

ORDINANCE NO. 05-039

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLAIRE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION, ARTICLE II, FIRE PREVENTION, DIVISION I, GENERALLY, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLAIRE, TEXAS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 13-26, ENTITLED AMENDMENTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING, ALTERING AND CHANGING SECTION 503.1.1, FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS, OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2000 EDITION, TO DISALLOW USE OF A DRIVEWAY AS A FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES, INCLUDING DUPLEXES AND TOWNHOUSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellaire, Texas, currently applies and enforces the International Fire Code, 2000 Edition, for construction within the City of Bellaire, Texas; and WHEREAS, current language within the International Fire Code, 2000 Edition, has allowed residential builders to construct driveways as fire apparatus access roads thereby avoiding the City of Bellaire, Texas, requirement for the installation of fire sprinkler systems in certain new residential construction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, has found that the International Fire Code, 2000 Edition, should be amended so as not to circumvent the City of Bellaire, Texas, fire sprinkler system requirements for residential construction; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLAIRE, TEXAS:

1. THAT the recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct.
2. THAT Chapter 13, Fire Protection and Prevention, Article II, Fire

Prevention, Division I, Generally, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bellaire, Texas, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 13-26, entitled Amendments, to read as follows:

Section 13-26. Amendments.

The International Fire Code adopted and enforced by the City is hereby amended, altered and changed in the following respect with such amendment(s) to be applicable to the current edition of the International Fire Code and any subsequent editions thereto:

503.1.1

Within the City of Bellaire, Texas, the use of a private driveway as a fire apparatus access road for single-family residences, including duplexes, and townhouses, shall be prohibited.

3. THAT this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 20th day of June, 2005.