

FREEBURG FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
ORDINANCE NO. 26231

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND INCORPORATE BY  
REFERENCE NFPA 101, *LIFE SAFETY CODE*, 2024 EDITION TO REGULATE  
THE CONSTRUCTION, USE, AND OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS  
AND STRUCTURES IN THE FREEBURG FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT,  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the Freeburg Fire Protection District is a duly organized and existing public fire protection district located in St. Clair County, Illinois which is organized and operating pursuant to the Illinois Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/0.01 et seq.) (herein the "Act");

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the aforesaid Act (70 ILCS 705/11) authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Freeburg Fire Protection District to adopt and enforce Fire Prevention Codes and standards which are parallel to national standards;

WHEREAS, NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, 2024 Edition is a recognized national standard promulgated and copyrighted by the National Fire Protection Association for the purpose of establishing minimum requirements to address those construction, protection, and occupancy features of structures necessary to minimize danger to life from the effects of fire, including smoke, heat, and toxic gases created during a fire;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Freeburg Fire Protection District has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents and property owners of the Freeburg Fire Protection District that the NFPA *Life Safety Code*, 2024 Edition be adopted to establish standards for the protection of life within the District pursuant to the authority of Section 11 of the Illinois Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/11);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FREEBURG FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, 2024 Edition By Reference.

That NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, 2024 Edition, three (3) copies of which are on file in the Office of the Freeburg Fire Protection District [Agency Having Jurisdiction [AHJ]] being marked and designated as "NFPA 101 *Life Safety Code* 2024 Edition" as published and copyrighted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) be, and hereby is, adopted, with the exception of those portions of the said *Life Safety Code* which are not included in the adoption as hereinafter provided, as the *Fire Code* of the Freeburg Fire Protection District for the establishment of minimum requirements for fire prevention and fire protection systems using prescriptive and performance-related provisions and founded on broad based principles making possible making possible the use of new materials and new system design and which *Life Safety Code* is adopted including only the following chapters with the denoted amendatory language and provisions:

Chapter 1 Administration.

Chapter 2 Referenced Publications.

Chapter 3 Definitions.

Chapter 4 General

Chapter 5 Performance-Based Option

Chapter 6 Classification of Occupancy and Hazard of Contents

Chapter 7 Means of Egress

Chapter 8 Features of Fire Protection

Chapter 9 Building Service, Fire Protection, and Life Safety Equipment

Chapter 10 Interior Finish, Contents, and Furnishings

Chapter 11 Special Structures and High Rise Buildings

Chapter 12 New Assembly Occupancies

Chapter 13 Existing Educational Occupancies

Chapter 14 New Education Occupancies

Chapter 15 Existing Educational Occupancies

Chapter 16 New Day Care Occupancies

Chapter 17 Existing Day-Care Occupancies

Chapter 18 New Health Care Occupancies

Chapter 19 Existing Health Care Occupancies

Chapter 20 New Ambulatory Health Care Occupancies

Chapter 21 Existing Ambulatory Health Care Occupancies

Chapter 22 New Detention and Correctional Occupancies

Chapter 23 Existing Detention and Correctional Occupancies

Chapter 24 One- and Two-Family Dwellings, with the following amendment:

- 24.3.5.1 All new one- and two-family dwellings in excess of 12,000 square feet in size shall be protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 24.3.5.2.

Chapter 26 Lodging and Rooming Houses

Chapter 28 New Hotels and Dormitories  
Chapter 29 Existing Hotels and Dormitories  
Chapter 30 New Apartment Buildings  
Chapter 31 Existing Apartment Buildings  
Chapter 32 New Residential Board and Care Occupancies  
Chapter 33 Existing Residential Board and Care Occupancies  
Chapter 36 New Mercantile Occupancies  
Chapter 37 Existing Mercantile Occupancies  
Chapter 39 Existing Business Occupancies  
Chapter 40 Industrial Occupancies  
Chapter 42 Storage Occupancies  
Chapter 43 Building Rehabilitation  
Annex A Explanatory Material (for explanatory purposes only)  
Annex C NFPA Documents on Hazardous Materials  
Annex D Alternative Care Sites (informational only)  
Annex E Informational Reference (informational only)

No other portions, chapters, sections, or content of NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, 2024 Edition are adopted by this Ordinance and only above-listed provisions are applicable to and within the territory comprising the Freeburg Fire Protection District.

### Section 3. Administration and Enforcement.

A. The designated administrator of the NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code* 2024 Edition as adopted by the Freeburg Fire Protection District shall be the Fire Chief of the Fire Department of the Freeburg Fire Protection District, or the delegate of the Fire Chief as authorized by the Board of Trustees of the District, who shall be responsible for the District's administration of the application and enforcement of the Code within the District.

B. The designated enforcement officer of this Code as adopted herein is the Fire Chief of the Freeburg Fire Protection District fire department, or the delegate of the Fire Chief as authorized by the Board of Trustees of the District.

C. Enforcement of this code will be carried out by the administrator and enforcement officer generally following the provisions of Section 11m (b), (c) & (d) of the Illinois Fire Protection District Act and which will be implemented as follows:

D. In the event that the Fire Chief or the delegate of the Fire Chief finds that a dangerous condition or fire hazard is found to exist contrary to the provisions of the code adopted by this ordinance, the Fire Chief shall order the dangerous condition or fire hazard removed or remedied and shall so notify the owner, occupant, or other interested person in the premises. Service of the notice upon the owner, occupant, or other interested person may be made in person or by certified mail. If the owner, occupant, or interested person cannot be located by the Fire Chief, the Fire Chief may post the order upon the premises where the dangerous condition or fire hazard exists.

E. In the event that the Fire Chief determines that the dangerous condition or fire hazard which has been found to exist in places of persons occupying or present in the premises at risk of eminent bodily injury or serious harm, the Fire Chief may, as part of the order issued under subsection A above, order that the premises where such conditions or fire hazard exist be immediately vacated and not occupied until the Fire Chief inspects the premises and issues a notice of the dangerous conditions of the fire hazard is no longer present and that the premises may be occupied. An order in this subsection shall be effective immediately and notice of the order may be given by the Fire Chief by posting the order at the premises where the dangerous condition or fire hazard exists.

F. In the event an owner, occupant, or an interested person fails to comply with an order issued by the Fire Chief under the foregoing subsections, the Fire Chief may refer the order to the St. Clair County State's Attorney with the request that the State's Attorney undertake enforcement of the order through the Circuit Court of St. Clair County. The State's Attorney may seek the issuance of a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction pursuant to the provisions of Article XI of the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/11-101 et seq.), provided, however, that no bond shall be required by the Court under Section 11-103 of the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/11-103) and no damages may be assessed by the Court under Section 11-110 under the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/11-110). Alternatively, the Freeburg Fire Protection District may initiate and maintain a direct action in the Circuit Court of St. Clair County, Illinois for enforcement as the order of the Fire Chief.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective as provided in Section 7 of the Illinois Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/7) ten (10) days after it has been published in a newspaper published in the Freeburg Fire Protection District.

Section 5. At least three (3) copies of NFPA 101 *Life Safety Code* 2024 will be kept at the office of the Freeburg Fire Protection District for the use of the public.

Section 6. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be found to be void, ineffective, or unenforceable, that finding shall not affect the balance of the Ordinance which shall remain fully effective and enforceable. All ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the  
Freeburg Fire Protection District

Approved by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Freeburg Fire Protection District  
this 4 day of June, 2026

  
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President of the Board of Trustees of the  
Freeburg Fire Protection District

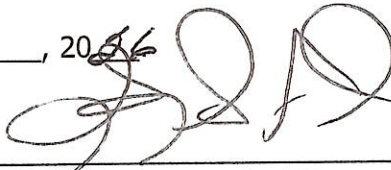
### CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Freeburg Fire Protection District, a Fire Protection District organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, certifies that on the day and date hereof, he was the duly appointed, acting and qualified Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the said Fire Protection District; that in his capacity as Secretary he is the official keeper of the records, minutes and resolutions of said Fire Protection District and that the document attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE NFPA 101, *LIFE SAFETY CODE*, 2024 EDITION TO REGULATE THE CONSTRUCTION, USE, AND OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE FREEBURG FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

the original of which is part of the official records of the said Freeburg Fire Protection District.

Dated this 4 day of June, 2026

  
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Secretary of the Board of Trustees  
of the Freeburg Fire Protection District

The undersigned certifies that on the day and date hereof, he was the duly appointed, qualified and acting President of the Freeburg Fire Protection District; that on the day and date hereof LEE R. SMITH was the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of the said Freeburg Fire Protection District and in such capacity was the keeper of the official records, minutes and resolutions of the said Fire Protection District.

Dated this 4 day of June, 2026

  
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President of the Board of Trustees  
of the Freeburg Fire Protection District