

ORDINANCE NO. 98-14

AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE HERNANDO COUNTY FUEL CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL FUEL CODE, 1996 EDITION (NFIPA 54-1996); PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR ADDITION TO PART 3; PROVIDING FOR ADDITION TO PART 4; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERANCE OF PARTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL FUEL CODE, 1996 EDITION (NFIPA 54-1996), AS PROMULGATED BY NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONS TO PART 3 and 4

There is hereby adopted by the County of Hernando, Florida, for the purpose of providing a jurisdiction with general criteria for the installation of gas piping and gas equipment on the consumer's premises, that certain fuel code known as the National Fuel Code, (NFIPA 54-1996), as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, a non-profit and non-political organization, with its principal offices in Quincy, Massachusetts, being particularly the 1996 Edition. The same is hereby adopted and incorporated herein as fully as if set forth in haec verba and from the date upon which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof except as otherwise noted herein shall be controlling in the installation of gas piping and gas equipment on the consumer's premises within the unincorporated areas of the County.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION

For the administration of NFIPA 54-1996, refer to the Standard Building Code, as adopted by County Ordinance.

SECTION 3. ADDITION TO PART 3 - GAS PIPING INSTALLATION

Section 3 is hereby modified by adding Subsection 3.17 as follows:

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All gas piping in contact with corrosive material, including concrete or masonry products, shall be protected against external corrosion by a protective sheathing, wrapping, or sleeving that will withstand any reaction from lime and acid of concrete, cinder, or other corrosive material. Sheathing or wrapping shall allow for expansion and contraction of piping to prevent any rubbing action. Minimum wall thickness of material shall be 0.025 inch (25 mil).

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SECTION 4. ADDITION TO PART 4 - GAS PIPING INSPECTION, TESTING, AND PURGING

Section 4.1.4 is hereby modified by adding Subsection "e" as follows:

4.1.4(e)

All interior gas piping in residential systems shall be tested to 30 pounds per square inch gauge (30 PSIG) on the entire system with no pressure drop for a period of not less than 24 hours.

SECTION 5. SEVERANCE OF PARTS

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase, clause or other part or provision of this ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION 6. REPEALER CLAUSE

Upon the effective date of this ordinance, those previously enacted ordinances and amendments thereto which regulate the construction activities addressed by this ordinance, namely Hernando County Ordinance No. 95-23 and subsequent amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. VIOLATIONS, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES

Any entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to the penalties provided for herein. The Director or his authorized representative shall issue notice to all entities violating any provision of this ordinance and shall order that such violations cease. Should any entity fail to comply with such notice, or order, the Governing Body or its authorized official may institute appropriate action to bring such entity before a court of law for adjudication. Any entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned or both fined and imprisoned, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 125.69 of the Florida Statutes.

SECTION 8. INCLUSION IN THE CODE

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, and it is hereby provided that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of Hernando County, Florida. To this end, the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and that the word "**ordinance**" may be changed to "**section**", "**article**", or other appropriate designation.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 19th day of May, 1998, A.D.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest Michelle Huntsman, By Hannah M. Robinson
KAREN NICOLAI, CLERK *Deputy* HANNAH M. ROBINSON, CHAIRWOMAN
Clerk

