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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM
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TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lacey G. Simpson, Acting City Manager

DATE: September 7, 2022

RE: **Ordinance No. 22-1947 – Amending Subsection (b)(25) Of Section 18.04.010 Of The Ketchikan Municipal Code; Entitled “Adoption” Concerning Residential Sprinkler Systems; And Establishing an Effective Date**

The attached ordinance was prepared by City Attorney Mitch Seaver at the request of Ketchikan Fire Chief Rick Hines, who requested the ordinance be placed before the City Council for consideration at its meeting of September 15, 2022. If adopted, Ordinance No. 22-1947 corrects language between the Uniform Building Code and the International Fire Code requiring sprinkler systems for four dwelling units or sixteen sleeping units within the City of Ketchikan.

The City Attorney and the Fire Chief will attend the City Council meeting of September 15, 2022, in order to address any questions and/or concerns that Councilmembers may have.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the City Council adopt the motion approving in first reading Ordinance No. 22-1947 amending Subsection (b)(25) of Section 18.04.010 of the Ketchikan Municipal Code; entitled “Adoption” concerning residential sprinkler systems; and establishing an effective date.

**Recommended Motion:** I move the City Council approve in first reading Ordinance No. 22-1947 amending Subsection (b)(25) of Section 18.04.010 of the Ketchikan Municipal Code; entitled “Adoption” concerning residential sprinkler systems; and establishing an effective date.



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# Memorandum

TO: Lacey Simpson, Acting City Manager  
FROM: Rick Hines, Fire Chief  
DATE: September 6, 2022  
SUBJECT: Fire Sprinkler Code

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Acting Manager Simpson,

I received this Ordinance last week from the Clerk's office. It was slated to go in front of the council for adoption in April this year but never made it for reading. This Ordinance corrects the vocabulary difference between the Uniform Building and Fire Code. This change will help prevent discrepancies in requiring sprinklers for four dwelling units or sixteen sleeping units within the city of Ketchikan.

**Recommendation: I recommend that the council move to adopt ordinance 22-1947. The Ordinance concerns residential sprinkler systems.**

THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 22-1947

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA; AMENDING SUBSECTION (b)(25) OF SECTION 18.04.010 OF THE KETCHIKAN MUNICIPAL CODE; ENTITLED “ADOPTION” CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER SYSTEMS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1: Amendment.** Subsection (b)(25) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, entitled “Adoption,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Addition. A new Section 903.2.8.4 is added to Chapter 9, Section 903.2.8 (Group R) of the I.F.C. to read as follows:

903.2.8.4 Group R-2. An automatic sprinkler system or a residential sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.2 must be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R-2 fire area that are more than two stories in height, including basements, or that have **more than** four [~~or more~~] dwelling units or 16 sleeping units.”

**Section 2: Effective Date.** This ordinance is effective one (1) month after its final passage and publication.

PASSED ON FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_.

FINAL PASSAGE \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dave Kiffer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim L. Stanker  
City Clerk

FYI: Bracketed language is intended to be removed from the existing ordinance, and underlined language in bold type is intended as an addition to the existing Ketchikan Municipal Code.

EFFECTIVE		DATE:	
ROLL CALL	YEA	NAY	ABSENT
BRADBERRY			
FLORA			
GAGE			
GASS			
KISTLER			
MAHTANI			
ZENGE			
MAYOR			