

ORDINANCE NO. 60-A.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALLIS, TEXAS REQUIRING SMOKE DETECTORS IN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOMES AND BUILDINGS, SUBSTANTIAL REMODELING, HOTEL, MOTEL, AND APARTMENTS.

WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL OF WALLIS, TEXAS, finds that it is in the best interest of the Citizens of Wallis, Texas, that smoke detectors be hereafter required in all newly constructed homes, commercial and retail buildings as well as remodeling construction or additions to existing structures; and motels, hotels, boarding houses and apartment.

BE IT THEREFOR ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLIS, TEXAS:

NEW CONSTRUCTION

- (A) That hereafter the date hereof building contractors, and/or property owners and tenants shall be jointly and severally responsible for the installation of U. L. approved Smoke Detectors or Smoke Detector systems in all newly constructed homes and buildings whether for residential, retail or commercial use. There shall be installed in all such homes or buildings at least one (1) smoke detector per each 800 square feet of floor space in residential buildings and homes. There shall be installed at least one (1) smoke detector per each 800 square feet of floor space in all new commercial and/or retail buildings. Excluded from the provision shall be parking space and garages.

ADDITION AND REMODELING CONSTRUCTION

- (B) That hereafter from the date hereof, building contractors, property owners and/or tenants shall be jointly and severally responsible for the placing and installation of U. L. approved Smoke Detector systems in all new additions to existing homes or buildings, whether for residential, retail or commercial use. If, the new addition is 250 square feet of floor space or more and it is residential remodeling construction or if it is 400 square feet of floor space or more for retail and/or commercial remodeling construction, the said smoke detector will be required.

This provision shall not be applicable for construction of garages or parking space. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions regarding minimal required square footage of floor space; if the addition or remodeling construction exceeds \$5,000.00 in construction cost, then smoke detectors will be required to be installed as per the floor space footage allowances and requirements as setout in Paragraph "A" herein.

- (C) That hereafter the date hereof, property owner of hotels, motels, boarding houses and apartment buildings shall be jointly and severally liable for the placing and installation of U. L. approved Smoke Detectors therein as per the followint provisions. A smoke detector shall be required in each room of said hotel, motel or boarding hosue used for boarders or guests. One smoke detector per each 800 square feet of floor space, shall be required to be placed in each apartment of any apartment building. One smoke detector per 800 square feet of floor space shall be required in lobbies, hallways, restaurants, bars, recreational areas, conference rooms and other enclosed areas.

FINES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY

- (D) Building contractors, property owners, and/or tenants who are found to have failed or refused to install the smoke detector in accordance with Paragraph "A", "B", and "C" above, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor offense for violation of this ordinance and will be subject to a fine of not less then \$10.00 nor more than \$200.00 per violation.

PASSED AND APPROVED 18th day of November, 1980.

CITY OF WALLIS

BY: Charles Dusek  
CHARLES DUSEK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY: Betty Marek  
BETTY MAREK, City Clerk

APPROVED:

BY: V. O. "BUTCH" CARDEN, JR.,  
City Attorney