

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
MERIDIAN, MICHIGAN, CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 26-26 & 26-27
TO ADOPT AND INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL
FIRE CODE WITH MERIDIAN AMENDMENTS

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment to Chapter 26, Article II, Sections 26-26 and 26-27. Section 26-26 entitled Adoption and Section 26-27 entitled Revisions; limitations; amendments of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, are amended to read as follows:

26-26 Adoption.

A certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk, being marked and designated as the International Fire Code, 2018 edition, including Appendix Chapters B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and N, as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted, and incorporated by reference into the Township Code of Ordinances, with Meridian Amendments, as the Fire Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, in the State of Michigan, to regulate and govern the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the Township and to provide for the issuance of permits and collection of fees. Such adoption and incorporation shall include all amendments to the 2018 International Fire Code effective as of the date this is adopted, and including all amendments thereafter made to the 2018 International Fire Code. Amendments made to the 2018 International Fire Code, as adopted by reference herein, become effective the same date they become effective in the 2018 International Fire Code. The penalties and procedures prescribed pursuant to the 2018 International Fire Code are applicable to violations occurring in the Township.

26-27 Revisions; limitations; amendments.

(a) The following sections of the 2018 International Fire Code, as amended, are hereby revised as follows:

Section 101.1: Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, hereinafter referred to after as "this code."

Section 110.4: Violation Penalties. Persons who shall violate provisions of this code 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 a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed as a separate offense.

Section 112.4: 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 not less than \$500.00 or more than \$500.00.

Section 507.5.1: Where required. Where a portion of the facility or building hereinafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction is more than 150 feet (46 m) from a hydrant on a fire apparatus access road, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the facility or building, on-site fire hydrants and mains shall be provided where required by the fire code official.

Exceptions:

1. Group R-3 and Group U occupancies, the distance requirement shall be 250 feet (76 m).
2. For buildings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.1.1 or 903.3.1.2, the distance requirement shall be 250 feet (76 m).

Section 507.5.1.1: Hydrant for fire protection systems. Buildings equipped with a fire protection system installed in accordance with Chapter 9 shall have a fire hydrant within 100 feet (30 m) of the fire department connections.

Section 1103.5.3 Group I-2 Condition 2: In addition to the requirements of Section 1103.5.2, existing buildings of Group I-2, Condition 2 occupancy shall be equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1. The automatic sprinkler system shall be installed as established by the limits set forth by the Michigan Bureau of Fire Services rules for each respective facility.

(b) The geographic limits referred to in certain sections of the 2018 International Fire Code, as amended, are hereby established as follows:

Section 5704.2.9.6.1: Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. Storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited unless the following conditions are met:

- (a) Meets all requirements and standards of the International Fire Code, as determined by the Fire Chief, or designee; and

- (b) Has been granted a Special Use Permit for such use under the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Meridian.

Section 5706.2.4.4: Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. The Storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited unless the following conditions are met:

- (a) Meets all requirements and standards of the International Fire Code, as determined by the Fire Chief, or designee; and
- (b) Has been granted a Special Use Permit for such use under the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Meridian.

Section 5806.2: Limitations. Storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings is prohibited unless the following conditions are met:

- (a) Meets all requirements and standards of the International Fire Code, as determined by the Fire Chief, or designee; and
- (b) Has been granted a Special Use Permit for such use under the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Meridian.

Section 6104.2: Maximum capacity within established limits. Within the limits established by law restricting the storage of liquefied petroleum gas for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas, the aggregate capacity of any one installation shall not exceed a water capacity of 2000 gallons (7570 L) unless the following conditions are met:

- (a) Meets all requirements and standards of the International Fire Code, as determined by the Fire Chief, or designee; and
- (b) Has been granted a Special Use Permit for such use under the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Meridian.

Exception: In particular installations, this capacity limit shall be determined by the fire code official, after consideration of special features such as topographical conditions, nature of occupancy, and proximity to buildings, capacity of proposed LP-gas containers, degree of fire protection to be provided and capabilities of the local fire department.

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its publication.

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