

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-10**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE TO  
REGULATE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM STATUS CHANGES  
EAST DUNDEE AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the East Dundee and Countryside Fire Protection District (“District”) is a unit of local government organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois for the purpose of providing fire protection, emergency medical services, and life safety enforcement within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of Local Ordinance 2021-O-01 adopted by the District includes the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code (“IFC”) as the fire code in effect within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is authorized under the Illinois Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705) to adopt rules, regulations, and ordinances for the prevention, suppression, and investigation of fires and for the protection of lives and property; and

**WHEREAS**, proper maintenance, operation, and monitoring of fire alarm and detection systems are essential to the protection of life and property within the jurisdiction, and unauthorized system disablements pose an immediate and unacceptable risk to occupants and emergency responders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees recognizes that supervising stations rely on the accuracy of key holder and responsible party information to ensure that only authorized individuals have the ability to modify system status, including placing systems into test, supervisory, trouble, or out-of-service (OOS) modes; and

**WHEREAS**, the District finds that requiring verification of authorized contacts, and requiring District approval before any fire alarm system is placed completely out of service, is necessary to ensure compliance with the IFC, to maintain situational awareness, and to reduce hazards associated with impaired life safety systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 901.7 of the 2021 IFC requires the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) to be notified of impairments, and authorizes the AHJ to determine when fire watches, corrective actions, or operational restrictions are required for public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees finds that adding these requirements as local amendments to IFC Section 907.8 enhances life safety, supports emergency operations, and is in the best interest of the District and the public it protects;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the East Dundee and Countryside Fire Protection District, Kane and Cook Counties, Illinois, as follows:

## SECTION 1.

### Amendment to 2021 IFC Section 907

Section 907.8 of the 2021 International Fire Code, as adopted by Ordinance 2021-O-01, is amended to add the following sections:

**907.8.6 – Authorized Personnel for System Status Changes.** Any fire alarm system or component thereof monitored by an approved supervising station shall not be placed **Out of Service (OOS)**, placed into **Test Mode**, or otherwise removed from **Normal Supervisory Status** (including conditions of **Trouble** or **Supervisory**) except by an individual authorized as follows:

- The individual must be currently listed as a **Key Holder** with the supervising station; or
- The individual must be identified as an **Approved Contact** within the jurisdiction's approved system of record (e.g., ImageTrend).

**907.8.6.1 – Verification.** Supervising stations shall verify the identity of the requesting individual against the approved list prior to initiating any change in system status. Unauthorized requests shall be denied.

**907.8.7 – System Out of Service (OOS) – AHJ Approval Required.** In accordance with Section **901.7**, any request to place a fire alarm system **completely out of service** shall require **prior approval from the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)**. Partial testing or temporary bypass of devices or components may be permitted by an authorized individual as defined in Section 907.8.6, but full impairment shall not occur without AHJ authorization.

**907.8.7.1 – Owner/Occupant Responsibility.** It shall be the responsibility of the building owner, occupant, or designated responsible party to maintain an accurate and current key holder/approved contact list with both the supervising station and the District.

**907.8.8 – Violations.** Any violation of this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in **East Dundee Fire District Local Ordinance 2025-O-09, Violation Penalties Section 112.4 through 112.4.2.3.**

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**SECTION 2. – Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

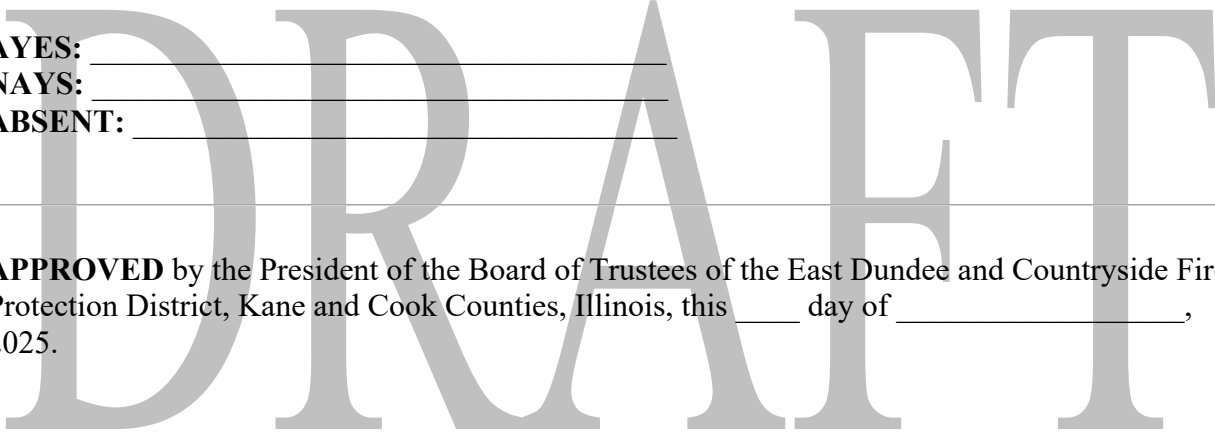
**SECTION 3. – Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

**PASSED** by the Board of Trustees of the East Dundee and Countryside Fire Protection District, Kane and Cook Counties, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**AYES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NAYS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED** by the President of the Board of Trustees of the East Dundee and Countryside Fire Protection District, Kane and Cook Counties, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.



President, Board of Trustees  
East Dundee and Countryside  
Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees  
East Dundee and Countryside  
Fire Protection District