



## Legislation Text

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An ordinance updating fire codes.

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214-9-1 am

251-11-3 cr

This ordinance updates the city's fire code provisions by adopting the 2006 International Fire Code, the standard used by the state of Wisconsin.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 214-3 of the code is repealed and recreated to read:

**214-3. Adoption of Model Fire Code.** Pursuant to s. Comm. 14.001(2) Wis. Adm. Code, as amended, the city of Milwaukee adopts the 2006 International Fire Code except where in conflict with applicable state statutes or state administrative rules.

Part 2. Section 214-4 of the code is created to read:

**214-4. Application of the Model Fire Code.** a. Application of the model fire code is for the use, operation and maintenance of public buildings and places of employment. b. Where any rule of the model fire code is in conflict with the city code, the city code shall apply.

Part 3. Section 214-9-1 of the code is amended to read:

### **214-9. Responsibility to Eliminate Fire Hazards.**

**1. CONTAINERS FOR OPEN BURNING.** a. Open burning shall be conducted only ~~[[under constant supervision]]~~ in >>an approved and listed container or<< a substantial burner built of metal, concrete or brick, well covered or screened to prevent the escape of sparking and burning embers.

b. ~~[[For a one- or 2-family dwelling, a]]~~ >>A<< burner shall not be operated within 15 feet of any combustible construction. Open flame cooking devices, including charcoal burners and LP gas burners, are exempt from this requirement for one and 2-family dwellings.

>>c. Open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.<<

Part 4. Section 251-11-3 of the code is created to read:

**251-11. Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems.**

3. TESTING OF AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. Automatic fire sprinkler systems shall be inspected and tested annually in accordance with NFPA 25 and NFPA 72. This does not preclude non-licensed individuals from conducting the daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly or semiannual inspection and testing activities for automatic fire sprinkler systems required under NFPA 25 and NFPA 72.

Part 5. This ordinance takes effect March 1, 2008.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Legislative Reference Bureau

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

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE  
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

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Office of the City Attorney

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

Department of Neighborhood Services

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