

City of Salem

FIRST PASSAGE

In the year Two Thousand and Fifteen

An Ordinance to amend an ordinance relative to fire prevention and protection

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 20. Fire Prevention and Protection is hereby amended by inserting a new article as follows:

“ARTICLE IV. TRUSS CONSTRUCTION IDENTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

Sec. 20-150. Purpose

This ordinance provides that residential, commercial and industrial buildings that utilize truss type construction shall be marked by an exterior mounted emblem that informs persons conducting fire suppression and other emergency operations of the existence of truss construction.

Sect. 20-151. Definitions

Residential, commercial and industrial buildings and structures shall mean those buildings and structures classified as such by the Salem Building Department using the classification system found in 780 CMR, the Massachusetts State Building Code or its successor.

Truss construction shall mean a fabricated structure of wood, steel or combination thereof, made up of a series of members connected at their ends to form a series of triangles to span a distance greater than would be possible with any of the individual members on their own. Truss type construction shall not include individual wind or seismic bracing components which form triangles when diagonally connected to the main structure system.

Sec. 20-152. Enforcement/Penalty

The Fire Chief or his or her designee shall be responsible for ensuring the proper placement of emblems on buildings or structures covered by this ordinance. The Salem Building Department shall only release a certificate of occupancy to those buildings or structures found to be in compliance with the requirements of this ordinance.

All three or more unit multi-family residential, commercial, and industrial buildings in existence at the time this ordinance shall be required to have an emblem or emblems placed in the locations identified by the Fire Chief, or his designee, within 90 days of the passage of this

ordinance. All existing one and two family dwellings shall allow for the placement of this identifying emblem when undergoing additions or alterations requiring a building permit or when such construction type is identified.

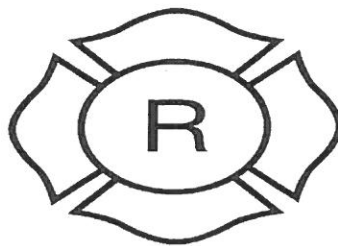
Any person who fails to permit the posting of a building or structure as set forth in this ordinance, or who removes or willingly obstructs from view, the fire official's designated posting, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Every day that a violation continues, after its abatement has been ordered by the Fire Chief or designee and sufficient time has elapsed to permit abatement, shall constitute a new offense.

Section 20-153. Approved Emblems/Fee

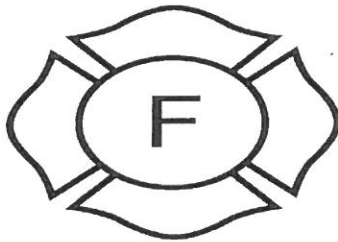
A Maltese Cross measuring eight (8) inches horizontally and eight (8) inches vertically of a bright red color, two (2) inch text, made from engineering grade reflective /aluminum, as designated in accordance with Figure 1.

Figure 1.

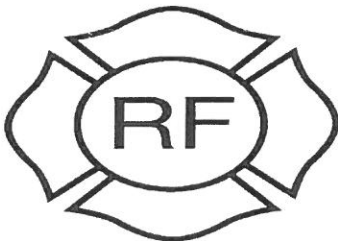
Light-frame "Roof" only



Light-frame "Floor" only



Light-frame "Floor & Roof"



Each approved Emblem shall include within the center circle one of the following designations.

“F” shall mean floor framing, including girders and beams.

“R” shall mean roof framing.

“FR” shall mean floor and roof framing.

Sec. 20-154. Emblem Locations

(a) Emblems identifying the existence of truss construction shall be permanently affixed in the locations directed and in a manner approved by the Fire Chief.

(b) Three or More Unit Residential, Commercial or Industrial Buildings:

Emblem shall be placed within two feet (24 inches) to the left of the main entry door.

Emblems shall be permanently attached to the face of the structure in a contrasting background, or on a contrasting base material which is permanently attached to the face of the structure.

The distance above grade, walking surface, or finished floor to the bottom of the emblem shall be no less than 4 feet (48 inches).

The distance above grade, walking surface, or the finished floor to the top of the emblem shall not be more than 6 feet (72 inches).

In single tenant structures with multiple main entry doors, such as big box retail stores, department stores and grocery stores, the Fire Chief may require that other main entry doors of the structure be marked with an approved symbol to carry out the purpose of this ordinance.

In multiple tenant structures and covered mall structures with multiple entry doors, the Fire Chief is authorized to require that other main entry doors be marked with the emblem to carry out the purpose of this ordinance.

(c) One and Two Family Dwellings:

The emblem shall be affixed adjacent to the electric socket meter. If the meter is located indoors, the emblem shall be placed adjacent to the natural gas meter, if so equipped. If neither location is available, additional locations shall follow the guidelines established for multi-unit residential, commercial and industrial buildings.

(d) Fee:

The Fire Chief shall provide approved emblems to owners of buildings or structures at a fee to the owner not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per emblem.

Sec. 20- 155. Disputes

Where the owner of the building or structure and the Fire Chief disagree as to the use of truss type construction within the building or structure, the owner shall be granted not more than forty-five (45) days to provide written verification from a licensed engineer or licensed architect; otherwise the owner shall comply with this ordinance.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

In City Council May 14, 2015

Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with Committee of the Whole

In City Council May 28, 2015

Adopted for first passage

ATTEST:

CHERYL A. LAPOINTE
CITY CLERK

Advertised Salem News
June 3, 2015