Ordinance No. 2025 - 1

# AN ORDINANCE OF THE EOLIA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, MISSOURI, ADOPTING THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND 2024 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE WITH EXCLUSIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EOLIA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

## **SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF CODES**

The 2024 International Fire Code and the 2024 International Building Code, including all appendices thereto, published by the International Code Council, Inc., are hereby adopted as the official Fire Code and Building Code of the Eolia Community Fire Protection District, Missouri, for the control of buildings, structures, and premises as herein provided, subject to the exclusions set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions, and terms of said Codes are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions, and changes prescribed in this Ordinance.

## SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

The following sections of the 2024 International Fire Code are hereby revised:

Section 101.1. Insert: "Eolia Community Fire Protection District, Missouri"

Section 110.4. Insert: "Misdemeanor" and "One Thousand Dollars" and "One year"

Section 112.4. Insert: "One Hundred Dollars" and "One Thousand Dollars"

### **SECTION 3. EXCLUSIONS**

- (a) Single-Family Residential Exclusion. The provisions of the 2024 International Fire Code and 2024 International Building Code adopted by this Ordinance shall not apply to single-family occupied residential homes. For purposes of this exclusion, "single-family occupied residential homes" shall mean only those dwellings which house a single family within a single structure.
- (b) Agricultural Buildings Exclusion. The provisions of Section 312 of the 2024 International Fire Code and the corresponding provisions of the 2024 International Building Code adopted by this Ordinance shall not apply to agricultural buildings. For purposes of this exclusion, "agricultural buildings" shall mean structures designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock, or other horticultural products, and that are not designed for human habitation, assembly uses, or

as places of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated, or packaged.

#### **SECTION 4. FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

- (a) Establishment. The Fire Prevention Bureau is hereby established within the Eolia Community Fire Protection District under the direction of the Fire Chief.
- (b) Fire Code Official. The Fire Chief shall designate a member of the Fire Department to serve as the Fire Code Official. The Fire Code Official shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Fire Code and Building Code.
- (c) Deputies. In accordance with the prescribed procedures of the District and with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, the Fire Chief may designate qualified personnel of the Fire Department as deputies to the Fire Code Official to exercise powers and perform duties as delegated by the Fire Code Official.

#### **SECTION 5. PERMITS**

- (a) Required Permits. Permits shall be required as set forth in the 2024 International Fire Code Section 105 and Appendix A. The Fire Code Official is authorized to receive applications for, issue, and renew permits as required by this Code.
- **(b) Permit Application.** Application for a permit required by this Code shall be made to the Fire Prevention Bureau in such form and detail as prescribed by the Fire Code Official. Applications for permits shall be accompanied by plans and specifications as required by the Fire Code Official.
- (c) Permit Fees. A fee for each permit shall be paid to the Eolia Community Fire Protection District as set forth in the fee schedule established by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Inspection Authorization. Before a permit is issued, the Fire Code Official is authorized to inspect the site, building, or premises where the regulated activities are conducted.
- (e) Permit Revocation. The Fire Code Official is authorized to revoke a permit issued under the provisions of this Code when it is found by inspection or otherwise that there has been a false statement or misrepresentation as to the material facts in the application or documents on which the permit was based, or when the work or activity is not being performed in accordance with the provisions of the application and this Code.

#### **SECTION 6. INSPECTIONS**

- (a) Authority to Inspect. The Fire Code Official is authorized to enter and examine any building, structure, premises, or vehicle for the purpose of enforcing this Code, at reasonable times and upon presentation of proper credentials.
- **(b) Inspection Frequency.** The Fire Code Official shall establish a periodic inspection schedule of buildings, structures, and premises based on the relative hazard to life and property.
- **(c) Inspection Records.** The Fire Code Official shall maintain records of all inspections conducted and violations found.
- (d) Right of Entry. Whenever necessary to make an inspection to enforce any of the provisions of this Code, or whenever the Fire Code Official has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in any building or upon any premises any condition that makes such building or premises unsafe, the Fire Code Official is authorized to enter such building or premises at all reasonable times to inspect the same or to perform any duty imposed on the Fire Code Official by this Code.

#### SECTION 7. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- (a) Unlawful Acts. It shall be unlawful for a person, firm, or corporation to erect, construct, alter, repair, remove, demolish, or utilize a building, occupancy, premises, or system regulated by this Code, or cause same to be done, in conflict with or in violation of any of the provisions of this Code.
- **(b) Notice of Violation.** When the Fire Code Official finds a building, premises, vehicle, storage facility, or outdoor area that is in violation of this Code, the Fire Code Official is authorized to prepare a written notice of violation describing the conditions deemed unsafe and, when compliance is not immediate, specifying a time for compliance.
- (c) Penalties. Any person who violates a provision of this Code or fails to comply with any of its requirements or who erects, constructs, alters, or repairs a building or structure in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the Fire Code Official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this Code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding One year, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

#### **SECTION 8. APPEALS**

- (a) Appeals Board. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the Fire Code Official relative to the application and interpretation of this Code, there shall be and is hereby created a Board of Appeals consisting of members who are qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to hazards of fire, explosions, hazardous conditions, or fire protection systems.
- **(b)** Limitations on Authority. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the intent of this Code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this Code do not fully apply, or an equivalent method of protection or safety is proposed.
- (c) Appeals Process. The appeal must be filed in writing within 30 days after the date of the decision being appealed. The Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on all appeals within 30 days after the appeal is filed and shall render its decision within 10 days after the hearing.

#### **SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

#### **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

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**READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED** by the Board of Directors of the Eolia Community Fire Protection District, Missouri, this 20th day of October 2025.

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