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### 18.01 INTENT OF CODE.

It is the intent of this code to enforce regulations consistent with national and state recognized fire protection codes. The primary intent of the code will be the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion within the jurisdiction of the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department.

### 18.02 ADOPTION OF ORDERS, CODES, RULES, AND SOGs

- (1) The following orders and codes are hereby adopted by reference.
  - (a) For all construction after July 1, 2002, the following fire codes shall apply.
    - (1) NFPA 1 & NFPA 101
  - (b) For all construction prior to 7/1/02 the following fire codes shall apply.
    - (1) Comm 7 – Explosive Materials
    - (2) Comm 9 – Manufacturer of Fireworks
    - (3) Comm 10 – Flammable and Combustible Liquids
    - (4) Comm 11 – Liquefied Petroleum Gases
    - (5) Comm 12 – Liquefied Natural Gas
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    - (7) Comm 14 – Fire Prevention
    - (8) Comm 15 – Cleaning and Dying
    - (9) Comm 30 – Fire Department Safety and Health
    - (10) Comm 50-64 – Building, Heating Ventilating, and Air Conditioning
    - (11) Comm 66 – Uniform Multifamily Dwellings
    - (12) Comm 70 – Historic Buildings
    - (13) Comm 75-79 – Existing Buildings
    - (14) NFPA 10 – Portable Fire Extinguisher Code\*
    - (15) NFPA 13, 13D, & 13R – Sprinkler Codes\*
- (2) Whenever the provisions of the aforementioned codes conflict, the stricter interpretation shall apply.
- (3) Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department Standard Operational Guidelines.

### 18.03 DEFINITIONS.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, for the purpose of this code, the following terms shall, have the meaning indicated in this section:

- (1) “Approved” shall mean accepted by the chief of the fire department or his designee, listing or approval of Underwriters Laboratories Inc., the National Fire Protection Association, the National Bureau of Standards, the American Gas Association Laboratories, or any other nationally recognized testing authority.
- (2) “Automatic Fire Alarm System” shall mean a system which automatically detects a fire condition and actuates a fire alarm signal device. These systems must be tested monthly per fire code.
- (3) “Campfire” means a small outdoor fire intended for recreation or cooking, not including a fire intended for the disposal of waste wood or refuse.
- (4) “Ceremonial Fires” are those permit-approved by the fire department for events such as homecoming, scouting, and other special events using clean, dry wood, vegetation, or yard waste, and must be attended at all times.
- (5) “Clean Wood” means natural wood which has not been painted, varnished or coated with a similar material, has not been pressure treated with preservatives and does not contain resins or glues as in plywood or other composite wood products.
- (6) “Dwelling” shall mean a building occupied exclusively for residence purposes and having not more than two apartments, or as a boarding or rooming house serving not more than 15 persons, with meals or sleeping accommodations, or both.
- (7) “Fire Department Training fires” include fires set for practice and instruction of fire fighters, or testing of fire fighting equipment or procedures.
- (8) “I.C.C. Container” shall mean any container approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission for shipping any liquids, gaseous, or solid material that is flammable, toxic, or other hazardous nature.
- (9) “Institutional Building” shall mean a building in which persons are held or detained by reason of public or civic duty, or for correctional purposes.
- (10) “Multiple-family Housing” shall mean a building occupied as the home or residence of individuals, families, or households living independently of each other, of which three or more are doing cooking within their apartments, including tenement houses and apartment buildings.
- (11) “Open Burning” means kindling or maintaining a fire where the products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or a chimney.

- (12) Outdoor Wood-fired Furnace” means a wood-fired furnace, stove or boiler that is not located within a building intended for habitation by humans or domestic animals.
- (13) “Person” shall mean person, persons, firm, corporation, or co-partnership.
- (14) “Places of Assembly” are buildings, or parts of a building, that that will accommodate more than 100 people for entertainment, recreation, worship, or dining purposes.
- (15) “Public Building” shall mean a building in which persons congregate for civic, political, educational, religious, social, or recreational purposes.
- (16) “Pyrotechnics” is defined in NFPA 1124, 3.3.40.5 as a chemical mixture used in the entertainment industry to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.
- (17) “Refuse” means any waste material except clean wood.
- (18) “Residence Building”, except when classified as an institutional building, shall mean a building in which sleeping accommodations are provided.

#### 18.04 AUTHORITY TO ENTER PREMISES.

- (1) Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department personnel may, during reasonable hours, enter any building or premises within the jurisdiction of the department for the purpose of making any inspection or investigation under the auspices of the codes listed in Section 18.02. Private dwellings shall not be entered without the consent or permission of an adult occupant and do not typically fall within the purview of the fire department (also refer to DC 14).

#### 18.05 INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS FIRE DEPARTMENT

- (1) The fire chief shall ensure that all buildings and premises that fall under the purview of the fire department (DC 14:02(2)(d)) are inspected as often as may be necessary to insure compliance of all codes listed in Section 18.02. Typically, the timeframe to inspect businesses within the jurisdiction of the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department shall be:
  - (a) Inspections within the City of Wisconsin Rapids shall be conducted at least once per calendar year. For businesses with a history of habitual violations, the Fire Chief may deem it appropriate, for the safety of the public, to inspect certain businesses more frequently.
  - (b) Penalties for non-compliance. The first fire inspection to any business is considered to fall under the State of Wisconsin’s 2% dues program. However, any follow-up or subsequent inspections fall outside of the parameters of the 2% dues program. As such, if any noted fire code violations are not corrected within the timeframe noted on the inspection report, the Deputy Chief shall send a reminder letter to the business at no additional charge. If the business still does not prove compliance by informing the fire department, and a subsequent visit by fire department personnel is necessary, the charges for such visits are as follows:
    - (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> visit after reminder letter: \$50
    - (2) 3<sup>rd</sup> visit, if necessary: \$100
    - (3) If still no compliance after the three strike rule (refer to Section 18.32), the business owner will then be issued a citation.

#### 18.06 ORDERS TO CORRECT FIRE CODE VIOLATIONS.

- (1) Upon the inspection of any premises within the jurisdiction of the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department, any violation of the codes cited in Section 18.02 shall be corrected within the specified amount of time as identified on the official fire department inspection report, or by correspondence from the fire chief or deputy fire chief.

#### 18.07 CODE COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITY.

- (1) Compliance of fire code violations shall ultimately lie with the building owner. The violations will be explained to the owner, the manager, or another available employee and a copy of the inspection report will be left with the individual the violations are explained to, or through correspondence from the deputy fire chief’s office.

#### 18.08 FIRE RECORDS AND REPORTS.

- (1) The chief of the fire department shall ensure that a record of all fires (NFIRS) are maintained for a period of seven years. Fire inspection records shall be maintained for the same period of time.
- (2) Fire reports may be given to the owner of a structure that has suffered a fire loss, an occupant of said property, an insurance representative of the owner and/or occupant that has suffered the loss, and a law firm representing the owner and/or occupant of said property. An administrative fee of \$10.00 shall be charged for each report copied.

#### 18.09 NEW CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

- (1) Any new construction in the City of Wisconsin Rapids will take out a permit with the building inspector's office. At such time, the building inspector's office will notify each individual inspector (building, electrical, fire, and plumbing) of the new construction.
- (2) This tracking mechanism will allow any new construction within the City of Wisconsin Rapids to be placed the fire inspection list in an expeditious manner.

#### 18.10 MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT BUILDINGS

- (1) Any multi-family apartment complex (3 or more) within the City of Wisconsin Rapids must update their contact information when rental property is sold.
- (2) This procedure will be used to update inspection lists and contact information.

#### 18.11 LIMITED BURNING

- (1) Purpose. This ordinance is intended to promote the public health, safety and welfare and to safeguard the health, comfort, living conditions, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Wisconsin Rapids due to the air pollution and fire hazards of open burning, outdoor burning and refuse burning.
- (2) Applicability. This ordinance applies to all outdoor burning and refuse burning within the City of Wisconsin Rapids.
  - (a) This ordinance does not apply to grilling or cooking using charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas in cooking or grilling appliances. However, grilling or cooking appliances are not permitted on properties containing multifamily residences with three or more units, unless there is common area approved by the Fire Chief for such grilling or cooking.
  - (b) This ordinance does not apply to burning in a stove, furnace, fireplace or other heating device within a building used for human or animal habitation unless the material being burned includes refuse as defined in Section 18.03 of this ordinance.
  - (c) This ordinance does not apply to the use of propane, acetylene, natural gas, gasoline or kerosene in a device intended for heating, construction or maintenance activities.
- (3) General prohibition on outdoor burning and refuse burning. Open burning, outdoor burning and refuse burning are prohibited in the City of Wisconsin Rapids unless the burning is specifically permitted by this ordinance.
- (4) Materials that may not be burned. Unless a specific written approval has been obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, the following materials may not be burned in an open fire, incinerator, furnace, stove or any other indoor or outdoor incineration or heating device.
  - (a) Rubbish or garbage including, but not limited to, food wastes, food wraps, packaging, animal carcasses, paint or painted materials, furniture, composite shingles, construction or demolition debris or other household or business wastes.
  - (b) Waste oil or other oily wastes except used oil burned in a heating device for energy recovery subject to the restrictions in Chapter NR 590, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
  - (c) Asphalt and products containing asphalt.
  - (d) Treated or painted wood including but not limited to plywood, composite wood products or other wood products that are painted, varnished or treated with preservatives.
  - (e) Any plastic material including, but not limited to, nylon, PVC, ABS, polystyrene or urethane foam, and synthetic fabrics, plastic films and plastic containers.
  - (f) Rubber, including tires and synthetic rubber-like products.
  - (g) Newspaper, corrugated cardboard, container board, office paper and other materials that must be recycled in accordance with Chapter 7, except as provided in section 18.11(8).
- (5) Open burning of leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, yard and garden waste, and other vegetable debris. Open burning of leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, yard and garden waste, and other vegetative debris is prohibited. Residents are encouraged to use city compost sites or other methods of composting.
- (6) Limited open burning allowed.
  - (a) Campfires.
    - (1) Outdoor campfires for cooking or recreation are allowed provided that the fire is confined by a control device or structure such as a fire ring or fire pit, with a maximum diameter for said campfire of 5 feet. Only clean wood may be burned in an outdoor campfire.
    - (2) Campfires are only allowed on days that such burning is not prohibited by the Fire Department or the Department of Natural Resources. Each day, residents shall contact the Fire Department to determine if burning is authorized on that day.
    - (3) Open burning under this section shall only be conducted at a location at least 50 feet from the nearest building which is not on the same property

- (b) Ceremonial fires. Ceremonial Fires are allowed if a permit is granted by the Fire Chief, under conditions as established by the Fire Chief. A permit is \$5.
  - (c) Land clearing or maintenance of rights of way. The burning of trees, limbs, and brush for land clearing or maintenance of rights-of-way is allowed only if approved by the Fire Chief by permit. A permit is \$5, for a maximum of ten days. The maximum number of days may be increased upon approval of the Fire Chief. Even after a permit is issued, permission from the Fire Department must be received prior to burning each day.
    - (1) Open burning of these materials shall be conducted only on the property on which the materials were generated.
    - (2) Open burning may only occur when there is at least 1" of snow on the ground, or immediately after or during periods of heavy rain.
    - (3) No materials larger than 6 inches in diameter or stumps may be burned.
    - (4) Because dirt and mud impedes the burning process and results in smoldering, dirt and mud shall not be pushed into the burn pile.
    - (5) Burning shall occur no closer than 200 feet to any structure
    - (6) Open burning shall only be allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., which means the fire should be completely extinguished by 10:00 p.m.
    - (7) A burning permit issued under this section shall require compliance with all applicable provisions of this ordinance and any additional special restrictions deemed necessary to protect public health and safety.
    - (8) Any violation of the conditions of a burning permit shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance. Any violation of this ordinance or the burning permit shall void the permit.
  - (d) All allowed open burning shall be conducted in a safe, nuisance-free manner, when wind and weather conditions are such as to minimize adverse effects and not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard on roadways, railroads or airfields. Open burning shall be conducted in conformance with all local and state fire protection regulations.
  - (e) When weather conditions warrant, the Fire Chief or the Department of Natural Resources may declare a burning moratorium on all open burning and temporarily suspend previously issued burning permits for open burning.
  - (f) Open burning shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least eighteen (18) years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold. The person shall have readily available for use such fire extinguishing equipment as may be necessary for the total control of the fire.
  - (g) No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk or on the ice of a lake, pond, stream, river, or waterbody.
  - (h) Except for barbecue, gas and charcoal grills, no burning shall be undertaken within 15 feet from any combustible material, combustible wall or partition, exterior window opening, exit access or exit unless authorized by the Fire Chief.
  - (i) In emergency situations such as natural disasters, burning that would otherwise be prohibited is allowed if specifically approved by the Department of Natural Resources.
- (7) Burn Barrel. A burn barrel may be used in the City of Wisconsin Rapids only in accordance with the following provisions:
- (a) The burn barrel shall not be used to burn any of the prohibited materials listed in sections 18.11(4) and 18.11(5).
  - (b) The burn barrel shall be located at least 50 feet from the nearest building that is not on the same property as the burn barrel.
  - (c) The burn barrel shall have vent holes above the ash line for combustion air and shall be covered with a heavy wire screen.
  - (d) The burn barrel shall not serve a commercial enterprise.
- (8) Exemption for burning certain papers.
- (a) Notwithstanding section 18.11(4)(g) of this ordinance, paper and cardboard products may be used as a starter fuel for a fire that is allowed under this ordinance.
  - (b) Small quantities of confidential papers from a residence may be burned if necessary to prevent the theft of financial records, identification or other confidential information.
  - (c) Confidential papers from a commercial enterprise shall be shredded or destroyed in a manner other than burning.
  - (d) A fire set for burning of a small quantity of confidential papers shall be subject to and comply with sections 18.11(6)(d) through 18.11(6)(h).
- (9) Outdoor Wood-fired Furnaces. An outdoor wood-fired furnace may be installed and used in the City of Wisconsin Rapids only in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) The outdoor wood-fired furnace shall not be used to burn any of the prohibited materials listed in Section 6 of this ordinance.
  - (b) The outdoor wood-fired furnace shall be located at least 100 feet from the nearest building which is not on the same property as the outdoor wood-fired furnace.
  - (c) The outdoor wood-fired furnace shall have a chimney that extends at least 15 feet above the ground surface.
  - (d) The owner of the outdoor wood-fired furnace shall obtain an annual permit from the Fire Chief.
  - (e) The outdoor wood-fired furnace must be used for heating purposes.
- (10) Fire Department Practice Burns. Notwithstanding Sections 18.11(3) and 18.11(4), the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department may burn a standing building if necessary for fire fighting practice and if the practice burn complies with the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources.
- (11) Liability.
- (a) A person utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire shall be responsible for all fire suppression costs and any other liability resulting from damage caused by the fire.
  - (b) In addition to (a) above, a person utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire in violation of any part of this ordinance may be responsible for the costs of response of the Fire Department to the fire (Engine Company hourly rate, overtime costs of personnel, etc.), as well as being subject to citations for violations of this ordinance.
- (12) Right of entry and inspection. The Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief or any authorized officer, agent, employee or representative of the City of Wisconsin Rapids who presents credentials may inspect any property for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. Note: If the owner or occupant of the premises denies access to the property for this purpose, a special inspection warrant may be obtained in accordance with sections 66.122 and 66.123, Wis. Stats.
- (13) Enforcement and penalties.
- (a) The fire chief, deputy fire chief, and members of the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department are authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.
  - (b) The penalty for violation of any portion of this ordinance shall be as set forth in Section 18.34.

#### 18.12 RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRE DAMAGES

- (1) Responsibility for Fire.
- (a) Any damage caused to another person's property by burning of any kind, whether authorized or not, shall be the responsibility of the person(s) responsible for igniting the fire. The city will charge the cost of fire investigation and extinguishment to the perpetrator of the fire.

#### 18.13 DNR REGULATIONS.

- (1) During periods of extreme dry conditions, the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department will follow the burning recommendations as set forth by the local DNR office.

#### 18.14 APPLICATION TO NEW AND EXISTING CONDITIONS.

- (1) The provisions of this code shall apply equally to new and existing conditions. The exception to this rule applies to existing conditions that may not fall within the guidelines of the codes cited in Section 18.02. If this is the case, the fire chief or deputy fire chief shall determine if a condition shall be permitted to continue, provided the condition does not constitute a distinct hazard to life and/or adjoining property.

#### 18.15 NEW MATERIAL, PROCESSES, OR OCCUPANCIES WHICH MAY REQUIRE PERMITS NOT SPECIFIED IN THE CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS FIRE CODE.

- (1) The mayor, the fire chief, the deputy fire chief, and the building inspector shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes, or occupancies which shall require permits, in addition to those now enumerated in said code.

#### 18.16 MODIFICATION OR VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS FIRE CODE.

- (1) The fire chief and deputy fire chief shall have the authority to modify or issue a variance in regard to any of the provisions of the City of Wisconsin Rapids Fire Prevention Code. Those individuals seeking a variance to the municipal fire code shall apply in writing to the fire chief or deputy fire chief and identify which section of the code they wish to modify. The specifics of any modification or variance that is granted shall be signed by the fire chief or deputy fire chief and the party requesting the variance. The original form shall be maintained in the official file at the fire department and a copy will be furnished to the applicant.

#### 18.17 APPEALS.

- (1) Whenever the fire chief or deputy fire chief disapprove a modification or variance, or when it is claimed

by the applicant that the provisions of the code do not apply, or that the true intent and meaning of the code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal the decision of the fire chief or deputy fire chief to the common council within 10 days from the date of the decision. In the event of such appeal, the council shall set a time and place for an appeal hearing and give to the applicant at least 10 days notice of such hearing by mail or in person.

#### 18.18 PYROTECHNICS.

- (1) There will be no pyrotechnics allowed in any structure within the City of Wisconsin Rapids without a permit from the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department. These permits may be obtained at Fire Station 1, 1511 12<sup>th</sup> Street South, during the hours of 0800-1300, Monday through Friday. An officer of the fire department must inspect the pyrotechnics before they are used. An administration fee of \$25.00 will be charged for each permit.
- (2) Anyone caught using pyrotechnics without the appropriate permits is subject to the penalties as set forth in Section 18.29 of this fire code.

#### 18.19 KNOX BOXES.

- (1) All new commercial construction within the City of Wisconsin Rapids will be required to place a Knox Box on the outside of the structure that is accessible only to the fire department in the event of an emergency. Applications may be obtained at the east side fire station. Contractors may contact the fire department to request a recommended location for the Knox Box.

#### 18.20 OCCUPANCY LOAD SIGNAGE

- (1) All new and existing structures within the jurisdiction of the City of Wisconsin Rapids will be required to post occupancy load signs in places of assembly as defined in Section 18.03 of this fire code. The calculation for occupancy load can be located in NFPA 101, Chapter 7.3.1.2.

#### 18.21 SMOKE DETECTORS

- (1) Any owner, renter, business, or leasor applying for a building, electrical, or plumbing permit for any existing residential property, or any residential property annexed to the City of Wisconsin Rapids, shall be required to install smoke detectors as follows:
  - (a) At least one smoke detector in each dwelling located within 15 feet from all rooms used for sleeping purposes
  - (b) At least one detector on each level of a dwelling
  - (c) Detectors are required at the top of each interior stairwell in multiple family dwellings.
- (2) Responsibility.
  - (a) It is the owner's responsibility to supply and install detectors. The owner is responsible for maintenance and testing detectors in common stairwells.
  - (b) It is the tenant's responsibility to test and maintain detectors within dwelling units. Tenants must notify the owner or agent in writing of any deficiencies.
  - (c) The owner is responsible for providing the tenant with written information regarding detector maintenance and testing.
  - (d) Enforcement shall be administered by the fire chief or the deputy fire chief.
  - (e) The penalty for not complying with this ordinance shall be in accordance with Section 18.29 of this fire code.

#### 18.22 FIRE HYDRANT LOCATION AND DISTANCE.

- (1) Fire hydrant location and distances shall be in accordance with NFPA Code 1, Annex I, Table I.3. (MC#1045)

#### 18.23 PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS

- (1) All private yard hydrants shall be painted red with the caps and bonnet painted in accordance with NFPA 291, Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants.
- (2) Class AA - 1500 gpm or greater shall be painted light blue.
- (3) Class A - 1000-1499 gpm shall be painted green.
- (4) Class B - 500-999 gpm shall be painted orange.
- (5) Class C - less than 500 gpm shall be painted red.

#### 18.24 FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS (FDC) ON SPRINKLERED BUILDINGS

- (1) Any new construction within the City of Wisconsin Rapids, where by code a sprinkler system is required, this building will also be required to have installed a 5-inch Storz connection as the FDC.

#### 18.25 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS

- (1) Any contractor that is compromising an existing roadway within the City of Wisconsin Rapids must gain approval, in writing, from the fire department before any construction is authorized.
- (2) Contractors will ensure they follow NFPA 1, Chapter 18 in regard to fire department access to structures.
- (3) Any construction within the City of Wisconsin Rapids where roads must be blocked for any purpose, the contractor will ensure the fire department has emergency access at all times. This may include installing a temporary road dependent upon the length of the project. Furthermore, any temporary road, or construction upon an existing roadway, the contractor will ensure the roadway is wide enough and strong enough to support the heaviest emergency response vehicle at the fire department.

#### 18.26 SCHOOL FIRE DRILLS

- (1) The City of Wisconsin will require all schools to conduct monthly fire drills and provide such record to fire department officials upon request.
- (2) Tornado drills may be substituted for a fire drill.
- (3) The fire department will provide forms for the schools to complete. These forms should be forwarded to the fire department as soon after the conclusion of the school year as is possible, which in turn will be kept on file at the department for a period of seven (7) years per city policy.

#### 18.27 NUISANCE PROVISION.

- (1) No person(s) shall cause, permit or allow the escape of smoke, ash, soot, or noxious fumes from any smoke stack, chimney, or open fire within the corporate limits of the city of Wisconsin Rapids into the open air that may cause injury, health detriment, or cause a nuisance to any person(s). In such a case, if a complaint is received by the fire department, an officer of the department will investigate the complaint. If the complaint proves to be valid, the officer will request the party causing the nuisance to cease and desist the action causing the problem. If the party does not comply with the officer's request, a report will be filed with the deputy fire chief and after an investigation of the complaint, if the person(s) involved are found to be in violation of this portion of the municipal fire protection code, a citation will be issued (also refer to MC 25.10).

#### 18.28 LIQUOR LICENSES.

- (1) When specifically requested by the Finance & Property committee, a business owner seeking a liquor license will appear before the committee to explain any code deficiencies. The deputy fire chief and building inspector may also sit in on this meeting.
- (2) A license will not be issued to any business with outstanding fire or building code deficiencies.

#### 18.29 BUILDING ADDRESS IDENTIFICATION

- (1) All residences and businesses within the boundaries of Wisconsin Rapids will comply with Section 11.15.
- (2) It is important for these numbers to be placed on the buildings so emergency personnel can easily identify them during an emergency response.

#### 18.30 SNOW REMOVAL FROM FIRE HYDRANTS

- (1) Any residence or business in the City of Wisconsin Rapids that has a fire hydrant located on its property should ensure it is free of snow during the winter months. Snow buried hydrants are more likely to freeze and not work properly in the event of a fire.
- (2) It will be unlawful to blow snow onto a city-owned hydrant. People who bury hydrants by blowing snow onto them will be subject to a citation being issued and penalties as set forth in Section 18.29 of this fire code.

#### 18.31 FALSE ALARMS

- (1) Any business, apartment complex, or institution that has a fire alarm system will ensure that the fire department and the dispatch center for the department are notified when testing on the system is being conducted.
- (2) Each business that has a false alarm due to malfunction or work being done on the system will receive one uncited emergency response from the fire department per calendar year. Any subsequent response during a calendar year will result in a bill being sent to the business as outlined in WRFD SOG 806.

#### 18.32 18.32 THREE-STRIKE RULE

- (1) Any business identified with a fire code violation will typically have 30 days to correct the deficiencies. Life Safety Code violations that present a significant threat to life must be corrected immediately. The timeframe to correct deficiencies will be identified on the inspection report or through correspondence from the deputy fire chief. Any fire code violation not corrected within the specified time allotment will be warned again and 15 days will be given to correct non-Life Safety Code violations. Failure to correct the identified violation after the second notice will result in the application of Section 18.05.

- (2) After a citation is issued by the fire department, the violator will work with the city attorney's office.
- (3) Each day the violation goes uncorrected after the citation has been issued will constitute a separate violation.

#### 18.33 CITATION AUTHORITY & ENFORCEMENT

- (1) The City of Wisconsin Rapids Fire Prevention Code shall be enforced by the fire chief and deputy fire chief of the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department.
- (2) This code shall empower the fire chief and deputy fire chief with citation powers. Any citations issued by the fire chief or deputy fire chief for fire code violations shall be in accordance with the procedures and stipulations as set forth by the City of Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Court.

#### 18.34 PENALTIES

- (1) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter, or fails to comply with any order made thereunder, shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$200.00 and the costs of prosecution. In default of immediate payment of such forfeiture and costs, such person(s) shall be committed to the county jail until such forfeiture and costs are paid. Every commitment shall limit the duration of such imprisonment to a definite term not exceeding 90 days.
- (2) Every day upon which a violation occurs or continues constitutes a separate offense.