

ORDINANCE NO. 6409

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6049 BY MAKING AN ADDITION TO THE HOT SPRINGS FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Hot Springs Code Title 15 establishes the rules and regulations regarding minimum building and construction standards for the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 6049, passed October 7, 2014, adopted the Hot Springs Fire Prevention and Building Code which incorporated by reference the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code (AFPC) that includes the State of Arkansas, Arkansas Fire Prevention Code (AFPC), 2012 Edition, Volumes I, II and III, as amended; the International Fire Code, 2012; the International Building Code, 2012, and the International Residential Code, 2012, as published by the International Code Council including such Appendixes thereto as adopted by the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, 2012 Edition, and the rules and regulations added by amendment by the State Fire Marshall shall constitute the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, 2012 Edition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code (AFPC) defines bedroom (sleeping unit) as having a *minimum size of 70 square feet plus 50 square feet per additional occupant; horizontal dimension of seven feet; ceiling height of seven feet; heat source capable of maintaining 68 degrees F; meets ventilation and lighting requirements for habitable rooms; two ways out, one to the exterior, usually an interior door and exterior window but can also be an exterior door; and interconnected smoke alarm or as required by the 2012 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Volume III- Residential, as amended;* and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 6049, further, amended the code by adding certain sections and making additions to existing sections as appropriate and deleting or revising certain sections; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City of Hot Springs its residents, visitors and business owners to amend the Hot Springs Fire Prevention and Building Code as related to compliant bedrooms.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Directors of the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas:

**SECTION 1:** That Section 1, Paragraph 5 of Ordinance No. 6049 is hereby amended by adding the following language:

*g. Any habitable space containing a closet shall comply with the requirements of a bedroom (sleeping unit).*

**SECTION 2:** This Ordinance shall be codified in the Code of Ordinances and sections shall be re-numbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention.

**SECTION 3.** Emergency Clause. It is hereby found and determined that an emergency exists; and this Ordinance being immediately necessary for the public health, safety and welfare shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of adoption.

PASSED: January 18, 2022

APPROVED: 

PAT MCCABE, MAYOR

ATTEST: Harmony Morrissey  
HARMONY MORRISSEY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM: 

BRIAN W ALBRIGHT, CITY ATTORNEY