ORDINANCE No. O-2021-14

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING, BY REFERENCE, THE ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE, 2012 EDITION, VOLUMES I, II AND III; ALLOWING FOR SUBSEQUENT EDITIONS; REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 68—10; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 14-55-207 states that "Every municipality in the State of Arkansas is authorized by the passage of a municipal ordinance to adopt by reference technical codes, regulations, or standards, without setting forth the provisions of the code or parts thereof"; and,

WHEREAS, THE ARKANSAS STATE FIRE MARSHALL published the "Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, 2012 Edition" with an effective date of January 1, 2014 with the expressed intent to reduce the number of other hazard-related concerns by establishing the minimum rules dealing with fire and building safety; and,

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WARD has determined that the City should adopt the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, 2012, Volumes I, II and III and any subsequent Editions and Volumes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WARD, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1 – ADOPTION: The City of Ward does hereby adopt, by reference, the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, 2012 Edition, Volumes I, II and II and any subsequent Editions and/or Volumes thereto.

SECTION 2 – PUBLICATION: Pursuant to ACA 14-55-207, three (3) copies of the code or an electronic version) have been available to the public for inspection prior to the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3 – SEVERABILITY: If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

SECTION 4 – EMERGENCY DECLARED: The Ward City Council has determined that an emergency exists to ensure the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of Ward. As such, this Ordinance is hereby effective and in full force upon its passage.

YEAS:	ADOPTED THIS <u>/8⁷/1</u> NAYS: <u>Ø</u>	DAY OF <u>October</u>	, 2021
APPROVED:	Charles Gastineau, Mayor	ATTEST:	Jou Any Pluble
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