

ORDINANCE NO. 75-4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE
BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED,
"BUILDING REGULATIONS"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Bloomington Municipal Code is hereby
amended by adding thereto Section 17.04.250 which shall read as
follows:

17.04.250 Location of Heating Devices.
No device generating a glow, spark, or
flame capable of igniting flammable vapors
shall be installed in any open garage or
storage area where flammable liquids or
gases may be stored, used, or handled.
Any such devices referred to above shall
be installed in an enclosure of not less
than one-hour fire resistive construction
and shall receive outside combustion air
in conformance with Section 3718 of the
Rules and Regulations of Indiana Administrat-
ive Building Council, Volume I, 1969. This
section shall not apply to devices presently
in operation or to replacements thereof.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and
effect from and after its passage, promulgation and publication
in accordance with the law.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City
of Bloomington, Indiana, on the ____ day of _____ 19____.

Brian C. De St. Croix, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Karel Dolnick, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington,
Indiana, upon the ____ day of _____, 19____, at the hour of
____ o'clock ____ .m.

Karel Dolnick, City Clerk

This ordinance approved and signed by me upon the ____
day of _____, 19____, at the hour of ____ o'clock ____ .m.

Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

Richard S. Baker

Tabled indefinitely
7-3-75

I HEREBY MOVE THAT ORDINANCE 75-4
BE INTRODUCED AND READ AT FIRST READING AT THE
COUNCIL MEETING ON February 20, 1975

Richard Behm

(Signature)

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MEMO

To: Ted Najam

From: Larry Walcoff

Re: Building Code Change

Date: August 7, 1974

On August 6, 1974, upon your recommendation I visited with Chester Axson, Bloomington Fire Inspector, to discuss the possible need for Building Code changes to prevent fires in private homes as the result of gas appliances operating where flammable vapors are stored. Prior to my visit he reviewed the matter with Chief Gose and both men strongly support the change mentioned below.

The next step is to have Rasous Istrabadi review the matter and then you or the city attorney can draft an ordinance change for city council approval... (I hope). I'll also try to get support from the Builder's Association if appropriate.

I'll call Mr. Istrabadi and arrange an appointment - this memo is intended to keep you up to date.

The changes will have to be made in the One and Two Family Dwelling Code 1971 edition.

We want to restrict the location of heating devices that use a flame, glow or spark (particularly gas furnaces and gas water heaters) so that they cannot be placed in one or two family dwellings where flammable vapors can be stored. (See chapters 11, 13, and 19 of Code)

Note: The matter of water heaters requires special attention because the code is very vague on their location, etc.

This past year at least four Bloomington fires were caused in one family homes by gas vapors in garages with gas hot water heaters!!!

Larry Walcoff
Office 339-2203
Home 336-8481

cc: Chester Axson



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
PO BOX 100, MUNICIPAL BLDG., BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA 47401

Engineering Department
Phone 812/329-2201

September 4, 1974

Administrative Building Council
300 Graphic Arts Building
215 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Attn: Mr. Dale Gatlin

Dear Sir:

I am interested in submitting some sort of an addendum to the One and Two Family Dwelling Code that will codify the setting of gas fired furnaces or water heaters, incinerators perhaps, and the like in domestic garages or other spaces where combustibles might be stored.

Our City Fire Department has recorded several fires due to "improper" setting of gas fired units in homes, and want something done.

I suggest this addendum, in essence:

"All gas fired units that are to be installed in any garage or storage shall be enclosed in a one hour enclosure, with clearances according to N-1303, and shall receive outside combustion air with quantities as required by Chapter 12 of this Code."

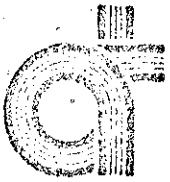
In the meantime with your approval, I wish to establish this, or something very similar for use in the Bloomington City Code.

Sincerely,

Rasoul Istrabadi
City Engineer
Bloomington, Indiana

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cc file
Larry Walcoff
Fire Department

Indiana's Cultural, Educational and Recreational Center



November 8, 1974

Mr. Rasoul Istrabadi
City Engineer
City of Bloomington
P. O. Box 100
Bloomington, IN 47401

Dear Rasoul:

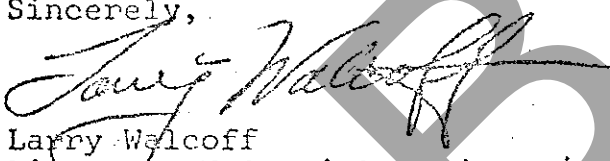
I appreciated your letter advising me of Dale Gatlin's response to your letter of September 4. I have the impression that Mr. Gatlin supports our position that single family dwellings should have restrictions placed on the location of appliances that can cause fires. Particularly where gas and other highly combustible materials are stored.

The fact that Mr. Gatlin will consider our proposal sometime in the future does not lead me to feel encouraged. The definition of sometime in the future is very vague.

I would urge you to consider proceeding with our original plan. That is, to have our City Council pass a new ordinance preventing dangerous appliances being placed in new homes in places where gas and other highly inflammable materials are stored. We are literally playing with peoples lives here. As I pointed out in previous correspondence, this is a terribly dangerous situation.

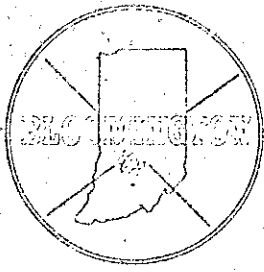
Please call me at your earliest convenience so that we can plan a campaign to have legislation passed locally.

Sincerely,


Larry Walcoff
Director of Special Projects

LW/lg

cc: Chester Axiom, Fire Department
Frank McCloskey, Mayor
Jim Ackerman, President - City Council



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

P O BOX 100, MUNICIPAL BLDG., BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA 47401

Engineering Department
Phone 812/339-2261

November 19, 1974

Mr. Larry Owens
City Attorney

Dear Sir:

We Have been urged (see enclosure) to install, within the City Code, a new ordinance honoring recommendation of the Fire Department as outlined in the memo from Larry Walcoff, dated 8-7-74.

The Ordinance should cover the addendum as per my suggestion in a letter to the Administrative Building Council, dated 9-4-74, paragraph 3, which reads as follows:

" All gas fired units that are to be installed in any garage or storage shall be enclosed in a one hour enclosure, with clearances according to M-1303, and shall receive outside combustion air with quantities as required by Chapter 12 of this Code."

Accordingly, I would like for you to word the ordinance and present it to the Common Council for adoption and installation in the code in the appropriate chapter.

Respectfully,

Rasoul Istrabadi
Rasoul Istrabadi
City Engineer

cc:
Mayor
President of Common Council

RI/lm

Indiana's Cultural, Educational and Recreational Center

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Interdepartmental Memo

John E.

TO: City Engineer

FROM: Location of Heating Devices

FROM: City Attorney

DATE: Dec. 13, 1974

Enclosed is a draft of an ordinance concerning the location of heating devices as requested by you. You will note that I have taken the liberty of changing the language of your proposal and hope it meets with your approval.

I would emphasize that this is merely a draft and probably will have to be changed further. I have several questions about it myself. The way it is written, it could apply to present locations; do we want to limit it to future construction? The way it is written, it is not limited to dwellings; do we want this? No reference is made to size or location of the enclosure. I am sure you will have further questions and/or observations. Let's get together and discuss it further.

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