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ORDINANCE NO. 19156

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager amending City of Topeka Code § 26-116 and § 26-283, concerning building codes, and specifically repealing said original sections and § 70-196.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka recently adopted the International Building Code and references to the Uniform Building Code in various sections of the City of Topeka Code Book need to be updated.

Section 1. That § 26-116, Adoption of Building Codes, of the Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Adoption of Building Codes.

That ~~the~~ City of Topeka adopts the following building codes: International Building Code, 2006, first printing January 2006, as amended; ~~International Residential Code for one- and two-family dwellings, 2003 Edition as adopted in part and as amended;~~ Uniform Code for Building Conservation, 1997 edition, as amended; ~~National Electrical Code, 2005 edition; Uniform Plumbing Code, 2000 edition, as amended; Uniform Mechanical Code, 1997 edition, as amended; Uniform Fire code, 1997 edition, as amended, and Life Safety Code, 1991 edition, as amended.~~

Section 2. That § 26-283, Adoption of rules and regulations, of the Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Adoption of rules and regulations.

The director of public works or his or her designee shall have the authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of the

29 IRC. Reference may be made to the currently adopted ~~Uniform~~ Building Code for
30 guidance and clarification.

31 Section 3. That § 70-196, Large facilities, of the Code of the City of Topeka,
32 Kansas, is hereby repealed:

33 **~~Large facilities.~~**

34 ~~(a) This section applies to residential board and care occupancies providing~~
35 ~~sleeping accommodations for 16 or more residents. Large facilities shall meet the~~
36 ~~requirements of the currently adopted Uniform Building Code. For prompt and moderate~~
37 ~~evacuation capability, R-1 standards shall apply. For slow and impractical evacuation~~
38 ~~capability, I-1 standards shall apply.~~

39 ~~(b) The requirements of this section are applicable to new construction or~~
40 ~~existing buildings.~~

41 ~~(c) Emergency lighting for large facilities shall be required in accordance with~~
42 ~~NFPA standards 70.~~

43 ~~(d) Smoke alarm systems as per NFPA standards (72A) shall be required in~~
44 ~~large facilities.~~

45 ~~(e) The address of large facilities shall be visible from the street on a~~
46 ~~contrasting background with numbers at least six inches in height.~~

47 Section 4. That original City of Topeka Code § 26-116 and § 26-283 are
48 hereby specifically repealed.

49 Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its
50 passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council September 9, 2008.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk