

## ORDINANCE 2025-109

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2016-104 TO AMEND THE RIDGETOP MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 7 FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS, CHAPTER 2-FIRE CODE, ADOPTING THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgetop has per TCA Code Annotated Sections 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 adopted and enforces a systematic program of building codes known as the Standard Building Code and Model Energy Code, and Fire Code, and

WHEREAS most cities and other governing bodies are now adopting a standardized set of International Fire Codes as set out by the International Code Council and the National Fire Protection Association.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Ridgetop, Tennessee, that the section of the Ridgetop Municipal Code are amended as follows to adopt the following 2024 edition of the International Fire Code:

## CHAPTER 2

### FIRE CODE<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 7-201. Fire code adopted.
- 7-202. Enforcement.
- 7-203. Definition of "municipality."
- 7-204. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.
- 7-205. Regulation and sale of fireworks.
- 7-206. Gasoline trucks.
- 7-207. Variances.
- 7-208. Violations.

**7-201. Fire code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or

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<sup>1</sup> Municipal code reference

Building, utility and residential codes: title 12.

explosion, the International Fire Code,<sup>2</sup> 2024 edition, as recommended by the International Code Council is hereby adopted by reference and included as a part of this code. Pursuant to the requirement of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the fire prevention code has been filed with the city recorder and is available for public use and inspection. Said fire prevention code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits. (1977 Code, § 7-201, modified, as amended by Ord. #2012-105, Oct. 2012 and modified by Ord. #2016-104)

**7-202. Enforcement.** The fire prevention code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department. He shall have the same powers as the state fire marshal. (1977 Code, § 7-202)

**7-203. Definition of "municipality."** Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the fire prevention code herein adopted, it shall be held to mean the City of Ridgetop, Tennessee. (1977 Code, § 7-203)

**7-204. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.** The limits referred to in the fire prevention code, in which storage of explosive materials is prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this code.

The limits referred to in the fire prevention code, in which storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside above ground tanks is prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this code.

The limits referred to in the fire prevention code, in which new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this code.

The limits referred to in the fire prevention code, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, is hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this code. (1977 Code, § 7-204, as amended by Ord. #2012-105, Oct. 2012)

**7-205. Regulation and sale of fireworks.** The 2024 International Fire Code as adopted by the City of Ridgetop shall be amended only to the extent to allow for the retail sale of fireworks in the City of Ridgetop, with the additional requirements as follows:

I. If the sale of fireworks is to be housed in a tent, the owner or operator of the retail fireworks business shall file with the building official of the City of Ridgetop a certificate executed by an acceptable testing laboratory certifying that the tent, decorative attachments of any kind to the tent, and tarpaulins meet the requirements for flame resistance prescribed for both the small and large tents as specified in NFPA 701, and that such flame resistance will be effective for the entire period of the permit.

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<sup>2</sup> Copies of this code are available from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213-1206.

II. A fireworks tent shall be located in such a manner that all portions of the tent and the fireworks inventory are not more than 300 feet from an operable standard fire hydrant.

III. A fireworks tent shall be located in such manner that all portions of the tent and inventory are not closer than 100 feet to any source of flammable or combustible liquid or gas.

IV. A fireworks tent shall have a minimum of two exits, with at least one exit at each end of the tent for use in an emergency. The emergency exits and all aisles shall be kept free and clear of obstructions at all times while the tent is open for occupancy by the public.

V. No smoking will be allowed within any fireworks tent or on the premises. No smoking signs will be placed inside and outside of the tent, with at least one sign to be placed on the outside and inside of each side of the tent.

VI. Each fireworks tent shall be equipped with a minimum of three fire extinguishers to be located within the tent, one at each end and one in the middle. The fire extinguishers must of a type approved by the Ridgetop Building Official or Fire Chief and must be a minimum weight of five pounds and have a current maintenance record. All extinguishers must be secured to tent poles.

VII. No fireworks tent may be located under any utility line, except such line as may be established for the purpose of providing electrical power to the tent.

VIII. All other provisions of title 7, chapter 2 of the Ridgetop Municipal Code and of the 2024 International Fire Code shall continue in full force and effect unless otherwise amended by the foregoing provisions. (as added by Ord. #2001-106, June 2001, and amended by Ord. #2012-105, Oct. 2012)

**7-206. Gasoline trucks.** No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business district or within any residential area at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline. (1977 Code, § 7-205, as renumbered by Ord. #2001-106, June 2001)

**7-207. Variances.** The chief of the fire department may recommend to the board of mayor and aldermen variances from the provisions of the fire prevention code upon application in writing by any property owner or lessee, or the duly authorized agent of either, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such variances when granted or allowed shall be contained in a resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1977 Code, § 7-206, as renumbered by Ord. #2001-106, June 2001)

**7-208. Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the 2024 International Fire Code herein adopted, or fail to comply therewith, or violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and

approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken; or fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the board of mayor and aldermen or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein. The application of a penalty under the general penalty clause for the city code shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions. (1977 Code, § 7-207, as renumbered by Ord. #2001-106, June 2001, and amended by Ord. #2012-105, Oct. 2012)

**BE IT ENACTED** that this ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

Public Hearing:	<u>September 16, 2025</u>
Passes 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:	<u>August 19, 2025</u>
Passes 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	<u>September 16, 2025</u>

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Mayor, Tim Shaw

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City Recorder, Kelly Rider