

ORDINANCE NO. 1088

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTHFIELD CITY CODE, CHAPTER 26 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD DOES ORDAIN THAT (new material is underlined; deleted material is lined out; sections which are not proposed to be amended are omitted; sections which are only proposed to be re-numbered are only set forth below as to their number and title):

SECTION 1. Northfield Code, Chapter 26 – Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I. – Codes and Standards, Division 1. – Generally, Section 26-2 – Fire code adopted, is hereby amended, as follows:

Sec. 26-2. Fire code adopted.

- (a) The Minnesota state fire code ("MSFC"), as adopted pursuant to Minn. Stat., § 299F.011, and as modified by Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7511, is hereby adopted by reference, and incorporated in this section as completely as if set out in full. Except for deletions, modifications or amendments by this section, every provision contained in the MSFC, together with appendices D, N and O, is adopted and made a part of this chapter and shall be known and may be cited as the "fire code" of the city. This section incorporates the MSFC and adopts future amendments in accordance with Minn. Stat., § 645.31, Subdivision 2.
- (b) Amendments to the Minnesota state fire code. The following shall be amendments to the fire code:
 - (1) Appendix D—Fire Apparatus Access Roads
 - (i) Covers access road specifications, locations, turnaround requirements, and distances from structures.
 - (ii) Addresses fire lane designation, signage, and maintenance.
 - (2) Appendix N—Indoor Exhibitions and Trade Shows
 - (i) Appendix N was created to address the hazards that are associated with larger, more complex trade shows and exhibitions. Although many of these requirements are already included in various locations in this code, some of the more important items, such as requirements for covered booths and multiple-level booths, are not. The intent is to have the requirements covering these events in a single location with pointers to other locations within this code, which makes it easier for those organizing exhibitions and individual exhibitors who are unfamiliar with the fire code to locate the requirements that are applicable to them.
 - (~~23~~) Appendix O—Fires or barbecues on balconies or patios. This provision is adopted pursuant to the authority of Minn. Stat., § 299F.011, subd. 4, as it may be amended from time to time, and shall supersede less restrictive provisions of state law to the contrary.
 - (i) Open flame prohibited. In any structure containing three or more dwelling units, , no person shall kindle, maintain, or cause any fire or open flame on any balcony above ground level, or on any ground floor patio within 15 feet of a structure.
 - a. Exception: Listed electric or gas-fired barbecue grills that are permanently mounted and wired or plumbed to the building's gas supply or electrical system and that maintain a minimum clearance of 18 inches on all sides, unless listed for lesser clearances, may be installed on balconies and patios when approved by the chief.

- (ii) Fuel storage prohibited. No person shall store or use any fuel, barbecue, torch, or other similar heating or lighting chemical or device in the locations designated in clause (1).i. above.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Northfield, Minnesota, this 7th day of October 2025.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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