

**ORDINANCE NO. 299**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO TITLE VIII, WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS CHAPTER 100.**

THE CITY OF BESSEMER HEREBY ORDAINS:

The Code of the City of Bessemer is hereby amended to add the following Chapter 100 of Title VIII of the Bessemer City Code.

8.41 Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited and referred to as the City of Bessemer Ordinance to Regulate Room and Board Facilities.

8.42 Definition. Room and Board Facility: A building, not including single family dwellings as defined by the BOCA Basic Building Code, 1981 edition, arranged for the shelter and sleeping accommodations for seven or more individuals who are primarily not transient in nature, without separate cooking facilities for individual occupants.

8.43 Additions. The following additions and amendments are made to the above code.

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1. INTERIOR STAIRWAYS

Interior stairways shall be enclosed by fire separation assemblies having a one-hour fire resistance rating with all openings protected with smoke-actuated automatic-closing or self-closing doors having a fire resistance comparable to that required for the enclosure.

2. PROTECTION OF VERTICAL OPENINGS

Vertical openings shall be protected so that no primary exit route is exposed to an unprotected vertical opening. The vertical opening is considered protected if the opening is cut off and enclosed in a manner that provides a smoke and fire resisting capability of not less than one (1) hour. Any doors or openings shall have fire and smoke resisting capability equivalent to that of the enclosure and shall be automatic-closing on detection of smoke or shall be self-closing.

3. DETECTION, ALARM AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

A. General

A fire alarm system shall be installed in accordance with the building code. **Exception:** Buildings that have a smoke detection system meeting or exceeding the requirements of subsection D below and where that detection system includes at least one manual fire alarm station per floor arranged to initiate the smoke detection alarm.

B. Initiation

Initiation of the required fire protective signaling system shall be by manual means as provided by the building code. **Exception:** Building protected throughout with an approved fire suppression system installed in accordance with the building code, with initiation upon actuation of the extinguishing system operation.

C. Notification

Occupant notification shall be provided automatically, without delay by internal audible alarm in accordance with the building code. Presignal systems are prohibited.

D. Detection

Approved single station or multiple station smoke detectors powered by the building electrical service shall be installed in accordance with the building code on every level. In addition, approved single station smoke detectors powered by the building electrical service shall be provided in each sleeping room. **Exception:** Existing battery powered detectors, rather than house electric service powered detectors, shall be accepted where, in the opinion of the Building Inspector, the facility has demonstrated testing, maintenance, and battery replacement programs that ensure reliability of power to the detector.

4. FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Portable fire extinguishers shall bear the label of an approved agency, be of an approved type and be installed in a visible and accessible location on each occupied floor and basements.

5. FIRE DRILLS

Fire exit drills shall be conducted once every two months in each facility.

Each occupant shall be provided with a written evacuation plan approved by the local authorities having jurisdiction.

An egress plan shall be posted in each sleeping room showing the building diagram, the room location and the location of exits.

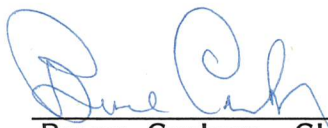
6. INTERIOR FINISHES

The interior finish on wall and ceilings and trim materials shall be a minimum Class III, tested in accordance with ASTM E-84.

Adopted and approved by the City Council for the City of Bessemer, Michigan, this 22nd day of June, 1993.

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Joseph Bonovetz, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Bruce Carlson, Clerk