

1 CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

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3 ORDINANCE NO. 12

4
5 Series, 2026

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7 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,
8 COLORADO, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE
9 5, FIRE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 2 FIRE PREVENTION
10 OF THE CITY CODE

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13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
14 OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

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16 Section 1: Littleton City Code, Title 5, Fire Regulations, Chapter 2, Fire Prevention, is
17 hereby repealed and reenacted, to read as follows:

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19 **5-2-1: INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ADOPTED:**

20 The 2024 International Fire Code by the International Code Council, Inc. (“2024 IFC”) is hereby
21 adopted by reference pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 44 of the Charter of the City, with such
22 amendments, changes, and deletions as are set forth in section 5-2-2 of this chapter. Commencing
23 on or after January 1, 2023, the City within thirty (30) days following adoption of a revised code
24 shall provide notice to any Fire Protection District or fire and rescue authority providing fire
25 services to the City.

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27 Section 2: Littleton City Code, Title 5, Building Regulations, Chapter 2, Fire Prevention,
28 Section 5-2-2 is hereby repealed and reenacted in its entirety, to read as follows:

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30 **5-2-2: AMENDMENTS TO FIRE CODE:**

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32 A. Section 101.1 is amended as follows:

33 101.1 Title.

34 These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the city of Littleton, hereinafter
35 referred to as “this code.”

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37 B. Section 101.2.1 is amended as follows:

38 101.2.1 Appendices.

39 The following appendices are hereby adopted as part of this code:

40 Appendix B, Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings, as amended.

41 Appendix C, Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution.

42 Appendix D, Fire Apparatus Access Roads, as amended.

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44 C. Section 103.1 is amended as follows:

46 103.1. Creation of agency. The South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Fire
47 Marshal's Office is hereby designated as the official in charge thereof and shall be known
48 as the fire code official. The function of the Fire Marshal's Office shall be the
49 implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

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51 **D.** Section 103.2 is amended as follows:

52 103.2 Appointment.

53 The Fire Marshal of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District, or a designee, is
54 hereby appointed as the fire code official.

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56 **E.** Section 105.5.40 is amended as follows:

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58 105.5.40 Outdoor assembly event.

59 An operational permit is required to conduct an outdoor assembly event where elements of
60 the event are regulated by this code or planned attendance exceeds 500 persons on site at
61 one time.

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63 **F.** Section 105.5.51 is amended as follows:

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65 105.5.51 Temporary membrane structures, special event structures, inflatable amusement
66 devices, and tents.

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68 An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane
69 structure, a temporary special event structure, an inflatable amusement device, or a tent
70 having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m²).

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72 **Exceptions:**

- 73 1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
74 2. Tents, curtains, extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.
75 3. Tents open on all sides, which comply with all of the following:
76 3.1. Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65m²)
77 3.2. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break
78 clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65m²)
79 total.
80 3.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be
81 provided.

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83 **G.** Section 105.6 is amended as follows:

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85 105.6 Required construction permits.

86 The fire code official is authorized to issue construction permits for work as set forth in
87 Section 105.6.1 through 105.6.26.

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89 **H.** Section 105.6.25 is amended as follows:

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91 105.6.25 Temporary membrane structures and tents.

92 A construction permit is required to erect a membrane structure, air-inflated membrane
93 structure, air-supported membrane structure, a temporary special event structure, an
94 inflatable amusement device, or a tent in accordance with Section 105.5.51, as amended
95 herein.

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97 **I.** Section 105.6.26 is added as follows:

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99 105.6.26 Buildings and facilities.

100 Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move,
101 demolish or change occupancy of a building, or structure, or facility, or to cause any such work
102 to be performed, shall first make application to the fire code official and obtain the required
103 permit.

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105 **J.** Section 112.1 is amended as follows:

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107 112.1 Board of appeals established. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or
108 determinations made by the fire code official relative to the application and interpretation of
109 this code, there shall be created a Regional Fire Code Board of Appeals by the entry of various
110 fire districts into an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA"). The board of appeals shall be
111 appointed through the operation of the IGA. The fire code official shall be an ex officio member
112 of said board but shall have no vote on any matter before the board. The board shall adopt rules
113 of procedure for conducting its business and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to
114 the appellant with a duplicate copy to the fire code official.

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116 **K.** Section 113.4 is amended as follows:

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118 Section 113.4 Violation penalties.

119 Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the
120 requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, construct, alter, repair or do work in violation
121 of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or
122 certificate used under the provisions of this code, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed in
123 City of Littleton Municipal Code Title 1, Chapter 4, Section 1-4-1: GENERAL PENALTY.

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125 **L.** Section 114.4 is amended as follows:

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127 Section 114.4 Failure to comply.

128 Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order,
129 except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe
130 condition, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed in City of Littleton Municipal Code Title
131 1 Chapter 4, Section 1-4-1: GENERAL PENALTY.

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133 **M.** Section 503.1 is amended as follows:

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135 503.1 Where required.

136 Fire apparatus access roads shall be provided and maintained in accordance with Sections
137 503.1.1 through 503.1.3 and Appendix D, as amended.

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N. Section 503.2 is amended as follows:

503.2 Specifications.

Fire apparatus access roads shall be installed and arranged in accordance with Sections 503.2.1 through 503.2.8 and Appendix D, as amended.

O. Section 503.2.1 is amended as follows:

503.2.1 Dimensions.

Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet (6096 mm), exclusive of shoulders, except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches (4115 mm) and in accordance with Appendix D, as amended. The greater dimension of required unobstructed width shall prevail.

P. Section 503.4 is amended as follows:

503.4 Obstruction of fire apparatus access roads.

Fire apparatus access roads shall not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking of vehicles. The minimum widths and clearances in Sections 503.2.1, 503.2.2, and Appendix D shall be maintained at all times.

Q. Section 507.5 is amended as follows:

507.5 Fire hydrant systems.

Fire hydrant systems shall comply with Sections 507.5.1 through 507.5.6 and Appendix C.

R. Section 609.1 is hereby added as follows:

609.1 General. Hyperbaric facilities shall be inspected, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 99.

Exception:

(1) When the fire code official determines a requirement of NFPA 99 is not applicable to the type of hyperbaric chambers and associated devices being installed, the fire code official shall determine the applicable requirements for the hyperbaric facility.

S. Section 903.2.8 is amended as follows:

903.2.8 Group R. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all new buildings, building alterations, building additions, and buildings undergoing a change-in-use with a Group R fire area, other than Group R-3 one- and two- family dwellings. New townhouse units shall be provided with an automatic sprinkler system.

T. Section 903.3 is amended as follows:

183 903.3 Installation requirements. Automatic sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed
184 in accordance with Section 903.3.1 through 903.3.9.
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186 **U.** Section 1103.7.6, Group R-2, Exception 3, is amended as follows:

187 3. A fire alarm system is not required in buildings that do not have interior corridors
188 serving dwelling units, provided that dwelling units either have a means of egress
189 door opening directly to an exterior exit access that leads directly to the exits or are
190 served by open-ended corridors designed in accordance with Section 1027.6,
191 Exception 3.2 to 3.5.
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193 **V.** Section 5601.1.3 is amended as follows:

194 5601.1.3 Fireworks.

195 The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited.

196 Exceptions:

- 197 1. The use of fireworks for display as allowed in Section 5608.
198 2. The possession, storage, sale, handling and use of permissible fireworks as
199 defined by C.R.S 12-28-101, and in accordance with the applicable provisions of
200 this code.
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203 **W.** Section 5704.2.9.6.1 is deleted in its entirety.

204 **X.** Section 5706.2.4.4 is deleted in its entirety.

205 **Y.** Section 5806.2 is deleted in its entirety.

206 **Z.** Section 6104.2 is deleted in its entirety.
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208 **AA.** Section D101.1 Scope is amended to read as follows:

209 D101. Scope. Fire apparatus roads shall be in accordance with this appendix, all
210 other applicable requirements of the International Fire Code, and the roadway
211 design standards adopted by the applicable county or municipality. Should any
212 provisions of the fire code conflict with the roadway design provisions, the fire
213 code official and the designated city or county official shall make the final
214 determination.
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217 **BB.** Section D102.1 is amended to read as follows:

218 D102.1 Access and loading.

219 Facilities, buildings or portions of buildings hereafter constructed shall be
220 accessible to fire department apparatus by way of an approved fire apparatus
221 access road with an asphalt, concrete or other approved driving surface capable of
222 supporting the imposed load of fire apparatus weighing up to 80,000 pounds (34
223 050 kg).
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225 **CC.** Section D103.1 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

226 **DD.** Section D103.2 is amended to read as follows:

227 D103.2 Grade.
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229 The grade of the fire apparatus access road shall be a maximum of 6% or as
230 otherwise determined by the fire code official based on fire district apparatus
231 specifications.
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233 **EE.** Section D104.1 is amended to read as follows:
234 D104.1 Buildings exceeding three stories or 30 feet in height.
235 Buildings or facilities where the vertical distance between the grade plane and the
236 highest roof surface exceeds 30 feet (9144 mm) or three stories in height shall have
237 not fewer than two means of fire apparatus access for each structure. For purposes
238 of this section, the highest roof surface shall be determined by measurement to the
239 eave of a pitched roof, the intersection of the roof to the exterior wall, or the top of
240 parapet walls, whichever is greater.
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242 **Section 3:** Littleton City Code, Title 5, Fire Regulations, Chapter 2, Fire Prevention,
243 Section 5-2-5 is hereby amended as follows:
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245 The International Fire Code, as adopted by the Council AND AS AMENDED, SHALL BE
246 AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION, AT ALL REASONABLE HOURS, IN THE OFFICE
247 OF THE BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION AND IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.
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249 **Section 4:** Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or
250 phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the
251 validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would
252 have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase
253 hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or
254 phrases may be declared invalid.
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256 **Section 5:** Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict
257 with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer
258 clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.
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261 INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council
262 of the City of Littleton on the 5th day of May, 2026, passed on first reading by a vote of ___ FOR
263 and ___ AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the
264 Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

265 PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 19th day of May, 2026,
266 in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the
267 hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

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269 PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of ___ FOR and
270 ___ AGAINST on the 19th day of May, 2026 and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center,
271 Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

272 ATTEST:

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274 Colleen L. Norton
275 CITY CLERK

Kyle Schlachter
MAYOR

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277 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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280 Reid Betzing
281 CITY ATTORNEY

