

**AN ORDINANCE FOR FIRE PROTECTION  
OF THE TIGER COUNTRY AREA  
OF THE RANDLEMAN FIRE DISTRICT**

Section 1. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

The Randleman Fire District includes the City of Randleman, as well as an area that lies outside of Randleman's city limits known as "Tiger Country." The City of Randleman has enacted and implemented a new Fire Protection Code for the Randleman Fire District that governs the portion of said fire district that is located within Randleman's city limits. The purpose of this ordinance is to enact a new fire protection code for Tiger Country and to thereby ensure uniformity of fire protection requirements and enforcement throughout the Randleman Fire District, including those areas that lie outside the city limits of the City of Randleman in Tiger Country. This ordinance shall not be construed to hold the County responsible for any damage to persons or property by reason of the inspection or re-inspection authorized herein or for failure to inspect or re-inspect or for the permits issued or denied as herein provided or by reason of the approval or disapproval of any equipment as authorized herein.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "City" shall mean the City of Randleman.
- (b) "County" shall mean the County of Randolph.
- (c) "Tiger Country" shall mean that portion of the Randleman Fire District that is located outside the city limits of the City of Randleman.

Section 3. ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Board of Commissioners of the County or their designated representative. Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent the Board of Commissioners from entering into interlocal agreements for the enforcement of this ordinance.

Section 4. ADOPTION OF TECHNICAL CODES AND STANDARDS BY REFERENCE; COPIES ON FILE

- (a). There is hereby adopted by reference and incorporated herein that certain code known as and entitled "Volume V—Fire Prevention" of the North Carolina State Building Code, 1991 Edition. Copies of the Fire Prevention and Protection Code and all technical codes and standards adopted by reference shall be filed with and made available for public inspection in the office of the Fire Marshal.
- (b). Amendments to the codes and standards adopted by reference herein which are adopted and published by the North Carolina State Building Code Council shall be effective in the County at the time that such amendments become part of "Volume V—Fire Prevention" of the North Carolina State Building Code.

## Section 5. INSPECTION SCHEDULE

In order to preserve and protect public health and safety, and to satisfy the requirements of the North Carolina State Building Code, Volume V—Fire Prevention, inspections to identify activities and conditions in buildings, structures and premises that may impose dangers of fire, explosion, or related hazards shall be conducted. The minimum frequency of these inspections shall be as follows:

ONCE EVERY YEAR—Hazardous, Institutional, High Rise, Assembly, and Residential (except one- and two- family dwellings) and only interior common areas of dwelling units of multi-family occupancies.

ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS—Industrial, Educational (except public schools, which shall be done 2 times a year).

ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS—Business, Mercantile, Storage, Churches, and Synagogues.

In no case may inspections be conducted less frequently than required by the North Carolina State Building Code, Volume V—Fire Prevention. Furthermore, nothing in this ordinance is intended to prevent more frequent inspections when considered necessary or desirable.

## Section 6. FEE SCHEDULE

(a). Fees for inspections required by this ordinance shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County. An inspection fee schedule shall be filed with the Clerk of the County and the Fire Marshal's office for public inspection.

(b). Inspection fees shall be paid in a timely manner.

## Section 7. KEY BOXES

(a). The Fire Marshal, or his authorized representative, shall have the authority to require rapid response key boxes to be installed in a specified location. The key box shall be of a type and of the manufacturer approved by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative.

(b). When a building within the Tiger Country is protected by an automatic fire suppression or standpipe system, it shall be equipped with a key box.

(c). When a building within Tiger Country is protected by an automatic alarm system and/or access to or within a building, or an area within that building, is unduly difficult because of secured openings, and where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or firefighting purposes, it shall be equipped with a key box.

(d). When a property is protected by a locked fence or gate and where immediate access to the property is necessary for life-safety or firefighting purposes, the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative may require a security padlock or key switch device. The type and manufacturer of said device shall be approved by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative.

(e). The required key box shall contain the key(s) necessary to gain access to all areas as required by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative. In the event that a lock is changed, re-keyed, or a new tenant occupies the building, the operator of the building shall immediately notify the Fire Marshal's office and shall provide new keys to be secured in the key box.

(f). The key box shall contain a card containing the emergency contact people's names and phone numbers for that building, in addition, floor plans of the rooms within the building may be required.

(g). Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person, or business owner, from installing a key box on any building, as long as it is installed in keeping with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 8. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

(a). Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or who shall fail to comply with any judicial warrant, lawful order or regulation made hereunder or who builds in violation of any of the specifications or plans submitted and approved hereunder or any permit issued hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five-hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days. In the name of the County, the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative may, through the County Attorney, enjoin the construction or erection of any facility, building or structure that does not conform to the provisions of this ordinance.

(b). This ordinance may be enforced by any of the remedies set forth in North Carolina General Statute 153A-123 in addition to any other remedies specifically set out herein.

(c). Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance and does not remedy the violation shall be subject to a civil penalty for each violation in the amount established by resolution of the Board of Commissioners. The civil penalty schedule shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board and in the Fire Marshal's office for public inspection.

(d). Each day of violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

(e). Civil penalties must be paid within seventy-two (72) hours after a citation has been issued by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative for a violation.

(f). There shall be a delinquency notice mailed certified mail to the violator informing him that a criminal summons will be issued against him if the specified penalty is not paid within seventy-two (72) hours of issuance of the citation.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective October 1st, 2001.

Upon motion of Commissioner Frye, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the foregoing ordinance was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

I, Alice D. Dawson, Clerk to the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the governing board of Randolph County at a regular meeting thereof, a quorum being present.

The 1st day of October, 2001.

Alice B. Dawson  
Clerk to the Board