

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR MICHAEL DYLAN BRENNAN

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1620.07 ENTITLED "PROHIBITION ON TAMPERING WITH FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, for the health safety and welfare of residents, the City's Fire Prevention Bureau has been reconstituted;

WHEREAS, the City's Fire Prevention Bureau has identified the need for further regulation of fire protection systems, including enactment on a prohibition on tampering or shutting down such systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO THAT:

Section 1. Council hereby enacts Codified Ordinance Section 1620.07 entitled "Prohibition on Tampering with Fire Protection Systems" to read in its entirety as follows:

1620.07 PROHIBITION ON TAMPERING WITH FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

(a) In any commercial, industrial, retail, or multi-residential occupancy (as further defined in subsection (d) hereof), no person shall silence, reset or otherwise disable any fire protection system without first obtaining the express written permission from the University Heights Fire Department.

(b) In any commercial, industrial, retail or multi-residential occupancy (as further defined in subsection (d) hereof), no person shall shut off or disable any fire suppression system without first obtaining the express written permission from the University Heights Fire Department.

(c) For purposes of this ordinance, "fire protection system" shall mean any sprinkler systems, stand pipes, hood suppression systems, fire pumps, fire doors, clean agent extinguishing systems, underground hydrostatic testing, alarm systems, and other fire protection mechanisms or systems.

(d) The prohibitions set forth in this ordinance shall apply to any building, structure or improvement located in any of the following zoning districts: Two-Family Residence U-2; Multi-Family Residence, U-4; University College District, U-5; Office Building District, U-6; Local Retail District U-7; Shopping Center District U-8; Cedar Center District U-9; Residential-Attached District (R/A); and House of Assembly and Social Service Uses as set forth in Codified Ordinances Chapter 1274.

Section 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, by immediately promoting fire safety through the enactment of this anti-tampering measure regulating fire protection systems in commercial, retail, industrial and multi-residential structures, as set forth in the ordinance above; wherefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO



MICHAEL DYLAN BRENNAN, MAYOR

FIRST READING: 02/19/2020

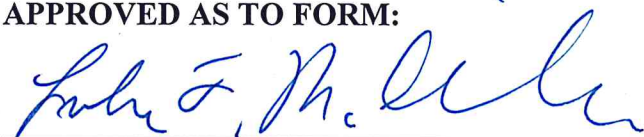
PASSED: 02/19/2020

ATTEST:



KELLY M. THOMAS, CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LUKE F. MCCONVILLE, LAW DIRECTOR