

CITY OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

ORDINANCE NO. 78

AN ORDINANCE to require the installation of smoke detectors in residences and hotels within the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Lookout Mountain, Georgia finds that lives can be spared and property saved from destruction by fire through the installation of smoke detectors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia and IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED:

SECTION 1.      DEFINITIONS.

1.1 "Building Code" shall mean the Southern Standard Building Code, published by the Southern Building Code Congress, being particularly the 1974 Revision to the 1973 Edition thereof and amendments thereto, as the same may be in effect in the City.

1.2 "City" shall mean the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia.

1.3 "Family" shall mean individuals and their servants living together as a single housekeeping unit, but not consisting of more than four persons if not related by blood, marriage or adoption.

1.4 "Hotel" shall mean any structure, whether referred to as a hotel, motel, guest house or by any other name, containing six or more guest rooms which are used or rented to be occupied for sleeping purposes by guests.

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1.5 "Multiple Family Residence" shall mean a structure occupied exclusively for residential purposes by more than one family.

1.6 "Single Family Residence" shall mean a structure occupied exclusively for residential purposes by not more than one family.

1.7 "Smoke Detector" shall mean a device which is capable of sensing either visible or invisible products of combustion and which, when activated, shall produce an audible alarm. Such device must carry a label from Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) approving it as a fire alarm device.

SECTION 2.        INSTALLATION OF SMOKE DETECTORS

2.1 Subject to the provisions of Section 2.2, smoke detectors shall be mounted:

2.10 At points no more than fifteen feet, as measured by the most direct walkway, from a doorway opening into each room used or intended to be used for sleeping; and,

2.11 On the ceiling or a wall; if on a ceiling, they shall be not less than six inches from the wall. If on a wall, they shall be at points between six and twelve inches from the ceiling.

2.2 The City's Chief of Fire and Police shall be empowered to specify such additional or different specifications for installation as, in his opinion, the design of the structure shall require. His consideration of the "design" shall include, but not be limited to, pitch of interior ceilings and placement of windows and air ducts.

2.3 Smoke detectors shall be either battery powered or permanently wired to a lighting circuit which is not controlled by a wall switch.

SECTION 3. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES.

3.1 From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, an applicant for a building permit for the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair or improvement of any single family residence within the City shall conform to the requirements of Section 2 hereof.

3.2 The requirements of Section 2 hereof shall be in addition to any other requirements of the Building Code.

SECTION 4. MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCES AND HOTELS.

4.1 All multiple family residences and hotels shall comply with the requirements of Section 2 hereof no later than six months after the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES.

5.1 The owner of any structure found to be not in compliance with this Ordinance shall be punished in accordance with Section 1.8 of The Code, City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia.

SECTION 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

6.1 Savings Clause. If any of the sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be thereby affected since it is the express intent of the Council of the City to pass each section, phrase, paragraph and word separately.

6.2 Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

6.3 Part of Code of Ordinances. It is the intention of the Council of the City that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City and the Sections of this Ordinance may be re-numbered to accomplish such intention.

6.4 Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by at least three (3) members of the Council of the City after two (2) readings at least one (1) week apart.

Approved on first reading on June 15, 1978.

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Mayor of Lookout Mountain,  
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Approved on second reading on July 20, 1978.

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ATTEST:

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Clerk (SEAL)