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Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 55 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to the Fire Code.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1

Section 55.01 and 55.02 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 55.01. - State Fire Code - Adoption.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.011, and Minnesota Rule 7510.3510, the state fire code, one (1) copy of which has been marked as the official copy and which is on file in the office of the Department of Safety and Inspections city clerk, is hereby adopted as the fire code for the city, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion. Every provision contained in the state fire code, except as hereinafter amended, is hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein. The scope of these regulations is intended to be consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.011.

Sec. 55.02. - Enforcement.

The chief of the department of fire and safety services (hereinafter for convenience of reference "chief" or "fire chief") or the director of the Department of Safety and Inspections or his authorized representatives shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. The fire chief may detail such members of the fire department as inspectors as shall from time to time be necessary.

Sec. 55.03. - Definitions.

(8) *Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LP-Gas)*. Any material composed predominantly of the following hydrocarbons, either by themselves or as mixtures: propane, propylene, butane (normal butane or isobutene), and butylenes.

SECTION 2

Sections 55.09 and 55.10 have been added to Chapter 55 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code and read as follows:

Sec. 55.09. - Permit for utilizing liquid petroleum gas (propane) temporarily.

(a) As required by and in compliance with the Minnesota State Fire Code, no person may utilize or store liquid petroleum gas without an operational permit.

i. A permit is not required for individual containers with a 500 gallon water capacity or less serving single family occupancies.

(b) A permit is required prior to any temporary liquid petroleum gas installation or use at special events. The permit, which will cover all liquid petroleum gas use at the event, shall be obtained by the liquid petroleum gas vendor or event sponsor, but it is the responsibility of the event sponsor to insure that the appropriate permit is obtained.

(c) A permit applicant must apply, on a form provided by the Department of Safety and Inspections, and submitted prior to the delivery, storage, or use of liquid petroleum gas. An on-site inspection and approval shall be required before any liquid petroleum gas can be utilized.

(d) The person sponsoring, promoting or organizing the event shall obtain any other necessary licenses, permits, or approvals. These may include, but are not limited to, extension of service licenses, special event food licenses, temporary tent, canopy, or membrane structure permits, or electrical permits.

(e) No smoking shall be allowed within 25 feet of liquid petroleum gas cylinders.

(f) For temporary liquid petroleum gas during outdoor events, the permit fee shall be based on the number of cylinders used and/or stored.

(g) The permit fee shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for the first ten (10) cylinders or fraction thereof, or one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) for eleven (11) to twenty (20) cylinders, or two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) for twenty-one (21) or more cylinders.

Sec. 55.10. - Permit for hazardous materials storage tanks and dispensing devices.

(a) This section shall apply to the following hazardous materials processes:

- i. installing aboveground and belowground tanks or dispensing devices.
- ii. Relocating aboveground and belowground tanks or dispensing devices.
- iii. Removing aboveground and belowground tanks or dispensing devices.
- iv. Abandoning aboveground and belowground tanks or dispensing devices.
- v. Maintaining aboveground and belowground tanks or dispensing devices.

(b) As required by and in compliance with the Minnesota State Fire Code, no person may install, relocate, or remove an aboveground or belowground hazardous materials storage tank without a permit.

(c) Any work governed by this section requires a permit prior to commencing. The permit, which will cover all tanks and/or dispensing on site, shall be obtained by an approved tank contractor.

- i. Work performed without a permit may result in enforcement action including but not limited to a double permit fee or citation.

(d) A dimensioned site plan shall accompany the permit application.

(e) Specifications of equipment shall accompany the permit application.

(f) A permit applicant must apply, on a form provided by the department of safety and inspections, and submitted prior to the work commencing. An on-site inspection and approval shall be required before any tank is removed from the site and/or any tank may be utilized.

(g) No smoking shall be allowed within 25 feet of a flammable liquid tank.

(h) For the installation, relocation, or removal of tanks, the permit fee shall be based on the number of tanks.

(i) The tank permit fee shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the first tank and seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) for each additional tank. The fee for dispensing devices shall be fifty dollars (\$50) per device.

SECTION 3

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.