

CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 2420

2018 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE
WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS, BY REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 6-4, ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE ADOPTED" AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 6-4, ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE ADOPTED" BY ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE*, AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE *INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE*; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of The Colony, Texas, is of the opinion that the 2018 Edition of the *International Mechanical Code*, along with local amendments hereto, should be adopted as the Mechanical Code for the City of The Colony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of The Colony, Texas, be, and the same is, hereby amended by amending Chapter 6, Article I, by repealing in its entirety Section 6-4, and replacing it with a new Section 6-4, entitled "International Mechanical Code Adopted" which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 6-4. International Mechanical Code Adopted.

- (a) *Adoption.* The *International Mechanical Code* with Appendix A, 2018 edition, is hereby adopted and designated as the Mechanical Code for the City of The Colony, Texas. A copy of the 2018 Edition of the *International Mechanical Code* is on file in the office of the City Secretary.
- (b) *Local Amendments.* The following provisions are local amendments to the 2018 *International Mechanical Code*. Each provision is a substitute for the identically numbered provision contained in the 2018 Edition of the *International Mechanical Code* or is a provision added to the 2018 Edition of the *International Mechanical Code*.

Section 101 Title; change to read as follows:

These regulations shall be known as the *Mechanical Code* of the city of The Colony, herein referred to as “this code.”

Section 306.3; change to read as follows:

306.3 Appliances in Attics. Attics containing appliances shall be provided . . . *{bulk of paragraph unchanged}* . . . side of the appliance. The clear *access* opening dimensions shall be a minimum of 20 inches by 30 inches (508 mm by 762 mm), and large enough to allow removal of the largest appliance. As a minimum, for *access* to the attic space, provide one of the following:

1. A permanent stair.
2. A pull-down stair with a minimum 300 lb. (136 kg) capacity.
3. An *access* door from an upper floor level.
4. *Access* Panel may be used in lieu of items 1, 2, and 3 with prior approval of the code official due to building conditions.

Exceptions:

1. The passageway and level service space are not required where the appliance is capable of being serviced and removed. . . *{remainder of section unchanged}*

Section 306; add Section 306.6 to read as follows:

306.6 Water Heaters Above Ground or Floor. When the mezzanine or platform in which a water heater is installed is more than eight (8) feet (2438 mm) above the ground or floor level, it shall be made accessible by a stairway or permanent ladder fastened to the building.”

SECTION 3. If any section, article paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance, or application thereto any persons or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That all provisions of the Ordinances of the City of The Colony, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby amended, repealed, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction in the municipal court of the City of The Colony, Texas, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Every day a violation occurs shall constitute a

separate offense.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its date of passage in accordance with law.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE COLONY, TEXAS, THIS 5th day of JANUARY 2021.



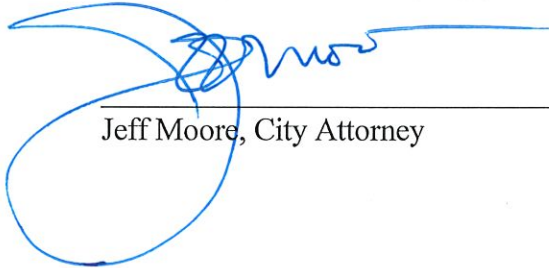
Joe McCourry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tina Stewart, TRMC, CMC City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jeff Moore, City Attorney

