

The Birmingham Eccentric

Some folks will go about making negative statements concerning the state of Birmingham and don't make to the faces of those who are in the know. Such a waste of time, very little of good to our society.

BIRMINGHAM BUILDING CODE

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PREFACE

Under the police power delegated by the state, every local community has the authority and is vested with the implied responsibility to safeguard the life and welfare of the individual and the community as a whole from structural, fire and sanitary hazards due to unsafe and improperly planned building construction.

The objective of this Building Code is to make the effective regulation of building construction possible and to establish minimum requirements for safe, permanent construction of buildings and structures within the limited range of building operations common in a community which is principally residential.

This Building Code is based upon the Abridged Building Code promulgated by the Building Officials Conference of America. Changes and additions have been made to cover some subjects more completely and to adapt the code to local conditions. This code is complementary to the Basic Building Code of the Building Officials Conference of America and larger buildings or structures which involve the use of structural steel frames, reinforced concrete or other design of a more intricate technical nature will be governed by the provisions of the Basic Building Code.

In order to condense the text and to eliminate details insofar as possible, the recommendations of accepted engineering practice as defined by the standards of recognized, authoritative governmental research and testing organizations are incorporated by reference in appendices A, B, and C, for the use of the public, of all such accredited data and specifications is available in the building industry and to permit the use of all safe materials and approved methods of construction which are found adequate for the intended use.

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ORDINANCE NO. 416

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MOVING, DEMOLITION, OCCUPANCY, CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY, EQUIPMENT, HEIGHT, AREA, LOCATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, INCLUDING THE REPEALING OF ORDINANCES IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEALING OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

The City of Birmingham ordains:

A. This Ordinance shall be known as the "BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM" and will be referred to in this Ordinance as "this Code".

B. The purpose and object of this Code is set forth in the "preface" hereto attaching and hereby it is declared to be the purpose hereto to provide minimum standards, and the provisions of this Code shall be a supplement to and all laws of the State of Michigan relative to building construction.

C. All structures hereafter erected, altered, demolished or moved, and all structures hereafter covered, shall be in all things subject to the provisions of this Code as more particularly hereinafter set forth.

D. The Basic Building Code of the Building Officials Conference of America is incorporated herein by reference for the purpose set forth in the BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM. The Basic Building Code as adopted by reference to the Code which was copyrighted and published by such Conference in 1950.

E. The Plumbing Code of the City of Detroit, Michigan, the same being Ordinance No. 1943 and revised March 29, 1946 and being Ordinance No. 1943 of the City of Detroit, is adopted by reference, and made a part of this Code. All plumbing work covered hereunder shall be performed in accordance with provisions and requirements of the Detroit Plumbing Code, and with provisions of this Code as more particularly hereinafter set forth.

F. The National Electrical Code, adopted in 1951 and more particularly as amended in 1950, is adopted by reference, and made a part hereof, and all electrical work performed in the City of Birmingham shall be performed in accordance with the provisions of the National Electrical Code, and in accordance with provisions of this Code.

G. All provisions of this Code are declared to be severable, and in the event any Section or sections hereof shall be declared to be of no effect, the remainder of the Code shall remain in full force and effect, and of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not invalidate the remaining Sections of this Code.

H. The provisions of this Code, insofar as they relate to the construction, alteration, and particularly Ordinances Nos. 184, 202, 212, 220, 230, 231, 260, 274, 308, 309, 312, 315, 318, 326, 346, 359, 367, 369, 374, 376, 377, 378, 379, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 3