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15.16.010 Adoption of State of Montana Uniform Fire Code

International Fire Code, 2009 Edition as adopted by the State of Montana together with any amendments now or hereafter adopted by the State of Montana is adopted as the fire regulations of the City of Dillon.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995, Amended Ord 426 May 04, 2010

15.16.020 Enforcement Authority

It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department and/or the City Fire Marshall to enforce provisions of this chapter. However, the Chief of Police or any Officer of the Dillon Police Department may issue citations for violations of § 10.40.220 D.M.C.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995, Revised Ord 451 February 20, 2017

15.16.030 Examination of Buildings

Right of entry The Chief of the Dillon Volunteer Fire Department or any fireman or firemen delegated by said Chief or the City of Dillon Fire Marshall, shall at all reasonable hours be permitted to enter into all buildings and upon all premises within the city limits of the City of Dillon, for the purpose of examination of the condition of such buildings with regard to fire risks, and a written report of all such examinations so made shall be submitted to the Dillon Volunteer Fire Department at the next regular meeting of the department and all fire risks or violations of the laws of the State of Montana shall be reported by the Fire Chief to the State of Montana Fire Marshall and the City of Dillon Fire Marshall. Serious and/or repeated violations shall also be reported to the city council at the next regular meeting of the city council.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995

15.16.040 Inspection of Premises It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department or the Fire Marshall to inspect or cause to be inspected by fire department officers or members, as often as may be necessary, but not less that once a year all buildings, premises and public thoroughfares, except the interiors of private dwellings, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, or any violations of the provisions or intent of any ordinance, state code or stature affecting the fire hazard.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995

15.16.050 Correction of Hazardous Conditions

Whenever any such officer or member finds in any building or upon any premises or other place, combustible or explosive matter or dangerous accumulation of wastepaper, boxes, shavings or any highly flammable materials, and so situated as to endanger property, or finds obstructions to or on fire escapes, stairs, corridors or doors, liable to interfere with the operation of the fire department, or egress of occupants incase of fire, he shall order the same to be removed or the conditions remedied.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995

15.16.060 Compliance with Orders of Fire Department

Such order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of such premises or buildings, subject to appeal within seventy two hours to the governing body of the municipality, who shall within ten working days review such order and file a decision thereon, unless the order is revoked or modified it shall remain in full force and be obeyed by such owner or occupant. Any owner or occupant failing to comply with such order within ten working days after said appeal has been determined, or if no appeal is taken, then within ten working days after the service of the order, shall be liable to a penalty as stated in this CHAPTER.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995

15.16.070 Service of Orders

The service of any such order shall be made upon the occupant of the premises to whom it is directed by either delivering a true copy of same to such occupant personally or by delivering same to and leaving it with any person in charge of the premises, or incase no such person is found upon premises, by affixing a copy thereof in a conspicuous place on the door to the entrance of the premises. Whenever it may be necessary to serve such an order upon the owner of premises, such order may be true copy of said order, or, if such owner is absent from the jurisdiction of the officer making the order, by mailing such copy to the owner’s last known post office address.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995

15.16.080 Crossing Fire Hose

No vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of the fire department when laid down on any street or private driveway without the consent of the fire department official in charge.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995

15.16.090 Definitions

1. The term “liquefied petroleum gasses” means and includes any material which is composed predominantly of any of the following hydrocarbons, or mixtures of them: propane, propylene, natural gas, butane and butlyene.
2. “LPG bulk storage facility” is defined as any individual storage container containing liquefied petroleum gasses with a capacity in excess of restrictions set forth in the most recent edition of the International Fire Code adopted by the State of Montana.

Chapter 15.16.095 PROHIBITED USES

1. No premises in the City of Dillon shall be used for an LPG Bulk Storage facility.
2. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to restrict existing LPG Bulk Storage facilities which conform to the Uniform Fire Code.

Section II:

All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed

Enc Ord 381 May 18, 1995; Amend Ord 471 December 16, 2022

15.16.100 Bonfires

Burning of trash, lumber, leaves or other combustible material is prohibited except under the conditions outlined in a burning permit which must be obtained from the Fire Chief or the Fire Marshall.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995

15.16.110 Removing Debris after Fire

The owner or person having under his control or in his possession, upon any premises in the city, any substances or structures which have been rendered useless or un-merchantable by reason or any fire on such premises, or any debris resulting from said fire, shall remove the same from the premises within six months.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995

15.16.120 Closing Unoccupied Buildings

Whenever any unoccupied building or structure is not property closed, and vagrants or other unauthorized persons may enter the same and start a fire therein, the Fire Chief or the Fire Marshall must notify the owner or the person in control thereof forthwith effectively close the same, which notice shall be complied within forty-eight hours after its receipt.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995

15.16.130 Fire Siren - Vehicles to Pull Over

Upon the sounding of the fire siren or other approved device to give notice to firemen of the existence of a fire, all vehicular traffic, not used to convey firemen or equipment, to the scene of such reported fire, shall pull as close to the right curb as possible with safety, and stop their vehicle until the termination of such fire siren or other sounding device. “Vehicle,” as used in this section means any device with one or more wheels or runners used to convey passengers or goods, without distinction as to the mode of propulsion thereof.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995

15.16.140 Fire Limitations for Approaching It is unlawful for any person, excepting those directly engaged in the fighting of such fire, to approach on foot or in any vehicle within a distance of two hundred fifty (250) feet of the scene of any fire which is then being attended by the fire department or volunteers under the direction of the Fire Chief.

Enc Ord 380 March 16, 1995