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AN ORDINANCE amending Section 15.04.010 B., of the Camas Municipal Code, to require that an approved fire sprinkler system be installed in new one-family and two-family dwellings and townhouses.

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted the 2012 edition of the International Residential Code; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 edition of the International Residential Code, in Appendix S thereof, requires an approved automatic fire sprinkler system be installed in new one-family and two-family dwellings and townhouses, with reference to the standards as set forth within the International Residential Code, Appendix R; and

WHEREAS, the provisions within Appendix S as noted herein are not mandatory, unless specifically referenced in an adopting ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas seeks to reduce or eliminate the risk of life and property loss from hostile fire in residential occupancies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas seeks to reduce negative environmental impacts from hostile fire; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas has made a community risk management decision at the local level to efficiently and effectively manage fire suppression resources by including built-in technology in all new residential occupancies; and

WHEREAS, viable escape times have dramatically dropped, demand on public fire resources has increased, and emergency response time has increased; and

WHEREAS, modern fire sprinkler technology is a component of a reliable life safety strategy; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Camas has identified the long-range strategy to contain hostile fire to one room of a structure, and has determined that the installation of fire sprinkler systems are the most effective and economical means to accomplish that goal; and

WHEREAS, stakeholder involvement, public participation, and careful deliberation has resulted in this decision; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas has previously adopted fire codes that require the installation of approved automatic fire sprinklers in most new residential construction; and

WHEREAS, adoption of Appendix S shall apply only to new construction and shall not require the retrofitting of any existing dwellings; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Camas desires to exempt the installation of approved fire sprinkler systems in any mobile home or manufactured home and require the terms of Appendix S to apply to new construction of accessory dwelling units; and

WHEREAS, notification of the adoption of Appendix S by the City of Camas is required to be sent to the State Building Code Council and the City of Camas Fire Department is hereby directed to provide said notification; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Camas recognizes the benefits of this ordinance and concurs in its adoption; now therefore,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

Section 15.04.010 B. of the Camas Municipal Code, is hereby amended to add a new subsection 15.04.010 B. 5. as follows:

5. Appendix R, Dwelling Unit Fire Sprinkler Systems.

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Section II

Section 15.04.010 B. of the Camas Municipal Code, is hereby amended to add a new subsection 15.04.010 B. 6. as follows:

6. Appendix S, Fire Sprinklers.

Appendix S, Section AS107.1 of the 2012 International Residential Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Pursuant to WAC 51-51-60107, **AS107.1 Fire Sprinklers**, an approved automatic fire sprinkler system shall be installed in new one-family and two-family dwellings and townhouses in accordance with Appendix R.

This Subsection shall apply to any new accessory dwelling unit.

Exception: This subsection does not require the installation of an approved fire sprinkler system in any mobile home or manufactured home. This exception is limited to this subsection, and nothing herein exempts a mobile home or manufactured home from any other requirement to install an approved automatic fire sprinkler system under any other section or subsection of this code or of any International Code adopted by the City.

Section III

This ordinance shall take force and be in effect five (5) days from and after its publication according to law.

PASSED BY the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2016.

SIGNED: _____
Mayor

SIGNED: _____
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

City Attorney