

ORDINANCE O-2015-60

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 16.14 OF
THE LONGMONT MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2015 EDITION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO, ORDAINS:

Section 4. International Fuel Gas Code and Appendices Adopted.

Chapter 16.14 of the Longmont Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

16.14.010. - International Fuel Gas Code including Appendix Chapters A and B adopted.

Pursuant to Part 2 of Article 16 of Title 31, CRS, as amended, and Article IV, Municipal Charter of the City of Longmont, Colorado, there is adopted as the fuel gas code of the City, by reference thereto, the International Fuel Gas Code, Edition, including Appendix Chapters A and B, published by the International Code Council, Inc., 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478, that code to have the same force and effect as if set forth in this chapter in every particular, save and except such portions as are added, amended, deleted, or replaced in this chapter. All references in this code to the International Fuel Gas Code are to the edition referenced above.

16.14.020. - Copies of Code—Filing for public inspection.

At the time of adoption, one copy of the International Fuel Gas Code, published by the International Code Council Inc., certified to be a true copy is on file in the office of the city clerk and may be inspected by any interested person between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted. The city shall keep a copy of the adopted code in the office of the chief enforcement officer for public inspection. The building code, as finally adopted, is available for sale at the office of the city clerk, at a price reflecting cost to the city as established by the city manager, pursuant to this municipal code.

16.14.030. - Section 101.1 amended—Title.

Section 101.1 of the International Fuel Gas Code is amended by the insertion of “the City of Longmont” in the brackets.

16.14.040. - Section 101.2.5 amended—Other fuels.

Section 101.2.5 of the International Fuel Gas Code is revised by the addition of the following section:

101.2.5.1 Fuel gas prohibited. Liquefied petroleum gases shall not be used as a fuel source for equipment in any occupancy.

Exception:

Construction or temporary heating in accordance with the fire code.

16.14.050. - Section 106.1.1 deleted—Annual permit.

Section 106.1.1 of the International Fuel Gas Code is deleted in its entirety.

16.14.060. - Section 106.1.2 deleted—Annual permit records.

Section 106.1.2 of the International Fuel Gas Code is amended by deleting this section in its entirety.

16.14.070. - Section 106.6.2 deleted—Fee schedule.

Section 106.6.2 of the International Fuel Gas Code is amended by the addition of the following:

The fee for any permit required by this code shall be established from time to time by resolution of the city council.

16.14.080. - Section 106.6.3 replaced—Fee refunds.

Section 106.6.3 of the International Fuel Gas Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The building official shall refund any fee paid hereunder which was erroneously paid or collected. Where no work has been done under a permit, the permittee may forfeit the permit and receive a refund of 80 percent of the permit fee paid. Where an applicant has paid a plan review fee for a permit under this chapter, and then withdrawn or canceled the application before plan review concluded, the building official shall refund the applicant 80 percent of the plan review fee paid, less any city expenses for plan review by an outside consultant. The building official shall not authorize refunding of any fee paid except on written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of the fee payment.

16.14.090. - Section 108 replaced—Violations.

Sections 108.1 through 108.4 of the International Fuel Gas Code are deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:

108.1 Unlawful acts. It is unlawful for any person to erect, install, alter, repair, relocate, add to, replace, demolish, use, occupy, or maintain any building or structure, or cause or permit the same to be done, in violation of this code.

108.2 Violation. Any person committing or permitting a violation of this code commits a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation exists. Offenses are punishable according to Chapter 1.12 of the Longmont Municipal Code.

108.3 Violation, penalties. Imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation nor permit it to continue, and all such persons shall correct or remedy such violations or defect within a reasonable time.

108.4 Prosecution of violation. In addition to any other penalties, any violation of this code is a public nuisance and shall be enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this code shall prevent the city attorney from seeking appropriate legal or equitable relief from any court of competent jurisdiction.

16.14.100. - Section 109 replaced—Means of appeal.

Section 109 of the International Fuel Gas Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

109.1 General. For provisions relating to the board of appeals, see Chapter 16.30 of the Longmont Municipal Code.

16.14.110. - Section 202 amended—Definitions.

Section 202 of the International Fuel Gas Code is amended by the addition of the following:

BEDROOM/SLEEPING ROOM: An enclosed space within a dwelling unit, used or intended to be used for sleeping purposes, meeting the minimum area requirements of the building code or containing a closet or similar area which is easily converted into a closet (such space needs only doors to become a closet).

CONDITIONED SPACE: An area, room or space that is enclosed within the building thermal envelope and that is directly heated or cooled or that is indirectly heated or cooled. Spaces that are indirectly heated or cooled must communicate through openings with conditioned spaces.

UNUSUALLY TIGHT CONSTRUCTION: Construction meeting the following requirements: In buildings of unusually tight construction, combustion air shall be obtained from outside the sealed thermal envelope. In buildings of ordinary tightness, insofar as infiltration is concerned, all or a portion of the combustion air for fuel-burning appliances may be obtained from infiltration when the room or space has a volume of 50 cubic feet per 1,000 Btu/h input. Buildings classified as Group R occupancies, constructed with permits issued on or after March 1, 1989, are classified as buildings with unusually tight construction.

16.14.120. - Section 304.5 amended—Indoor combustion air.

Section 304.5 of the International Fuel Gas Code is amended by the insertion of the following at the beginning of the section:

For buildings of unusually tight construction, combustion air shall be obtained from the outdoors in accordance with provisions of Section 304.6. Combustion and dilution air may be obtained entirely from the indoors in buildings that meet the requirements of this section.

Exception:

Existing buildings classified as Group R occupancies shall be provided with a minimum 28 inch² opening to outdoor air at the time of replacement or addition of fuel utilization equipment for which a permit is required.

16.14.130. - Section 401.7 amended—Piping meter identification.

Section 401.7 of the International Fuel Gas Code is amended by the addition of the following:

Multiple meters for a building shall be installed in a group, unless the building official approves remote locations.

16.14.140. - Section 624.1 amended—General.

Section 624.1 of the International Fuel Gas Code is amended by the addition of the following:

The minimum energy factor for residential water heaters shall be .64 for fuel-fired and .98 for electric.