

ORDINANCE NO: 169-2025  
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Thomas

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1501.06 “ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights enacted a comprehensive Fire Prevention Code in 1997, at which time the City adopted the 1995 Ohio Fire Code;

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights updated its Fire Prevention Code in 2018 by adopting the 2017 Ohio Fire Code;

WHEREAS, the Ohio Division of State Fire Marshal has adopted a new version of the Ohio Fire Code, which took effect on November 20, 2025;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City and the safety of its citizens and properties to adopt by reference the newest version of the Ohio Fire Code to provide consistency between the City of Richmond Heights’ ordinances and the Ohio Fire Code and to take advantage of the provisions of the new Ohio Fire Code for enforcement purposes and for protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Subsection 1501.06(b) of Section 1501.06, “Establishment of the Fire Prevention Code”, of Part Fifteen, “Fire Prevention Code”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“1501.06 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE.**

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(b) There is hereby adopted by this Municipality, the Ohio Fire Code, as adopted by the Ohio Division of State Fire Marshal, Department of Commerce, effective November 20, 2025 ~~December 15, 2017~~, as published in Chapter~~Division~~ 1301:7 of the Ohio Administrative Code.”

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SECTION 2. Existing subsection 1501.06(b), “Establishment of the Fire Prevention Code”, of Part Fifteen, “Fire Prevention Code”, of the City’s Codified Ordinances, and any and all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict are repealed.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal

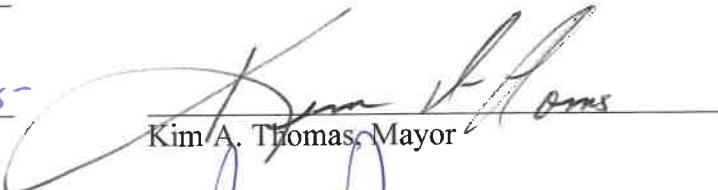
action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

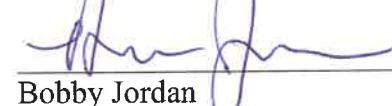
**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the City, its residents and visitors, so as to be able to immediately enforce new provisions of the Ohio Fire Code to properly prevent and address fires and fire hazards in the City; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: December 23, 2025

APPROVED: December 23, 2025

ATTEST: Nancy J. Blair  
Tracey Blair  
Clerk of Council

  
Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

  
Bobby Jordan  
President of Council