ORDINANCE NO. 1095

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTIONS 12-402, 12-403, 12-404, 12-406, 12-407, 12-408 AND 12-410, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND CERTAIN APPENDICES AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL GAS CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS AS THEY RELATE TO FEES AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, That Title 12, East Ridge City Code, Chapter 4, Section 12-402, be and is hereby amended by striking said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 12-402. Gas Code Adopted.

The International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 edition, one (1) copy of the gas code shall be kept on file in the office of the city recorder for the use and inspection of the public, is hereby adopted as the official Gas Code of the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Title 12, East Ridge City Code, Chapter 4, Section 12-403, 12-404, 12-406, 12-407, 12-408 and 12-410, be amended by striking same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following words and figures:

Section 12-403. Appendices to the Code Adopted.

The following appendices to the International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 edition, and as further amended in this chapter, are hereby adopted as part of the official Gas Code of the City.

Appendix A – Sizing and capacities of gas piping.
Appendix B – Sizing of venting systems.
Appendix C – Exit Terminals, et al.

Section 12-404. Amendments to Code Adopted.

The following sections and appendices of the International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 edition, are hereby amended, as hereinafter provided:

1) Section 101.1 and 101.2 are deleted in their entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

   Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the International Fuel Gas Code hereinafter referred to as "this code."

Section 101.2 Scope. This code shall apply to the installation of fuel-gas piping systems, fuel-gas utilization equipment and related accessories in accordance with Sections 101.2.1 through 101.2.5

Exceptions: Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the *International Residential Code.*

2) Section 106.1 is deleted in its entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 106.1 When required. Any properly licensed contractor who desires to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace an installation regulated by this code, or to cause such work to be done, shall first make application to the code official and obtain the required permit for the work.

Exception: Where equipment replacements and repairs are required to be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day of the Department of Inspections.

3) Section 106.3 is deleted in its entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 106.3. Application for permit. Each application for a permit, with the required fee, shall be filed with the code official on a form furnished for that purpose and shall contain a general description of the proposed work and its location. The application shall be signed by the properly licensed contractor. The application shall indicate the proposed occupancy of all parts of the building and of that portion of the site or lot, if any, not covered by the building or structure and shall contain such other information required by the code official.

4) Sections 106.5.3 and 106.5.4 are deleted in their entirety and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 106.5.3 Expiration. Every permit issued by the code official under the provisions of this code shall expire by limitation and become null and void if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within 180 days from the date of such permit, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work is commenced for a period of 180 days. Before such work can be recommenced, a new permit shall be first obtained.
Section 106.5.4 Extensions. Any permittee holding an unexpired permit shall have the right to apply for an extension of the time within which the permittee will commence work under that permit when work is unable to commence within the time required by this section for good and satisfactory reasons. The

code official shall extend the time for action by the permittee for a period not exceeding 180 days if there is reasonable cause. No permit shall be extended more than once.

5) Section 106.6.2 is deleted in its entirety and the following language is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 106.6.2 Fees. All fees are set forth in Gas Permit Fee Schedule below and shall be non-refundable.

GAS PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE:

Administration fee	$ 5.00
Issuance fee	$ 20.00
Items less than 125,000 BTU	$ 3.00
125,000 – less than 250,000 BTU	$ 4.00
250,000 – less than 400,000 BTU	$ 5.00
400,000 – less than 1,000,000 BTU	$ 6.00
1,000,000 – less than 5,000,000 BTU	$ 10.00
Over 5,000,000 BTU	$ 20.00

Permit fee is based on BTU input per object. If more than 5 objects per category, additional objects will be at the rate of $ 2.00 each.

Permit Fee	$50.00
Inspection Fee Per Inspection	$35.00
Re-Inspection Fee	$35.00
Consultation Base Fee. Hourly after 30 min.	$35.00

Any Inspection that requires more than 30 minutes will be assessed at an hourly rate of $35.00

6) Sections 106.6.3 Fee Refunds is deleted in its entirety.

7) Sections 108.4 and 108.5 are amended by deleting said sections in their entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 108.4 Violation penalties. Any person who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair plumbing work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a municipal offense subject to a fine assessed as a general penalty under East Ridge City Code §12-411. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate of offense.

Section 108.5 Stop work orders. Upon notice from the code official, work on any gas/plumbing system that is being done contrary to the provisions of this 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. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine assessed as a general penalty under East Ridge City Code §12-411.

Section 12-406. License required.

In order to protect the public safety, no permit shall be issued for the installation of any gas appliance except to a Master gas fitter licensed by Hamilton County and/or the City of Chattanooga who has paid the privilege taxes required by the laws of the state, the county, and the city of Chattanooga, is in good standing with the Board of Gas Examiners for the County and/or City of Chattanooga, and other applicable ordinances of East Ridge.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That any reference to the International Sewage Disposal Code, and/or the International Electrical Code shall be deleted from the reference standards in Chapter 8 of the International Fuel Gas Code and all such references shall be construed to reference the appropriate official codes adopted by the City of East Ridge.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That this Ordinance shall take effect two (2) weeks from and after its passage as provided by law, but it shall be operative immediately after its passage.

Passed on First Reading February 14, 2019

Passed on Second Reading February 28, 2019

Brian W. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mark W. Litchford, City Attorney