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Town of Harrisville

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An Ordinance Relative to a Building Code

The State Building Code established in RSA 155-A shall be effective in all towns and cities in the state and shall be enforced as provided in RSA 155-A:7. Pursuant to RSA 674:51 and RSA 674:52, the Town of Harrisville hereby adopts a local building code for the construction and structural remodeling of all buildings and structures. This local building code is adopted to ensure public safety, health and welfare in so far as they are affected by building construction, through structural strength, adequate means of egress facilities, sanitary equipment, light and ventilation, and fire safety; and, in general to secure safety to life and property from all hazards incident to the design, erection, repair, removal, demolition or use and occupancy of buildings, structures or premises.

- 1) The Town of Harrisville hereby adopts as an ordinance, a local building code, incorporating the New Hampshire Building Code, as defined in RSA 155-A, by reference.
- 2) Pursuant to RSA 673:1 (III), the Town hereby establishes the position of building inspector, who shall have authority to issue building permits as provided in RSA 676:11-13, as amended, certificates of occupancy, pursuant to the New Hampshire Building Code, as amended, and to perform inspections as may be necessary to insure compliance with this code. The building inspector shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall be compensated according to the level of compensation authorized by the adoption of the annual budget by the Town Meeting.
- 3) Pursuant to RSA 673:1(V) and RSA 673:3 (IV) the Town hereby establishes the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Building Board of Appeals, which shall hear appeals filed with it by any person aggrieved by a decision of the Building Inspector.
- 4) Pursuant to RSA 674:51 (III) (d) and the New Hampshire Building Code, as amended, the Board of Selectmen may establish fees from time to time to be charged for building permits, inspections, and for certificates of occupancy.
- 5) Upon well founded information about any violation of the building code or Town regulations regarding construction, the building inspector may issue a cease and desist order requiring all building activity to stop. Upon service of the order, the owner or the owner's agent, or any other person engaged in development, construction, excavation, or other changes of the land or buildings on the land shall cease immediately such activities. Failure to cease such activity shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance. The Board of Selectmen may levy fines at the rate of \$100 per day per violation.
- 6) The adoption of this code shall not be deemed to limit the authority of the local fire authorities to enforce similar or identical provisions that have been adopted as part of the state fire code or as part of the local fire code.

This Ordinance to be in force as of April 21, 2011.

Jay Jacobs, Chairman

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

