

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE LOVELAND MUNICIPAL CODE  
ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THERETO THE INTERNATIONAL  
MECHANICAL CODE, 2012 EDITION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4-12 of the Charter of the City of Loveland, the City Council is authorized to adopt, by ordinance, any code by reference in accordance with the procedures established by state law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received the recommendation of the Construction Advisory Board recommending the adoption of the International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition, and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has conducted a public hearing pursuant to Section 31-16-203, C.R.S. concerning the adoption of the International Mechanical Code by reference and finds and determines that it is necessary to the health, safety and general welfare of the public that the City regulate conditions hazardous to life and property by the adoption of the International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition, and certain amendments and modifications thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELAND, COLORADO:

**Section 1.** Chapter 15.16 of the Loveland Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reacted to read as follows:

**Chapter 15.16**

**MECHANICAL CODE**

**Sections:**

- 15.16.010 International Mechanical Code – Adopted.**
- 15.16.020 Modifications to the International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition.**
- 15.16.030 Violations and penalties.**

**Section 15.16.010 – International Mechanical Code – Adopted.**

The International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition, issued and published by the International Code Council, 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5795, including appendix A, is hereby adopted by reference as the mechanical code of the city. This code is a complete code covering all buildings hereafter constructed, erected, enlarged, altered or moved into the city and its purpose is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life and limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of mechanical systems, and providing for issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore. At least one copy of the International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition, which

has been certified by the mayor and city clerk, shall be on file in the office of the city clerk and may be inspected during regular business hours.

**Section 15.16.020 - Modifications to International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition.**

The International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition, adopted in this chapter, is modified as follows:

A. Section 101.1 is amended to read as follows:

**101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the Mechanical Code of the City of Loveland, hereinafter referred to as “this code” or “mechanical code.”

B. Section 103 is deleted in its entirety.

C. Section 106.2 is amended by the addition of the following numbered paragraphs to read as follows:

**106.2 Permits not required.**

9. Replacement or repair of a category one (1) furnace or water heater of the same BTU rating in buildings classified R-3 occupancies provided the initial installation has been permitted, inspected and approved.

10. Replacement or repair of air conditioning equipment of the same size, energy source, and rating in buildings classified as R-3 occupancies provided the initial installation has been permitted, inspected and approved.

D. Section 106.4.1 shall be amended to read as follows:

**Section 106.4.1 Approved construction documents.** When the code official issues the permit where construction documents are required, the construction documents shall be endorsed in writing and stamped “REVIEWED PLANS FOR CODE COMPLIANCE”.

E. Section 106.5.2 is amended to read as follows:

**106.5.2 Fee schedule.** Fees for any permit, plan review or inspection required by this code shall be established from time to time by resolution of the City Council.

F. Section 106.5.3 is amended by inserting “fifty percent” into the brackets of paragraphs numbered 2 and 3. Additionally, the last paragraph of this section shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The code official shall not authorize the refunding of any fee paid, except upon written application filed by the original permittee not later than 90 days after the date of fee payment.

G. Section 108.5 is amended as well as by adding the last sentence to read as follows:

**108.5 Stop work orders.** Upon notice from the code official, work on any mechanical system that is being done contrary to the provisions of the code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work, **or posted on the property.** The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not require to give a written notice prior to stopping the work.

Any person who shall continue any work on the system after having been served by a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable for a fine as established by the City of Loveland.

H. Section 109 is deleted in its entirety.

I. Section 801.2 is amended by adding the following sentence to to read as follows:

**801.2 General.**

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Un-vented gas appliance(s) and room heaters are prohibited, except for domestic gas range installations per manufacturers listing.

I. Section 905.1 is amended by adding the following to read as follows:

**905.1. General.**

No permit shall be issued for the installation of a wood stove appliance, unless the wood stove appliance is listed and tested by an approved testing agency, fully complies with the manufacturers listing and conforms to any emissions standards of the State of Colorado in effect at the time of permit application which may pertain to the City of Loveland.

J. Section 1001 is amended by the addition of a new subsection 1001.2 to read as follows:

**1001.2 Operations and maintenance of boilers and pressure vessels.** Boilers and pressure vessels shall be operated and maintained in conformity with requirements for adequate protection of the public according to nationally recognized standards. The State Boiler Inspector shall notify the owner or the authorized representative of defects or deficiencies, which shall be properly and promptly corrected.

K. Section 1011 is amended to read as follows:

**1011. Tests.** Tests. An installation for which a permit is required shall not be put into service until it has been inspected and approved. It is the duty of the owner or his or her authorized representative to notify the State of Colorado Boiler Inspector or an authorized alternate that the installation is ready for inspection and test. The results of such test shall be submitted to the building official for acceptance.

**Section 15.16.030 – Violations and penalties.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert or demolish, equip, use, occupy or maintain any building or structure in the city or cause the same to be done contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of the mechanical code, as adopted and modified by the city. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of the mechanical code, as adopted and modified by the city, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to penalties as set forth in Section 1.12.010 of the code of the city of Loveland.

**Section 2.** As provided in Loveland Charter Section 4-8(b), this ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after publication following final adoption.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Assistant City Attorney