

ORDINANCE NO. 1246

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WICKENBURG, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF WICKENBURG CODE CHAPTER 8 BUILDING, ARTICLE 8-1 BUILDING CODE, BY AMENDING SECTION 8-1-11 AMENDMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, RELATED TO DWELLING-GARAGE FIRE SEPARATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES.

WHEREAS, local governments may regulate property maintenance, environmental nuisances, and conditions of buildings and real property pursuant to the Town's police powers and in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes, including A.R.S. §§ 9-240 and 9-276;

WHEREAS, the Town deems it necessary to adopt comprehensive regulations regarding the maintenance of property to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Town residents;

WHEREAS, the Town previously adopted the International Residential Code, 2018 edition, as adopted, as published by the International Code Council;

WHEREAS, the Town now seeks to amend the International Residential Code, 2018 edition to promote public fire safety;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Wickenburg, Arizona as follows:

Section I. In General.

The Code of Wickenburg, Arizona, Chapter 8, Building, Article 8-1 Building Code, Section 8-1-11 Amendments to International Building Code, by adding R302.6 Dwelling-Garage Fire Separation to subsection 8-1-11(2), to read as follows (additions in ALL CAPS):

SECTION 8-1-11 Amendments to International Building Code.

The International Buildings Codes shall be amended as provided in paragraphs 1 through 10 herein.

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- 2. The International Residential Code, 2018 edition, is amended as follows (deletions in ~~strikethrough~~; additions in underline):**

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Chapter 3, "Building Planning," is hereby amended to read as follows:

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R302.6 DWELLING-GARAGE FIRE SEPARATION.

THE GARAGE SHALL BE SEPARATED AS REQUIRED BY TABLE 302.6. OPENINGS IN GARAGE WALLS SHALL COMPLY WITH SECTION R302.5. ~~ATTACHMENT OF GYPSUM BOARD SHALL COMPLY WITH TABLE R702.3.5.~~ THE WALL SEPARATION PROVISIONS OF TABLE R302.6 SHALL NOT APPLY TO GARAGE WALLS THAT ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE ADJACENT DWELLING UNIT WALL.

TABLE R302.6 DWELLING-GARAGE SEPARATION

SEPARATION	MATERIAL
FROM THE RESIDENCE AND ATTICS	NOT LESS THAN 1/2-INCH 5/8-INCH GYPSUM BOARD OR EQUIVALENT APPLIED TO THE GARAGE SIDE
FROM HABITABLE ROOMS ABOVE THE GARAGE	NOT LESS THAN 5/8-INCH TYPE X GYPSUM BOARD OR EQUIVALENT
STRUCTURE(S) SUPPORTING FLOOR/CEILING ASSEMBLIES USED FOR SEPARATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION	NOT LESS THAN 1/2-INCH GYPSUM BOARD OR EQUIVALENT
GARAGES LOCATED LESS THAN 3 FEET FROM A DWELLING UNIT ON THE SAME LOT	NOT LESS THAN 1/2-INCH GYPSUM BOARD OR EQUIVALENT APPLIED TO THE INTERIOR SIDE OF EXTERIOR WALLS THAT ARE WITHIN THIS AREA
FROM ALL HABITABLE SPACES ADJACENT TO THE GARAGE	NOT LESS THAN 5/8-INCH TYPE X GYPSUM BOARD OR EQUIVALENT
FOR SI: 1 INCH = 25.4MM, 1 FOOT = 304.8MM.	

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Section II. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinance.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance or any part of the code adopted herein by reference are hereby repealed.

Section III. Providing for Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance or any part of the Code adopted herein by reference, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section IV. Providing for Penalties.

Unless otherwise specified, any person found guilty of violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a class one misdemeanor pursuant to Section 1-8 of the Town Code, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues shall be a separate offense punishable as herein described.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Wickenburg, Arizona, this 20th day of January 2026.


BG Bratcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

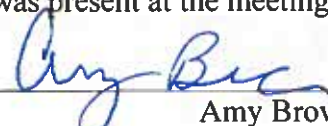

Amy Brown, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Trish Stuhan, Town Attorney
Pierce Coleman PLLC

Number of Councilmembers Present: 6
Number of Votes For: 6
Number of Votes Against: 0
Number of Abstentions: 0

I, Amy Brown, Town Clerk, HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 1246 was duly passed and adopted by the Common Council of the Town of Wickenburg, Arizona, on this 20th day of January 2026, and that a quorum was present at the meeting.


Amy Brown, MMC
Town Clerk