regulations. All Exit and Emergency lights shall comply with the Building Code requirements for two sources of power with one of the two sources of power provided by approved batteries.

Section. 4804.10 Flammable Liquids and Compressed Gases on Sound Stages. Unless approved, in writing, by the Fire Code Official, flammable liquids and compressed flammable gases shall be prohibited on television and motion picture sound stages.

Section 4804.11 Fire Department Filming and Performance Regulations. All Motion Picture and Television Production Studio Sound Stages, Approved Production Facilities and Productions Locations shall comply with Culver City Fire Department Filming and Performance Regulations. Fire Department Filming Regulations are available for review at the Fire Prevention Counter.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.060 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 57 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Chapter 57 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5701.6 Class III-B Liquids. Where in this chapter there is a requirement for Class III-A Liquids, this same requirement shall apply to Class III-B liquids.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.065 AMENDMENT; APPENDIX B OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Appendix B, Exception, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section B105.2, Exception: The reduction in required fire flow of up to 50 percent, as approved, is allowed when the building or structure is provided throughout with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2. The minimum resulting fire-flow shall not be less than 1,500 gallons per minute (5678 L/min) for the prescribed duration as specified in Table B105.1.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.070 AMENDMENT; APPENDIX C OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Appendix C is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section C101.1.2. Whenever the reference is made to Table C105.1, use Culver City Fire Department requirements of 300 foot fire hydrant spacing in commercial/industrial areas and 600 foot spacing in residential areas for Hydrant Placement, Spacing and Specifications. Maximum distance of a fire hydrant to an FDC shall not exceed 150 feet.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.075 AMENDMENT; APPENDIX D OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

Appendix D is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section D101.1.2. Use table as indicated. Upon review of a project and based on Fire Department access and water supplies, the Fire Department may change the tables to mitigate special hazards.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

### ***FIREWORKS***

#### **§ 9.02.200 DEFINITIONS.**

The following words and phrases, as used in this Subchapter, are defined as follows:

***FIREWORKS.*** Means and includes any combustible explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges, toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, or toy guns in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, Day glow bombs, sparklers, or other devices of like construction and any devices containing any explosives or flammable compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance, except that the term ***FIREWORKS*** shall not include any auto flares, paper caps containing not in excess of an average of twenty-five hundredths (.25) of a grain of explosive content per cap, and toy pistols, toy canes or toy guns or other devices for use of such caps, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times.

***PERSON.*** Includes any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association concern, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit.

***PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS.*** An entertainment feature where the public is admitted or



permitted to view the display or discharge of fireworks, including but not limited to those above defined.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.205 SALE, USE OR TRANSPORTATION OF FIREWORKS; PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.**

A. Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for any person to use, possess, sell or discharge any fireworks of any kind within the City.

B. Fireworks may be transported through the City from and to points outside the City by any wholesaler, retailer, jobber, warehouseman, or manufacturer; provided that, no fireworks shall be so transported without written approval of the Fire Code Official, which approval shall be revocable for cause and shall be granted only upon application therefore setting forth the description of the route to be used for the transportation and such other information as the Fire Chief shall require.

C. Fireworks may be transported through the City from and to points outside the City by an ultimate consumer of the fireworks.

D. Fireworks may be kept or stored by City safety officers in a safe and secure place pending the lawful disposal thereof.

E. A person may use, store and possess fireworks in order to conduct a public display of fireworks after obtaining a permit pursuant to this Subchapter.

F. Nothing in this Subchapter shall be construed to prohibit the use of fireworks by personnel of railroads or other transportation agencies for signal purposes or illumination, or the sale or use of blank cartridges for a show or theater, or for signal or ceremonial purposes in athletics or sports, or for use by military organizations.

G. Nothing in this Subchapter shall be construed to prohibit the assembling, compounding, use and display of fireworks of whatever nature by any person engaged in the production of motion pictures, theatricals, or operas or when such use and display is a necessary part of the production and such person possesses a valid permit to purchase, possess, transport or use such fireworks as required by State and local regulations.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.210 PERMITS TO CONDUCT DISPLAYS OF FIREWORKS GRANTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

The City Council, by resolution, upon written application as provided in this Subchapter and subject to the provisions of this Subchapter, may grant two (2) permits to conduct a public display of fireworks in a calendar year, each display to occur on a separate date. The City Council may by resolution, grant an additional special permit for a public fireworks display sponsored by the City.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.215 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT; CONDITIONS FOR FILING.**

An application for a permit to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be filed in compliance with

all of the following:

A. Application for a permit to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be filed in the Office of the City Manager, on forms provided by the City, at least 180 days prior to the date requested for conducting the public display of fireworks.

B. The following information shall be included on the application:

1. The location of the public display of fireworks as approved by the Culver City Fire Department;
2. The location for storage of the fireworks to be displayed as approved by the Culver City Fire Department, if within the City;
3. Who, if anyone, will provide management services to the applicant for the public display of fireworks and evidence that such manager has complied with all business tax certificate requirements; and
4. Transportation routes and any other information deemed necessary by the City Council for the consideration of the application.

C. Evidence of the following types of insurance in a form with endorsements as approved by the City Attorney and in an amount as established by the City Attorney and the Fire Chief, but not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be filed with the application:

1. Public liability insurance; combined single limit, bodily injury and property damage, each occurrence;
2. Premises/operation liability;
3. Contractual liability, specifically referencing indemnification agreements with the City; and
4. Products liability, including completed operations liability.

D. All fees required pursuant to this Code and City Council resolution shall be paid at the time of filing the application; and

E. Evidence of compliance with any special conditions required by the Culver City Fire Department because of the location of the public display of fireworks.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.220 CONDITIONS GOVERNING PERMIT.**

Any permit granted to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be governed by all of the following:

A. The public display of fireworks shall be conducted by a duly licensed pyrotechnician who shall have obtained Culver City Fire Department approval no later than the last day of June of the year in which the permit is granted;

B. One public display of fireworks may be conducted on July 4th, and one may be conducted in conjunction with Culver City High School's annual homecoming celebration. Any fireworks display shall be conducted strictly in accordance with all regulations and conditions specified in this Subchapter and in the Council resolution granting the permit;

C. Any attempt to transfer a permit to any person shall void the permit;



D. The permittee shall agree, in writing, to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, representatives, and employees from any loss or liability or damages, including expenses and costs, for bodily injury or property damage sustained by any person as a result of any operation related to the permit; and

E. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Subchapter shall preclude consideration of any application filed if permits have not been granted thereunder; and shall be sufficient cause of the revocation of any permit previously issued.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.225 SEIZURE OF UNAUTHORIZED FIREWORKS.**

Any duly authorized member of the Fire Department or Police Department shall seize, take, remove or cause to be removed at the expense of the owner all stocks of fireworks displayed, stored, held or offered or exposed for sale in violation of this Subchapter.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.230 DISPOSAL OF FIREWORKS.**

Any fireworks that remain unfired after the public display of fireworks is concluded, or which are seized pursuant to § 9.02.225, shall be disposed of in a way safe for the particular type of fireworks.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.235 CHANGE TO TIME LIMITS.**

The City Council, by resolution, may extend or shorten the time requirements established by this Subchapter.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))

#### **§ 9.02.240 RESCISSION OF PROHIBITION.**

The prohibition set forth in § 9.02.205 shall not be rescinded by the City Council without the approval of a majority of the voters voting at a regular or special election.

(Ord. No. 2014-004 § 2 (part))