

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA
Ordinance No. 08-21

Introduced By:	Mayor Roy G. Hale
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Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	November 25, 2008
Date Effective:	December 11, 2008

1 **An Ordinance** concerning

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3 **INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 2006**

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5 **FOR** the purpose of adopting the International Fire Code 2006, 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20 be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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 International Fire Code ((2003)) 2006, as
31 published by International Code Council. Not less than one (1) copy of the International Fire Code
32 ((2003)) 2006 shall be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

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34 **105-2 Modifications.**

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36 The International Fire Code ((2003)) 2006, as adopted by § 105-1, is modified as set forth
37 below:

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

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

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53 **102.4 Application of building code:** The design and construction of new structures to
54 provide egress facilities, fire protection, and built-in fire protection equipment shall be
55 controlled by the “International Building Code ((2003)) 2006” and the “International
56 Residential Code For One-and Two-Family Dwellings ((2003)) 2006” as adopted by Chapter
57 75 of the Code of the Town of La Plata. ((Any alterations, additions or changes in structures
58 required by this fire prevention code which are within the scope of such building code shall be
59 made in accordance therewith.)) Repairs, alterations and additions to existing structures shall
60 comply with the International Existing Building Code AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN.

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64 G. The first sentence of Section 105.3.7 on page ((4)) 5 is revised to read as follows:

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

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70 **105.6 Required operational permits.** The code official may authorize the issuance of

71 operational permits for the operations set forth in Sections 105.6.1 through ((105.6.47))
72 105.6.46.
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74 I. Section 105.7 on page 9 is revised to read as follows:

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76 **105.7 Required construction permits.** The code official may authorize the issuance of
77 construction permits for the operations set forth in Sections 105.7.1 through ((105.7.12))
78 105.7.13.

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82 J. Sections 108.1 and 108.3 on page ((11)) 10 are deleted and new Section 108.1 is
83 substituted, to read as follows:

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87 L. Section 109.3 on page ((12)) 11 is revised to read as follows:

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91 N. Add new Section ((1028)) 1029 on page ((133)) 141 to read as follows:

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93 **Section ((1028)) 1029**
94 **Information Signs**

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96 **((1028.1)) 1029.01 General:** A sign shall be provided at each floor landing in all interior
97 stairways more than three stories above grade, designating the floor level above the floor of
98 discharge. All elevator lobby call stations on all floor levels shall be marked with approved
99 signs in accordance with the requirements for new buildings in the Town building code. In
100 addition to any such requirements in the Town building code, all elevator lobby call stations on
101 all floor levels shall be marked with approved signs reading as follows: "Use Stairways in Case
102 of Fire - Do Not Use Elevators." This latter requirement shall apply to all existing and newly
103 constructed buildings.

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

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

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

SEAL: **COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA**

Roy G. Hale, Mayor

James Goldsmith, Councilman

Scot D. Lucas, Councilman

ATTEST: _____
Paretta D. Mudd, Councilwoman

Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk
Date _____

Vic E. Newman, Councilman

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.