

ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 20026 (NEW SERIES)

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAR 11 2011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 5, DIVISION 9 OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 55.0903 PERTAINING TO FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION, TO EXTEND THE REQUIRED COMPLIANCE DATE FOR SPRINKLER RETROFITS OF HIGH RISE BUILDINGS TO JANUARY 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, in 1986, the City Council passed Ordinance No. O-17172 requiring fire sprinkler retrofitting for high-rise buildings; and

WHEREAS, specific exemptions were granted including all Government buildings except for those owned by the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance's compliance date was extended on several occasions, most recently on February 23, 2010, when the City Council extended the compliance period for one year to January 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a further extension of the Ordinance for an additional three years is necessary to complete the sprinkler retrofit of the City Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, currently the City Administration Building has a backflow valve, pump, transfer switches, standpipe, alarm system, and sprinklers in the basement and on the 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, and 15th floors; and

WHEREAS, work remaining to be completed at the City Administration Building includes installing an emergency backup generator, additional upgrades to the alarm system, and fire sprinklers in all the elevator lobbies and on the 1st, 2nd, 3th, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and

12th floors; all construction activities will occur at night and on weekends to allow City staff to perform their normal work activities during the day; and

WHEREAS, the cost to complete the sprinkler retrofit of the City Administration building is estimated to be \$4,200,000; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 5, Article 5, Division 9 of the San Diego Municipal Code is amended by amending Section 55.0903 to read as follows:

§55.0903 Automatic Sprinkler Systems – Existing High-Rise Buildings

(a) – (i) [No change in text.]

(j) **903.6.2.8 Violations.**

(1) [No change in text.]

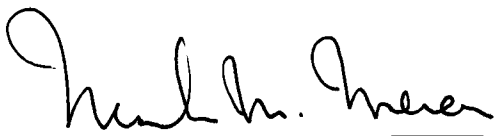
(2) It is unlawful for any owner of a high-rise building to allow any person to occupy any portion of a high-rise building after January 31, 2014, where occupancy has been authorized pursuant to this section, except where: (1) the occupant is performing minimal maintenance to prevent the high rise building from being in an unsafe condition; or (2) the occupant is performing construction or maintenance to the building related to the installation or maintenance of an automatic fire sprinkler system; or (3) an approved fire sprinkler system has been completely installed.

(k) [No change in text.]

Section 2. That a full reading of this ordinance is dispensed with prior to its passage, a written or printed copy having been made available to the City Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its final passage.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By 
Mark M. Mercer
Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept: ECP/Arch Eng & Parks

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at its meeting of MAR 01 2011.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 3.11.11
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor