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AN ORDINANCE

**Amending Section 4-2-1(C) of the
City Code Relating to Elevators**

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston adopted the BOCA 1996 National Building Code/Thirteenth Edition by Ordinance 112-0-96; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the BOCA 1996 National Building Code Thirteenth Edition is provided for in Title 4, Chapter 2 of the Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended; and

WHEREAS, certain amendments, additions, and exceptions to the BOCA Building Code are set forth in Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4-2-1(C),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That section 4-2-1(C) of the Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended, be, and it hereby is further amended to read as follows:

3013.1 Referenced Standard: All existing elevators shall conform to the following sections of ASME A17.3:

1. Emergency standby lighting and alarm bell shall be installed inside every elevator no later than January 1, 1999.
2. Provide door restriction devices, per ASME A17.3, Section 2.7.4, no later than January 1, 1999.
3. Telephones or a means of two-way communications per ASME A17.3, Section 3.11, shall be installed in every passenger elevator no later than January 1, 2000.

4. All buildings more than 75 feet (measured to the top of the highest occupied floor) from the lowest level of fire department access and all institutional buildings (as defined by the BOCA 1996 Building Code) regardless of the height or number of stories shall conform to the requirements of ASME A17.1 on all elevators with a rise of 25 feet or more above or below the main floor, no later than January 1, 2003. Building owners may appeal this requirement as outlined in subparagraph 6 below.
5. All buildings five (5) to seven (7) stories will not be required to conform to the requirements of ASME A17.1, as long as these buildings are equipped with an automatic fire alarm system with smoke detection. The activation of the smoke detection must activate the building's fire alarm system and notify the Fire Department or other central station. Buildings which fall under this requirement shall comply by January 1, 2003, unless other arrangements have been made with the Fire Department.
6. Appeal Process: Any person, firm, or corporation aggrieved by any decision, interpretation or order of the fire official made under the provision of this code or the standards adopted herein, may appeal such decision, interpretation or order to the Fire Chief by filing a written notice to the Office of the Fire Chief within 30 days of the transactions appealed from. The Fire Chief shall convene a hearing upon such appeal within ten (10) days of receipt thereof and may, when no immediate hazards exist, continue such hearing from time to time for cause. The Fire Chief shall establish reasonable rules for such hearings and shall make a record of proceedings. Where there are practical difficulties in the implementation of the strict provisions of this Code, the Fire Chief may modify such provision provided that such modification shall effect substantial conformance with the provisions hereof, provide for public safety, and do substantial justice.

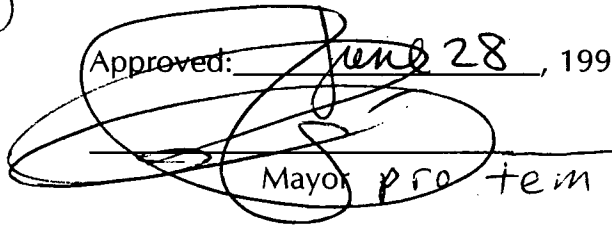
The decision of the Fire Chief is appealable to the Planning and Development Committee. The decision of the Planning and Development Committee shall be deemed final.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: May 24, 1999

Adopted: June 14, 1999

Approved: June 28, 1999

Mayor pro tem

ATTEST:

Mary P. Morris
City Clerk

Approved as to form:
[Signature]
Corporation Counsel