

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA**  
**Ordinance No. 06-18**

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**Introduced By:** Mayor Gene Ambrogio

**Date Introduced:** July 18, 2006

**Amendments Adopted:**

**Date Adopted:** August 8, 2006

**Date Effective:** August 24, 2006

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1 **An Ordinance** concerning

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3 **INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 2003**

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5 **FOR** the purpose of adopting the International Fire Code 2003, with certain modifications, as the  
6 fire code for the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that  
7 code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are  
8 severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

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12 **BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments  
13 Chapter 105 – FIRE PREVENTION  
14 Sections 105-1 and 105-2  
15 Code of the Town of La Plata  
16 (1998 Edition and Supplements)

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18 **SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA,**  
19 That Sections 105-1 and 105-2 of the Code of the Town of La Plata (1998 Edition and Supplements)  
20 be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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22 **Chapter 105 – FIRE PREVENTION**

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24 **105-1. Adoption of standards; copies on file.**

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26 Subject to the provisions of §105-2, there is hereby adopted by the Town of La Plata for the  
27 purpose of establishing minimum standards governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire  
28 and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling or use of hazardous substances, materials  
29 and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and  
30 premises in the town, a certain document entitled ((The)) THE International Fire Code ((2000)) 2003,

31 as published by International Code Council. Not less than one (1) copy of The International Fire Code  
32 ((2000)) 2003 shall be kept on file in the office of the TOWN Clerk((-Treasurer of the Town)).

33 **105-2 Modifications.**

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35 The International Fire Code ((2000)) 2003, as adopted by § 105-1, is modified as set forth  
36 below:

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39 B. Sections 102.6 and 102.4 on page 1 are revised to read as follows:

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41 **102.6 Referenced standards:** The standards referenced in this code and listed in Chapter 45  
42 shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such  
43 reference, except to the extent that any of such standards have been expressly modified in the  
44 Code of the Town of La Plata. In any situation where a provision of this code conflicts with the  
45 provision of any such standard, or with the provision of any other law, ordinance, code or  
46 regulation, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and  
47 protection of the public health, safety and welfare shall prevail, regardless which may have been  
48 enacted first, except that if a provision of this code conflicts with the Maryland Accessibility  
49 Code as adopted by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the  
50 Maryland Accessibility Code shall prevail.

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52 **102.4 Application of building code:** The design and construction of new structures to  
53 provide egress facilities, fire protection, and built-in fire protection equipment shall be  
54 controlled by the “International Building Code ((2000)) 2003” and the “International  
55 Residential Code For One-and Two-Family Dwellings ((2000)) 2003” as adopted by Chapter  
56 75 of the Code of the Town of La Plata. ((Any alterations, additions or changes in structures  
57 required by this fire prevention code which are within the scope of such building code shall be  
58 made in accordance therewith.)) **REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO  
59 EXISTING STRUCTURES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING  
60 BUILDING CODE.**

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63 D. Section 105.1.1 on page 3 is revised to read as follows:

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65 **105.1.1 Permits required:** Permits required by this code shall be obtained from the ((Clerk-  
66 Treasurer of the)) Town after payment of such fees as may be prescribed by ((Resolution))  
67 ORDINANCE adopted by the Town Council from time to time. Issued permits shall be kept on  
68 the premises designated therein at all times and shall be readily available for inspection by the  
69 code official.

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72 H. Section 105.6 on page 5 is revised to read as follows:

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**105.6 Required operational permits.** The code official may authorize the issuance of operational permits for the operations set forth in Sections 105.6.1 through ((105.6.46)) 105.6.47.

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J. ((Section)) SECTIONS 108.1 AND 108.3 on page 11 ((is)) ARE deleted and new Section 108.1 is substituted, to read as follows:

**108.1 Board of appeals.** The Board of Appeals provided for in Chapter 9 of the code of the Town of La Plata may hear appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by this code. All appeals filed pursuant to this Section 108 shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 9 of such code and by any rules of procedure adopted by the Board of appeals pursuant to Chapter 9.

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L. Section 109.3 on ((pages 11-)) PAGE 12 is revised to read as follows:

**109.3 Violations and Penalties:**

1. Knowing and intentional violations of this code, and of any orders issued pursuant to this code, are declared to be misdemeanors. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates any provision of this code shall, upon conviction, be subject to a penalty as set forth in Chapter 1, Article III, and particularly § 1-21, of the Code of the Town of La Plata 1998.

2. Except as provided in paragraph 1 above, violations of this code, and of any orders issued pursuant to this code, are declared to be municipal infractions, and shall be subject to the penalties and procedures as provided in Chapter 1, Article III, and particularly § 1-22, of the Code of the Town of La Plata 1998.

M. The definition of “FIRE ((Code)) CODE official” as contained in Section 202 on page ((14)) 15 is revised to read as follows:

**FIRE CODE ((Code)) official:** The director of the department of inspections of the Town, or such other person as the Town’s Chief Executive Officer may designate. THE FIRE CODE OFFICIAL ALSO IS REFERRED TO IN THIS CODE AS THE “CODE OFFICIAL.”

N. Add new Section ((1012)) 1028 on page ((132)) 133 to read as follows:

**Section ((1012)) 1028  
Information Signs**

115 ((1012.1)) **1028.1 General:** A sign shall be provided at each floor landing in all interior  
 116 stairways more than three stories above grade, designating the floor level above the floor of  
 117 discharge. All elevator lobby call stations on all floor levels shall be marked with approved  
 118 signs in accordance with the requirements for new buildings in the Town building code. In  
 119 addition to any such requirements in the Town building code, all elevator lobby call stations on  
 120 all floor levels shall be marked with approved signs reading as follows: "Use Stairways in Case  
 121 of Fire - Do Not Use Elevators." This latter requirement shall apply to all existing and newly  
 122 constructed buildings.

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 124 **Exception:** The emergency sign shall not be required for elevators that are part of an  
 125 accessible means of egress complying with the Town building code.

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 128 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That if any provision of this Ordinance, or the  
 129 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not  
 130 affect the other provisions or any other application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the  
 131 invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to  
 132 be severable.

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 134 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Ordinance shall become effective at  
 135 the expiration of fifteen (15) calendar days after its approval by the Council.

**SEAL:**

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA**

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 Gene Ambrogio, Mayor

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 R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman

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 C. Keith Back, Councilman

**ATTEST:**

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 Paretta D. Mudd, Councilwoman

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Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk

Vic E. Newman, Councilman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPLANATION:**

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.