

## **ORDINANCE NO. 26-0009**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TRINITY, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12-0002 TO ADOPT ADDITIONAL 2024 INTERNATIONAL CODES, THE 2024 EDITION OF NFPA 101, LIFE SAFETY CODE, THE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, AND APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE; PROVIDING FOR CODE INTERPRETATION, ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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### **WHEREAS,**

The City Council of the City of Trinity previously adopted the 2012 International Building Code by Ordinance No. 12-0002 on September 13, 2012; and

### **WHEREAS,**

The City Council finds that the adoption of the companion 2024 International Codes, the 2024 Edition of the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, and the 2023 National Electrical Code will provide and specify comprehensive and uniform standards governing the construction, alteration, repair, maintenance, occupancy, and use of buildings and structures within the City; and

### **WHEREAS,**

The City Council further finds that recognizing the applicable provisions of the Texas Occupations Code will ensure that work requiring state licensure is performed by properly licensed individuals, thereby protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Trinity.

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### **SECTION 1. Amendment to Ordinance No. 12-0002**

Section 1 of Ordinance No. 12-0002 is hereby amended to provide that, in addition to the previously adopted 2012 International Building Code, the City of Trinity hereby specially adopts the following codes:

- International Building Code (IBC) – 2024 Edition
- International Residential Code (IRC) – 2024 Edition
- International Fire Code (IFC) – 2024 Edition
- International Plumbing Code (IPC) – 2024 Edition
- International Mechanical Code (IMC) – 2024 Edition
- International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) – 2024 Edition
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) – 2024 Edition
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC) – 2024 Edition
- International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) – 2024 Edition
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) – 2024 Edition
- National Electrical Code (NEC) – 2023 Edition
- NFPA 101, Life Safety Code – 2024 Edition

These codes shall regulate the design, construction, alteration, repair, maintenance, occupancy, use, fire prevention, life safety, residential construction, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, fuel gas systems,

energy conservation, existing buildings, property maintenance, and swimming pools and spas within the City of Trinity.

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## **SECTION 2. Code Interpretation**

Where provisions of the adopted codes address the same subject matter, the more restrictive requirement shall apply, unless otherwise required by state or federal law.

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## **SECTION 3. Texas Occupation Code**

The City of Trinity hereby recognizes and adopts the applicable provisions of the Texas Occupations Code governing the licensing and regulation of trades and professions performing work within the City, including, but not limited to:

- Electrical Contractors and Licensed Electricians.
- Plumbing Contractors and Licensed Plumbers.
- Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors.
- Fire Alarm Contractors, Planning Superintendents, Technicians, and Firms.
- Fire Sprinkler Contractors.
- Irrigation Contractors.
- Accessibility Specialists, where applicable.
- Any other trade or profession requiring state licensure for construction-related work.

Any person performing work requiring a state-issued license shall possess the license required by Texas law, unless the scope of work falls within the state-governed exception.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit a property owner from performing work on a building or structure owned and occupied by the property owner when such work is exempt from state licensing requirements under the Texas Occupations Code; however, all required permits, inspections, and compliance with the adopted codes shall still apply.

## **SECTION 4. Administration and Enforcement**

The Building Official, Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Marshal, or other authorized representative designated by the City is authorized to administer and enforce this Ordinance and the codes adopted herein. Such authority includes, but is not limited to:

- Reviewing construction documents.
- Issuing permits where required by City ordinance.
- Conducting inspections.
- Issuing notices of violation.
- Issuing stop-work orders where authorized by law.
- Withholding Certificates of Occupancy when applicable code requirements have not been satisfied.
- Pursuing enforcement remedies authorized by City ordinance or state law.

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## **SECTION 5. Compliance**

All construction, alterations, renovations, repairs, installations, and maintenance or changes of occupancy within the City shall comply with:

1. The codes adopted by this Ordinance.
  2. Applicable provisions of the Texas Occupations Code.
  3. Other applicable laws of the State of Texas.
  4. Applicable ordinances of the City of Trinity.
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## **SECTION 6. Existing Buildings**

The adoption of the codes by this Ordinance shall not require an existing building, structure, or occupancy that was lawfully constructed under previously adopted codes or applicable laws to be brought into compliance with the provisions of the adopted codes solely because of this adoption.

Existing buildings shall be permitted to continue in use unless:

1. The building or structure is determined to be unsafe.
2. A change in occupancy or use requires compliance under the adopted codes.
3. Additions, alterations, repairs, or renovations are undertaken that require compliance with the adopted codes.
4. A condition exists that constitutes an imminent danger to life, health, or property.
5. Compliance is otherwise required by state or federal law.

## **SECTION 7. Existing Ordinance**

Except as specifically amended herein, Ordinance No. 12-0002 shall remain in full force and effect.

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## **SECTION 8. Repealer**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

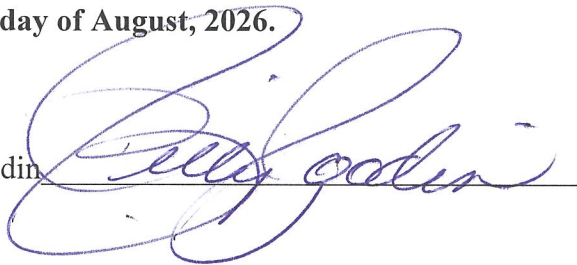
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## **SECTION 9. Severability**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this ordinance regardless of the invalidity of any one or more provisions.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of August, 2026.**

City of Trinity, Texas mayor - Billy Goodin



**ATTEST:** City Manager – Tracy Hutto

