

ORDINANCE NO. 5978

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA, AMENDING MESA CITY CODE TITLE 7, FIRE REGULATIONS. THE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: ADOPTING THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE; AMENDING SECTION 7-1-1 TO UPDATE A STATUTORY CITATION; REPEALING IN THEIR ENTIRETY SECTIONS 7-2-1, 7-2-2, AND 7-2-3; ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 7-2-1 TITLED “ADOPTED BY REFERENCE,” A NEW SECTION 7-2-2 TITLED “AMENDMENTS TO THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE,” AND A NEW SECTION 7-2-3 TITLED “PENALTY CLAUSE”; ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 7-2-4 TITLED “DIGITAL/ELECTRONIC DRAWING FILE SUBMISSIONS”; AMENDING SECTION 7-3-1 TO INCLUDE GENDER-NEUTRAL TERMS; REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 4 TITLED “FIRE INVESTIGATORS”; AND RENUMBERING CHAPTER 5 TITLED “COST RECOVERY” AS CHAPTER 4.

Whereas, the adoption and enforcement of updated editions of fire and building codes promote and protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public and property within the City.

Whereas, the City Council desires to adopt by reference the 2024 International Fire Code and certain appendices to the 2024 International Fire Code and to adopt certain amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code, which shall collectively constitute the Mesa Fire Code.

Whereas, the 2024 International Fire Code and appendices B, C, E, F, I, L, N, and O to the 2024 International Fire Code were made a public record on December 1, 2025, by Resolution No. 12444, of the City of Mesa, and one paper copy and one electronic copy of each are on file and available for public use and inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 20 E. Main Street, Suite 150, Mesa, Arizona.

Whereas, the City of Mesa’s amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code, as set forth in that certain document titled “Amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code,” were made a public record on December 1, 2025, by Resolution No. 12444, of the City of Mesa, and three paper copies of such document are on file and available for public use and inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 20 E. Main Street, Suite 150, Mesa, Arizona.

Whereas, the City desires to make further updates to the code provisions on Fire Regulations to be consistent with and support the provisions of the 2024 International Fire Code.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: In the sections of this Ordinance that modify the current language of the City Code, deleted language is shown in ~~strike through~~ and new language is shown in **BOLD ALL CAPS**.

Section 2: Mesa City Code Section 7-1-1 titled “Assuming Jurisdiction of Fire Prevention Standards” is amended as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § ~~41-2163(A)(2)~~ **37-1383(A)(5)**, the City of Mesa, having in effect a nationally recognized fire code, does hereby assume jurisdiction from the State Fire Safety Committee for prescribing and enforcing fire prevention standards throughout the City. Such standards shall not supersede or exempt State or County owned and operated buildings and public schools from the State Fire Safety Committee’s established fire prevention standards.

Section 3: Mesa City Code Section 7-2-1 titled “Adopted by Reference” is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 7-2-1 titled “Adopted by Reference” as follows, and the publications listed in the new Section 7-2-1 as follows are hereby adopted by reference and made a part hereof as if fully set forth in this Ordinance:

7-2-1: ADOPTED BY REFERENCE

The following publications, which were made a public record on December 1, 2025, by Resolution No. 12444, of the City of Mesa, Arizona, one paper copy and one electronic copy of which are on file and available for public use and inspection with the City Clerk, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part hereof as if fully set forth in this Mesa City Code Section 7-2-1:

2024 International Fire Code and the following appendices to the 2024 International Fire Code:

- Appendix B – Fire-Flow Requirements For Buildings
- Appendix C – Fire Hydrant Locations And Distribution
- Appendix E – Hazard Categories
- Appendix F – Hazard Ranking
- Appendix I – Fire Protection Systems - Noncompliant Conditions
- Appendix L – Requirements For Fire Fighter Air Replacement Systems
- Appendix N – Indoor Trade Shows And Exhibitions
- Appendix O – Valet Trash And Recycling Collection in Group R-2 Occupancies

Section 4: Mesa City Code Section 7-2-2 titled “Amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code” is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 7-2-2 titled “Amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code” as set forth in that certain document titled “Amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code” that is hereby adopted by reference and made a part hereof as if fully set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 5: Penalty. Mesa City Code Section 7-2-3 titled “Digital/Electronic Drawing File Submissions” is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 7-2-3 titled “Penalty Clause” to read as follows:

7-2-3: PENALTY CLAUSE

(A) **Violation Penalties.** Persons who shall violate a provision of Section 7-2-1 or Section 7-2-2 or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair, or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,500.00 and/or by imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

(B) **Failure to Comply.** Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$2,500.00.

Section 6: Mesa City Code Section 7-2-4 titled “Digital/Electronic Drawing File Submissions” is added to Title 7, Chapter 2 and shall read as follows:

7-2-4: DIGITAL/ELECTRONIC DRAWING FILE SUBMISSIONS

(A) **General.** Projects requiring a construction permit from Development Services, including projects performed under annual facilities permits, shall be submitted in digital/electronic format. Other than construction permits, drawing shall not be required for the following:

1. R-3, R-4, and R-5 occupancies.
2. Other buildings or structures accessory to and located on the same lot with one- and two-family dwellings.
3. Projects not required to submit drawings to obtain a permit. (Refer to Title 4, Chapter 1, Mesa Administrative Code).

The digital/electronic copy of the permit drawings shall be submitted to the Mesa Fire and Medical Department (MFMD) through the Development Services DIMES database for approval by MFMD Technical Services prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy/completion by the Development Services Director.

(B) **Required Format.** Submittals shall be digital/electronic files in one of the following formats: (.dwg) or (.dxf). If submitted files are embedded with external references (example: .xref), such drawings shall also be uploaded in DIMES. Cryptic naming of layers/files shall include a “definition key.” All digital/electronic files shall be drawn in “feet” at a 1:1 scale.

New buildings three stories or more when required by the Fire Code Official shall provide: 3D object-oriented software shall comply with interoperability standards

capable of data exchange with coordination and collaboration software. Modeling must represent real axonometric dimensions and accurately define project site with X,Y,Z coordinates. Refer to Fire Details for software and formatting specifics.

1. Required Information. At minimum, each file shall contain the following information:

(a) Floor Plans:

- i. One floor plan with exterior and interior walls for each building floor.
- ii. All door locations (ingress/egress) throughout the building, including roll up doors and roof hatch/doors.
- iii. Stairs and elevator locations.
- iv. Room/suite names and/or numbers.
- v. Utility shutoff locations (water, electric and gas).
- vi. Special hazards and high-piled stock/racks, if any.
- vii. Fire protection items shall include at minimum, standpipes, fire sprinkler risers, alarm panels, fire department connections, and Knox boxes.
- viii. Building elevations with height dimensions.

(b) Site Plan: Including parking lots, building numbers, parking garages, fire lanes, and hydrants.

(c) Roof Plan: Layout and access (ladder/hatch locations).

2. Not Required. Layers listing furnishings, floor coverings, ceiling styles/grids, plumbing fixtures, electrical (lights, switches, outlets), wall coverings, or landscape information.

Section 7: Mesa City Code Section 7-3-1 titled “Fire Calls Outside City Limits” is amended as follows:

The Fire Chief of the City is hereby authorized and directed, at his **OR HER** discretion, to respond to fire calls outside the City limits with such equipment and ~~men~~ **PERSONNEL**, either regular ~~firemen~~ **FIREFIGHTERS** or volunteer, as may be necessary or reasonable under the circumstances.

Section 8: Mesa City Code Title 7, Chapter 4 (Fire Investigators) and its Section 7-4-1 titled “Duties; Powers; Limitations” are hereby repealed and deleted in their entirety.

Section 9: Mesa City Code Title 7, Chapter 5 (Cost Recovery) and its Section 7-5-1 titled “Purpose,” Section 7-5-2 titled “Definitions,” Section 7-5-3 titled “Billable Costs and Rates,” and Section 7-5-4 titled “Procedure for Billing” are hereby renumbered to Chapter 4, Sections 7-4-1, 7-4-2, 7-4-3, and 7-4-4. The content of Chapter 4, Sections 7-4-1, 7-4-2, 7-4-3, and 7-4-4 (previously Chapter 5, Sections 7-5-1, 7-5-2, 7-5-3, and 7-5-4) remains the same.

Section 10: Recitals. The recitals above are fully incorporated in Ordinance No. 5978 (this “Ordinance”) by reference, and each recital represents a finding of fact and determination made by the City Council.

Section 11: Preservation of Rights and Duties. This Ordinance does not affect the rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 12: Effective Date. The effective date of this Ordinance is 30 days after the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 13: Severability. If any term, provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance or any part of the material adopted herein by reference is for any reason held to be invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

Section 14: Resolutions and Exhibits on File. Resolution No. 12444 adopted on December 1, 2025, and its referenced exhibits are on file and available for public use and inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 20 E. Main Street, Suite 150, Mesa, Arizona.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona, this 8th day of December, 2025.

APPROVED:

Mark Freeman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Holly Moseley, City Clerk