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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 3096

AN ORDINANCE establishing minimum fire and life safety requirements for Child Care Service Uses; providing for inspection by the Fire Department; and adding a new Section 23.10.148 to the Bellevue City Code.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new section 23.10.148 is hereby added to the Bellevue City Code, to read as follows:

23.10.148 Fire and Life Safety Requirements for Child Care Service Uses -- Inspection.

1. As used herein, Child Care Service Use means any use for Child Care Service as that term is defined in Section 20.50.014 of the Bellevue City Code (Land Use Code).

2. All premises used for Child Care Service Uses shall comply with the following requirements in addition to all other applicable City Ordinances:

(a) Prior to registration or issuance of a permit under the Land Use Code, all premises used for Child Care Service Uses for 7 or more children shall be subject to inspection, and reinspection as necessary, for compliance with the fire and life safety requirements of the Uniform Building Code, Uniform Fire Code and all other applicable City Ordinances. After registration or issuance of a permit under the Land Use Code, all such premises may be inspected annually, or more frequently as determined by the Fire Marshal. If any condition is found to exist which, in the opinion of the Fire Marshal, creates a fire or life safety hazard, including any condition not specifically referenced in such Codes or ordinances, the Fire Marshal may order such condition corrected immediately or within such time as the Fire Marshal may determine. Failure to correct any such condition after such order shall be grounds for revocation of the registration or permit for such Child Care Service Use.

(b) Prior to registration under the Land Use Code, all premises used for Child Care Service Uses for 1 to 6 children shall be inspected and reinspected as hereinafter provided and shall comply with the following requirements, in addition to any applicable requirements of the Uniform Building Code, Uniform Fire Code and all other applicable City ordinances:

(1) Inspections and Approvals. All premises used for Child Care Service Uses for 1 to 6 children shall be subject to inspection and reinspection as necessary, for compliance with the fire and life safety

requirements of this Code and all other applicable City ordinances. After registration under the Land Use Code, all such premises may be inspected annually, or more frequently as determined by the Fire Marshal. If any condition is found to exist which, in the opinion of the Fire Marshal, creates a fire or life safety hazard, including any condition not specifically referenced herein, the Fire Marshal may order such condition corrected immediately or within such time as the Fire Marshal may determine. Failure to correct any such condition after such order shall be grounds for revocation of the registration for such Child Care Service Use.

(2) Fire Extinguishers. At least one (1) approved minimum 2A10BC fire extinguisher shall be installed where it will be visible and accessible at all times, and shall be inspected, maintained and tagged annually by an authorized person licensed to perform such inspection and maintenance, in accordance with Uniform Fire Code Standard No. 10-1, 1979 Edition.

(3) Automatic Fire Detection. An approved single station smoke detector shall be provided and properly mounted in accordance with manufacturer's specifications on the ceiling or wall at a point centrally located in each corridor or area giving access to rooms used for sleeping purposes. Such detection devices, when activated, shall provide an alarm audible from all portions of the building at a minimum of 60 decibels, or 15% above ambient noise level, whichever is greater.

(4) Exiting. At least one clear and unobstructed exit to the exterior as required by Section 3302(e) of the Uniform Building Code, 1979 Edition, shall be provided. The path of exit travel shall not pass through a kitchen.

(5) Storage. Flammable or combustible liquids shall not be stored in any portion of any building used for child care purposes.

(6) Heating and Cooking. Heating and cooking appliances and other open flame devices capable of igniting clothing shall not be left on and unattended, nor shall they be used in a manner which could result in ignition of children's clothing. No stove, woodstove, or heater shall be so located as to block escape to the exterior of the building in case of fire in the vicinity of or emanating from such stove, woodstove, or heater.

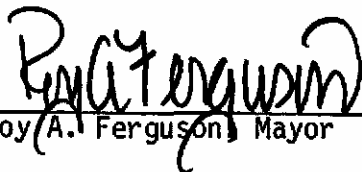
(7) Premises Identification. Approved numbers or addresses shall be placed on all new and existing buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property. Said numbers shall contrast with their background.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be published by posting it in the three official posting places of the City, and shall take effect and be

in force thirty days after the date of posting.

PASSED by the City Council this 24th day of May, 1982,
and signed in authentication of its passage this 24th day
of May, 1982.

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