

**COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE NO. 0-25-20**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 151.03 OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT TO THE FIRE CHIEF OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE AND TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO AN OBSOLETE BOARD.

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WHEREAS, the Covington Code of Ordinances adopts various fire codes in Chapter 151; and

WHEREAS, Section 151.03 currently grants authority for the administration of fire code enforcement to the Director of Code Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, recent organizational changes necessitate revision of Section 151.03 to grant the authority for the administration of fire code enforcement to the Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Section 151.03 currently requires appeals of fire code enforcement matters to be heard by the Local Board of Housing, Building, and Construction Appeals; and

WHEREAS, recent organizational changes necessitate the elimination of this appeal process because the Local Board of Housing, Building, and Construction Appeals no longer exists.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

Section 1

Section 151.03 of the Covington Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

**§ 151.03 ENFORCEMENT.**

(A) In any case where a provision of this chapter is found to be in conflict with any existing code, ordinance, or regulation of the city, the provision which establishes the higher standards shall prevail.

(B) The administration of this section shall be the responsibility of the ~~[Director of Code Enforcement. This section shall be enforced in close cooperation with the Fire Department and its fire inspectors]~~ **Fire Chief or his or her designee, with communication and cooperation with applicable City staff and agencies including but not limited to City Code Enforcement Officers, building**

**officials, and Police Officers,** to assure uniform and equal enforcement of the provisions of [~~the 1979~~] **applicable** National Fire Codes.

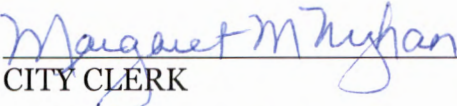
~~[(C) The Local Board of Housing, Building, and Construction Appeals shall hear and decide appeals from the decisions of the Director of Code Enforcement enforcing the 1979 National Fire Codes.]~~

Section 2

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, publication, which may be in summary form, and recording, according to law.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

Passed: 12-1-20 (Second Reading)

11-17-20 (First Reading)