

ORDINANCE # 14

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

FIRE PREVENTION CODE

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Grand Traverse County has determined that the protection of life and property is of paramount concern to the citizens of Grand Traverse County and;

WHEREAS, in order to safeguard life and property of the citizens of Grand Traverse County from the hazards of fire and explosion in new and existings buildings, structures or premises used for human habitation, work and recreation, the Board of Commissioners believes that a fire prevention code is an effective means to achieve public safety and welfare and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners resolves to adopt this Ordinance establishing the minimum regulations governing the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosions arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices; and from conditions hazarous to life and property in the use or occupancy of buildings, structures or premises; and to require certain permits and to establish permit fees to implement and sustain the Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Grand Traverse County as follows:

I. ADOPTION OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

The BOCA National Fire Prevention Code, Eighth Edition, 1990, published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., is adopted as the Fire Prevention Code of Grand Traverse County, State of Michigan. Three (3) copies are on file in the office of the Grand Traverse County Clerk, Grand Traverse County Governmental Center, 400 Boardman, Traverse City, MI 49684 for the use and inspection of the public. The BOCA National Fire Prevention Code establishes minimum regulations governing the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosions arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices; and from conditions hazardous to life and property in the use or occupancy of buildings, structures and premises as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of the BOCA National Fire Prevention Code are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set out in this Ordinance in its entirety with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section III of this Ordinance.

II. INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES REPEALED.

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

III. ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES.

A. Section F-104.1 (page 4, line 2). Insert after the word department: , "Grand Traverse County Fire Department, Urban and Rural Chiefs,"

B. Section F-100.1 (page 1, line 2). Insert: "Grand Traverse County".

C. Section F-106.2 (page 6). Delete F-106.2 and insert new F-106.2 as follows:

F-106.2 Permits required: Permits shall be obtained from the code official annually, unless of a shorter duration, then that duration, when engaging in any business activity or process involving the handling, storage, use or installation of equipment used in connection with hazardous, flammable or explosive substances, materials or devices which produce conditions hazardous to life or property when required by the Code for the specific activity, use or occupation. An annual or periodic permit shall be required to establish or use a building, structure or premises as a place of assembly or when owning, maintaining, renting or leasing or in any manner allowing human use or habitation of a building, structure or premises for the following use groups or sub-use groups thereof: R, A, F, S, M, B, X, G, E as defined in F-201.0, et seq. or by the code official.