ORDINANCE #

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ORDAINS

That Chapter 5, Article VIII – ALARM SYSTEMS and Article IX – ADOPTED FIRE CODES of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth be amended as follows (deletions from existing language stricken; additions to existing language bolded; remaining language unchanged from existing):

CHAPTER 5

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PREVENTION REGULATIONS

ARTICLE VIII: ALARM SYSTEMS

Section 5.802: SERVICE FEE

The owner of any premises served by an alarm system shall be obligated to pay a service fee to the City of Portsmouth for all unfounded emergency calls to that premises in excess of the number of such calls permitted by this Article. This service fee shall be in such amounts as shall be determined by the adoption of fees by budget resolution or the City Council in accordance with Chapter I, Article XVI of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth. The service fee may be graduated to increase based upon an increasing number of unfounded emergency calls, accordance with the adoption of fees by budget resolution of the City Council in accordance with Chapter I, Article XVI of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth.

Section 5.803: PERMISSIBLE UNFOUNDED EMERGENCY CALLS

The owner of any premises served by an alarm system shall be permitted the following number of unfounded emergency calls prior to the imposition of a service fee:

A. Unfounded Emergency Calls to Police Department
   Five calls per calendar year

B. Unfounded Emergency Calls to Fire Department
   Four calls per six calendar month period (January to June inclusive or July to December inclusive)

ARTICLE IX: ADOPTED FIRE CODES


The City of Portsmouth adopts the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition (IFC) and the provisions of any other national code, model code or standard referred to in the IFC as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted as Chapter 5, Article IX, of the ordinances.
of the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, subject to the following amendments, additions and deletions:

SECTION 105 PERMITS

105.1.1 Permits required. All permits required by this Code for the installation, modification, or maintenance of fire alarm or fire sprinkler systems shall be obtained prior to the initiation of any work being performed. Issued permits shall be kept on the premises designated therein at all times and shall be subject to inspection by fire code official.

105.2 Application. Application for permits shall be made using the City’s on-line permitting system located at https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/. Applications for permits shall be accompanied by construction documents as required by the fire code official for evaluation of the application.

105.3 All fees for permits and applications shall be determined by the adoption of fees by budget resolution of the City Council in accordance with Chapter 1, Article XVI of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth.

105.6 Required operational permits. Permits shall be required by the fire code official in accordance with Sections 105.6.32 and 105.6.36.

Change subsections to read as follows:

105.7 Required fire system construction permits. Permits shall be required by the fire code official in accordance with Sections 105.7.1 through 105.7.17.

105.7.1 Automatic fire-extinguishing systems. Applications for fixed fire-extinguishing systems may be obtained from the building inspection department.

105.7.6 Fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment. Applications for fire alarm systems may be obtained from the building inspection department.

105.7.17 Standpipe systems. Applications for standpipe systems may be obtained from the city building inspection department.

SECTION 903 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Change subsection to read as follows with exceptions remaining unchanged:

903.4.1 Monitoring. Alarm, supervisory and trouble signals shall be distinctly different and shall be automatically transmitted to an approved central station, remote supervising station, or proprietary supervising station as defined in NFPA 72 or, when approved by the building or fire official shall sound an audible and visual signal at a constantly attended location.

Change subsection to read as follows with exceptions remaining unchanged:

903.4.3 Floor Control Valves. Approved supervised indicating control valves shall be provided at the point of connection to each floor at the direction of the Fire Code Official.

SECTION 907 FIRE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS

Add new item 4 to end of subsection:
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907.2.11.2 Groups R-2, R-3, R-4, and I-1.

4. In all exit access corridors, all exit enclosure stairs and in common areas on each floor level, including basements, when the building is not equipped with an automatic fire alarm system. Single-or multiple-station smoke detectors alarms in common areas shall be interconnected but shall not be interconnected with guest room smoke detectors. In some Group R-2 or R-3 occupancies, as determined by the fire official, additional single-or multiple-station smoke detectors alarms may be required in the basement, interconnected with a dwelling unit(s) detector alarm(s).

Add new subsection to read as follows:

907.2.11.2.1. Groups E, I-2 and I-4. Single-or multiple-station smoke detectors alarms shall be installed and maintained on all stories and all sleeping rooms of Group E day care facilities, Group I-2 child care facilities, Group I-4 day care facilities and Group I-4 child care facilities as defined in Section 202.

Exception: Single-or multiple-station smoke detectors alarms shall not be required when the building is equipped with an automatic fire alarm system with smoke detection in all sleeping rooms.

CHAPTER 10 MEANS OF EGRESS

Delete all sections within this chapter and replace with the following subsections:

SECTION 1001 ADMINISTRATION

Change subsections to read as follows:

1001.1 General. Buildings or portions thereof shall be provided with a means of egress system as required by this chapter and SAF-C 6000. The provisions of this chapter and SAF-C 6000 shall control the design, construction and arrangement of means of egress components required to provide an approved means of egress from structures and portions thereof. Sections 1003 through 1029 shall apply to new construction. Section 1030 shall apply to existing buildings.

1001.2 Minimum requirements. It shall be unlawful to alter a building or structure in a manner that will reduce the number of exits or the capacity of the means of egress to less than required by the code referenced in Section 1001.1.

SECTION 3201 GENERAL

3201.1 Scope. Delete in item 4, the reference to NFPA 230 and replace with NFPA 1.

CHAPTER 80 REFERENCED STANDARDS

Insert the following Codes and Standards:

New Hampshire State Building Code
Amend in the NFPA Section the following referenced Standards:

Change 13-02 to 13-13  Design & Installation of Sprinkler Systems
Change 13D-02 to 13D-13  Design & Installation of Sprinkler Systems in 1 & 2 Family Dwellings
Change 13R-02 to 13R-13  Design & Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies 4 Stories in Height or Less
Change 30-03 to 30-12  Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code
Change 30A-03 to 30A-15  Code for Motor Fuel-dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages
Change 30B-02 to 30B-15  Manufacture and Storage of Aerosol Products
Change 31-01 to 31-11  Installation of Oil-Burning Equipment
Change 58-04 to 58-14  Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code
Change 72-02 to 72-13  National Fire Alarm Code
Change 211-03 to 211-13  Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances
Change 230-03 to 01-09  Uniform Fire Code
Change 409-01 to 409-11  Aircraft Hangers
70-14 - 17 National Electric Code

Insert in the NFPA Section the following referenced Codes and Standards:

54-15 National Fuel Gas Code

70-14 National Electric Code

96-14 Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations

The City Clerk shall properly alphabetize and/or re-number the ordinances as necessary in accordance with this amendment.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby deleted.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED:

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Jack Blalock, Mayor

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL:

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Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk