# ORDER NO. 2018-\2~\7 ADOPTING FIRE CODE WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4

WHEREAS, the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 4 ("District") is authorized, pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code §775.036 to adopt and enforce a fire code; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt a Fire Code and to provide for its enforcement to protect the health and safety of those residing within the territory of the District and to help prevent fires and medical emergencies;

It is, therefore, ORDERED that:

# Section 1. Adoption of Fire Code

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in other provisions of this Order, the following are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as provisions of the Fire Code applicable and enforceable throughout the territory of the District, except within the corporate limits of any municipality located in the territory of the District that has previously adopted a fire code, if any:
  - (1) The 2015 International Fire Code ("IFC") and appendices B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L and M promulgated by the International Code Council, Inc.; and
  - (2) For the purpose of determining the types of construction referred to in Appendix B of the IFC, the definitions and descriptions of types of construction provided in Chapter 6 of the 2015 International Building Code ("IBC") are also adopted.
- (b) The remaining provisions of this Order, together with all provisions incorporated in this Order by reference shall constitute the Fire Code of the District ("Fire Code" or "Code").
- (c) In the event of a conflict between the IFC or any other code or provision incorporated in this Order and the express provisions of this Order, the express provisions of this Order shall apply.

#### Section 2. Administration

- (a) The Fire Chief of the Williamson County Emergency Services District No.4, together with such assistants and agents of the District, Department, or third parties as the Fire Chief may designate, are authorized to enforce this Order, to take all actions required or authorized in provisions incorporated in this Order by reference, and to conduct all inspections, review all plans, accept all applications for a permit or approval authorized or required by the terms of this Order, and take any action necessary to fully implement and enforce this Order and the Code adopted hereunder.
- (b) The Fire Chief shall submit monthly activity reports to the District, covering inspection, review, and enforcement activities conducted during the prior month. The Fire Chief shall keep an accurate account of all fees, fines, and other funds collected and received pursuant to this Order, the names of the persons upon whose account the same were paid, the date and amount thereof, together with the location of the building or premises to which they relate.

- (c) Approved plans, specifications, and other reports required by this Order shall be maintained in the central offices of the District for a period of not less than five years following the date such document was submitted to the District or prepared by the District, or as otherwise required by statute, law, rule, or regulation of the State of Texas.
- (d) The District may provide for inspection and other acts necessary to carry out the intent of this Order or the Fire Code, including, but not limited to, hiring employees, retaining contractors, or entering into any necessary agreements with any individual or entity to implement and enforce the Fire Code throughout the District.

#### Section 3. Right of Entry

- (a) In addition to those rights and authority authorized under the 2015 IFC (Section 104.3), whenever necessary to make an inspection to enforce any of the provisions of this Order or the Fire Code for the prevention of fires and medical emergencies, or whenever the Fire Chief has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in any building or upon any premises any condition in violation of this Order or the Fire Code, the Fire Chief, or the designated agents of the Fire Chief may enter such building or premises at all reasonable times to inspect same or to perform any duty imposed on the Fire Chief by this Order or the Fire Code; provided that if such building or premises is occupied, they shall first present proper credentials and request entry; and, except during construction of the improvement to be inspected, if such building or premises are unoccupied, the Fire Chief or agent of the Fire Chief shall make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person(s) having charge or control of the building or premises and request entry. If such entry is refused, the Fire Chief or his/her agent shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure entry.
- (b) No owner or occupant or any other person having authority to control access to any building or premises shall fail or neglect, after request for entry is made as provided herein or in the Fire Code, to promptly permit entry by the Fire Chief or the authorized agent of the Fire Chief for the purpose of inspection and examination pursuant to this Order or the Fire Code. The District, the Fire Chief, or his designees may take any action, at law or in equity, available under the Fire Code of the District to enforce this section and any other applicable section as set forth herein or otherwise allowed under any applicable statute, law, rule, or regulation.

#### Section 4. Stop Work Orders

In addition to any rights, remedies, or authority provided under the 2015 IFC or the Fire Code, whenever any work or construction is being done contrary to the provisions to this Fire Code or without any permit or approval by the Fire Code, the Fire Chief, or the Fire Chief's designee may order the work or construction stopped by notice in writing served on any person(s) engaged in performing or causing such work to be performed. Whenever work or construction is stopped in accordance with this Section or the Fire Code, a written notice to stop work issued by the Fire Chief or his/her agent shall be posted on the property in a manner reasonably visible to any person that performs any work on the property. All persons shall then cease all work or construction on the property until authorized to proceed by the Fire Chief, or the Fire Chief's designee. Any person failing to comply with a notice to stop work, or removing any notice to stop work from any premises without permission of the Fire Chief shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, as defined

in § 12.23, TEX. PENAL CODE, or subject to civil penalties as provided for herein or in the Fire Code.

# Section 5. Identification of District, Commissioners, and Appellate Body

- (a) Whenever the terms "jurisdiction", "authority having jurisdiction", "department", or "bureau of fire prevention" are used in the IFC, same will be a reference to the District. All regulatory authority established by the provisions of the IFC incorporated in this Order is established for the District.
- (b) Any reference in the provisions of the IFC incorporated in this Order to the "executive body" shall be a reference to the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of the District.
- (c) Any reference in the provision of the IFC incorporated in this Order to the "board of appeals" or other appellate body established by the IFC shall be reference to the appellate body or panel, as applicable, referred to in section 8 of this Order.

# Section 6. Board of Appeals

Section 108 of the IFC is hereby deleted and the following provisions substituted in its place:

- (a) The Commissioners of the District shall appoint by resolution three residents or owners of businesses in the territory of the District to serve as members of the Board of Appeals, an appellate body. The Board of Appeals will hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the Fire Chief or his designee relative to the application and interpretation of the Fire Code and this Order and/or decide the complaint of any person allegedly aggrieved by a decision of the Fire Chief or his designee, regarding any request for a permit or approval, any decision to stop work, or stop use, and any decision to abate, repair, modify, rehabilitate, demolish, or remove an unsafe structure or premises. In order to establish a quorum for its meetings or hearings, all three members of the Board of Appeals must be present. Any Commissioner of the District may serve as a member of the Board of Appeals, but no more than two Commissioners may serve at the same time. Members of the Board of Appeals shall serve and hold office at the District's pleasure, and such members shall not be employees of the District.
- (b) An appellate panel consisting of the three members of the Board of Appeals shall hear the timely appeal of any decision of the Fire Chief or other authorized official described herein. A request to appeal such a decision shall be submitted in writing addressed to the President of the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of the District and forwarded to the District's central administrative offices not more than 30 days after the date of the decision or action that is the subject of the appeal. A request to appeal shall include the mailing address, telephone number, and address of the property subject to the appeal of the appellant for the purpose of receiving notice of a hearing on the appeal. A notice of appeal shall not stay the decision or action from which the appeal is taken.
- (c) If a Board of Appeals has not been appointed by the Commissioners of the District at the time an appeal request is received, at the District's next regularly scheduled meeting held not less than five days and not more than 35 days after receipt of the request to appeal, the Commissioners shall appoint a Board of Appeals to hear an appeal. The hearing of such appeal shall be scheduled not later than 21 days following the meeting of the Commissioners at which the members of the Board

- of Appeals are appointed to hear the appeal. If no meeting of the Commissioners occurs during the period of time after a request for appeal is submitted as required by this Section, the President of the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners shall appoint a Board of Appeals to hear the appeal and shall schedule such appeal hearing.
- (d) Any appointment of members for the Board of Appeals may include alternate appointments in the event that one or more appointees are unable to serve at the place and time scheduled for the appeal hearing.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided, the Board of Appeals or the President of the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners, as applicable, shall serve written notice of the date, time, and place of the appeal hearing not less than 10 days prior to the date of the hearing.
- (f) An appellant shall be entitled to present evidence in support of the appeal and to cross-examine opposing witnesses. The Fire Chief or his/her designee shall be entitled to present evidence in support of such decision or action and to cross-examine witnesses. The Board of Appeals shall make all determinations regarding the admissibility of evidence and credibility of witnesses, and may make reasonable rulings regarding the conduct of the hearing and the manner that evidence is presented. The Board of Appeals may be assisted by the legal counsel for the District in making evidentiary rulings and determining reasonable procedures for the conduct of the hearing.
- (g) The Board of Appeals may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision from which an appeal is taken. The decision of the majority of the Board of Appeals shall be the decision of the appeal panel. The panel may reverse a decision only if, in the opinion of the majority: (a) the decision appealed is manifestly unjust; or (b) special circumstances make strict application of the rule that is the basis of the original decision impractical and the reversal of the decision is in conformity with the intent and purpose of this Fire Code; and such reversal would not result in a greater threat of danger to life or safety. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the intent of the IFC or the Fire Code or the rules legally adopted hereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this the IFC or this Fire Code do not fully apply, or an equivalent method of protection or safety is proposed. The Board of Appeals shall have no authority to waive the requirements of the IFC or the Fire Code.
- (h) If the Fire Chief or his/her designee determines in a written order served on the owner of property that a structure constitutes an imminent threat to the life or safety of any persons, the Fire Chief or his/her designee may require the demolition or removal of such structure not later than ten days following the date notice of such order is served on the owner of the affected property. Such owner may request an emergency appeal of such decision in writing delivered to the central administrative offices of the District at any time prior to the expiration of the 10 day period. In such event, the President of the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners is authorized to appoint a Board of Appeal, if none currently exists, and schedule a hearing of the emergency appeal as soon as practicable. The President of the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners or the Board of Appeals shall serve notice of the time, date and place of the emergency appeal on the affected owner not less than two days prior to the date of the hearing of the emergency appeal.

#### Section 7. Permits and Fees

The fees applicable for permits, approvals, and inspections shall be established from time to time by the Commissioners of the District by resolution therefore. The District may require an owner or agent who applies with the District for any permits, approvals, or inspections to pay any additional costs related to any reviews of the permits, approvals, or inspections by third parties or otherwise.

#### Section 8. Penalties

- (a) A violation of any provision of this Order shall be a Class C Misdemeanor, as defined in Texas Penal Code § 12.23. A separate violation shall occur each day that a violation of this Order continues.
- (b) In addition to the criminal enforcement provisions of this section, the District shall be entitled to bring a civil action for the enforcement of this Order in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin any violation of this Order or to impose a civil penalty in an amount of up to \$2,000.00 for each day that a violation of this Order continues.

# Section 9. Amendments to the International Fire Code

The following sections are hereby amended as follows:

- (1) <u>Section 101.1 Title</u>. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 4, hereinafter referred to as "this Code."
- (2) <u>Section 104.7.3 Plan review</u>. The fire code official is authorized to require the owner or agent to provide, without charge to the jurisdiction and at the sole cost and expense of the owner or agent, a third party review for permits, approvals, inspections, or plans submitted to the District for approval. Any third party review required by the District shall be conducted by an individual or entity of the fire code official's choice.
- (3) <u>Section 105.3.1 Expiration</u>. An operational permit shall remain in effect until reissued, renewed or revoked, or for such period of time as specified in the permit. A permit authorizing construction of an improvement shall expire on the date two years after issuance of the permit unless construction of such permitted improvement has commenced prior to such date and such construction continues without interruption until completed.
- (4) <u>Section 105.3.3 Occupancy prohibited before permit approval</u>. The building or structure shall not be occupied prior to the Fire Chief or his/her designee issuing a permit that indicates that applicable provisions of this code have been met for any new structure or change in an existing occupancy or use of the occupancy.
- (5) <u>Section 108 Board of Appeals</u>. This section is deleted in its entirety, and Section 6 of this Order is substituted in its place.
- (6) <u>Section 109.4 Violation Penalties</u>. Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter,

modify, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor, as defined in § 12.23, TEX. PENAL CODE, and punishable by a fine of no more than \$500.00 per day. In addition to criminal enforcement provisions of this section, the District shall be entitled to bring a civil action for the enforcement of this Code in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin any violation of this Code or to impose a civil penalty in an amount of \$500.00 per day that a violation of this Code continues. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

(7) Section 111.4 Failure to Comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor, as defined in § 12.23, TEX. PENAL CODE, punishable by a fine of \$500.00 per day., Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition to criminal enforcement provisions of this section, the District shall be entitled to bring a civil action for the enforcement of this Code in any court of competent jurisdiction or to enjoin any violation of this Code or to impose a civil penalty in an amount of \$500.00 per day that a violation of this Fire Code continues.

# (8) Section 307.2 Permit Required.

For any burning other than residential maintenance a permit shall be obtained from the Fire Chief or his/her designee in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled. All outdoor burning authorized within the District shall be conducted in full compliance will all applicable statutes, rules, or regulations, including this Order, and in the case of conflict between any other applicable statute, rule, or regulation and this Order, the more stringent provision shall prevail.

#### (9) Section 307.2.1 Authorization.

a. All outdoor burning shall be done in accordance with the Texas Outdoor Burning Rule, Title 30, Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) Sections 111.201 – 111.221. If a conflict should arise between this Fire Code and the Texas Outdoor Burning Rule referenced above, the more stringent rule shall apply. Where required by state or local law or this Fire Code, open burning shall only be authorized with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed. If issued, permits may be revoked at any time by the Fire Chief or his/her designee if any conditions or limitations set forth in the permit have been violated. This action, if taken, may result in fines or additional fees issued by the District.

## b. Residential Maintenance Burning

All outdoor burning conducted within the District must be authorized and may require an on-site visit prior to initiating any outdoor burning. The individual

- responsible for the outdoor burning shall call the District office for notification and instructions. After the request is received, the Fire Chief or his/her designee may conduct an on-site inspection. If an on-site inspection is required, and the on-site inspection is satisfactory, permission will be granted to conduct the burn.
- c. Open Burning within the District as described above is for residential maintenance and does not require a permit fee, given burning is occasional and not commercial in nature. Exception: The burning of household waste is excluded from this Fire Code in the unincorporated areas of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 4.
- d. Any Open Burning other than that described in subsection (C) above, including Lot Clearing, Prescribed Burning or any request that exceeds acceptable height, size or frequency, shall require a prescribed time frame permit and/or fees. Application for such permit shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.

#### DISTRICT OPEN OUTDOOR BURNING PERMIT PROCESS

# Open burning site district requirements for burning other than residential maintenance

- > Site inspected or approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.
- ➤ Phone available on site to contact 9-1-1.
- > Proposed burn site located at least 50 feet from any structure.
- Wind and/or weather conditions are favorable.
- > Cannot burn prohibited items.
- Proposed burn site is a manageable size and height.
- Approved water source or extinguishing equipment available at burn site.
- > Burn site is downwind or at least 300 feet from any occupants that might be sensitive to smoke.
- > Applicant to be informed of burn regulations.
- Applicant must abide by any additional requirements provided by code official.
- When issued, all permits shall be kept on the premises designated therein at all times and shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises, or shall be kept on the premises location designated by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

Exception: Burning of household trash within unincorporated areas of the District.

(10) <u>Section 503.2.1 Dimensions</u>. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 25 feet, except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches.

**Exception:** Widths less than 25 feet as approved in writing by the Fire Chief.

- (11) Section 503.6 Security Gates. The installation of security gates across a fire apparatus road shall be approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designee. Where security gates are installed, they shall have an approved means of emergency operation, including a means of operation without power and a means of operation with a Knox product, or similar access device. The security gates and emergency operation shall be maintained at all times. A single gate serving two-way traffic shall be 25 feet in clear open width. When two gates are installed and each only serves one direction of travel, they shall be 15 feet in clear open width each. This code pertains to new and existing gates.
- (12) Section 505.1 Address Numbers. New and existing buildings shall be provided with approved address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification character shall contrast with their background. Address number shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be not less 6 inches high (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of ½ inch (12.7 mm). If a building is located more than 150 feet from the street, an address shall be posted at the street entrance. Any commercial building with multiple occupancies (suites) shall post the suite number at all entrances to the suite.
- (13) Section 507.5.1.1 Hydrant for any fire department connection. Buildings equipped with any fire department connections system installed in accordance with Section 903 or Section 905 shall have a fire hydrant within 100 feet (30.48 m) of the fire department connection.

Exceptions: The distance shall be permitted to exceed 100 feet (30.48 m) where approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

- (14) <u>Section 507.5.7 Reflective Pavement Markers</u>. All fire hydrants shall be identified by the installation of approved blue reflective pavement markers.
- (15) <u>Section 509.3 Main Electrical Disconnect.</u> The main electrical disconnect for each building shall be labeled and installed on the exterior of the building in an approved location. In lieu of the main disconnect, an approved remote shunt trip may be installed to disconnect electrical service when approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.
- (16) 901.4.7 Automatic Sprinkler System Riser and Fire Pump Location. The Automatic Sprinkler System Riser and/or Fire Pump shall be installed within a building. An exterior door leading directly into the room containing the fire pump and/or fire sprinkler riser shut off controls shall be provided.
- (17) <u>Section 912.8 All Fire Department Connections (FDCs)</u>. All Fire Department Connections (FDC) shall be marked as approved by the Fire Code Official. Two red street lane reflectors (Stimsonite Model 88AB or similar) shall be installed six inches (152.4 mm) from the centerline of the fire apparatus access roadway on the side closest to the FDC. Markers shall be parallel to the FDC having the reflective ends of the street markers

facing the direction of traffic. Wall-mounted Fire Department Connections (FDC) shall have a strobe device mounted above them that is connected to the fire alarm system and will active with the building's fire alarm system.

(18) Section C103.1 Hydrant Spacing. Where required by Section 507.5.1, a minimum of one (1) hydrant shall be provided within 300 feet of all portions of exterior walls of commercial building, and within 500 feet of all portions of exterior walls of non-commercial residential buildings. This measurement is taken around the perimeter of the building and down the access road to the hydrant (MEASUREMENT NOT TAKEN AS A RADIUS).

Exception: When no approved municipal Fire Protection water supply is located within 1,000 ft. of the proposed development, the Fire Chief or his/her designee may use NFPA 1142 for fire flow requirements. However, fire hydrants will still have to be maintained within 300 ft. of all portions of buildings and stubbed out for future municipal water lines connections. This includes one or two family dwelling subdivisions.

Regardless of the average spacing, fire hydrants shall be located such that all points on streets and access roads adjacent to a building are within the distances listed in Table C105.1.

- (19) Section C106.1 Installation. Fire hydrants must be installed with the center of the five (5) inch steamer opening at least 18 inches above finished grade. The five (5) inch opening must face the driveway or street and must be totally unobstructed to the street. Fire hydrant design shall be 2-2.5" NST outlets, 1-5.0" Storz connection with a cap to include a hex nut to fit a hydrant wrench along with a reflective band to match the fire flow of said hydrant as provided by NFPA. The fire hydrant shall be painted to the Williamson County Emergency Service District (ESD) No.4 hydrant color standard and designated by a blue reflector in the center of the street. All fire hydrant water lines must be a minimum of 8" in diameter unless approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designee
- (20) <u>Section D103.3 Turning Radius</u>. Fire Apparatus access roads shall be designed with an appropriate 25 foot inside turning and a 50 foot outside turning radius at turns to accommodate any operational fire department apparatus.

Exception: Radius less than 25 feet inside or 50 feet outside as approved in writing by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

(21) <u>Section D103.6. Signs.</u> Where required by the Fire Chief or his/her designee, fire apparatus access roads shall be marked as follows:

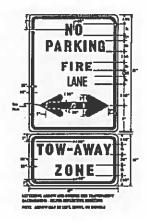
Where curb and guttering exists, all of fire apparatus access roads shall be painted red and be conspicuously and legibly marked with the warning "FIRE LANE – TOW AWAY ZONE" in white letters at least three inches tall, at intervals not exceeding 35 feet. Where no curb and guttering exists, fire apparatus access roads shall be marked with permanent FIRE LANE – TOW AWAY ZONE signs at intervals not exceeding 50 feet.

Signs shall have a minimum dimension of 12 inches wide by 18 inches high and have red letters on a white reflective background. Signs shall be posted on one side or both sides of the fire apparatus road as required by Section D103.6.1 or D103.6.2.

Sign Type "A"



Sign Type "B"



- (22) <u>Section D103.6.2 Roads More Than 26 feet in Width.</u> Fire lane signs as specified in Section D103.6 shall be posted on one side of the fire apparatus access roads more than 26 feet wide (7925 mm) and less than 32 feet wide (9448.8 mm) with standing curbs and 30 feet wide (9144 mm) with mountable curbing.
- (23) <u>Section L101.2 Required Location.</u> In new buildings, Firefighter Air Replenishment Systems shall be required when any of the following conditions occur:
  - 1. Any new high-rise building, i.e. a building with an occupied floor located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of District apparatus access.
  - 2. Any new building with 2 or more floors below grade.
  - 3. Any new building 500,000 square feet or more in size.

# Section 10. Reference to Other Codes

The District shall not have a building official or separate code regulating the construction of buildings, including but not limited to separate building code, mechanical code, plumbing code, or electrical code, except as expressly incorporated by the terms of this Order and necessary for the proper interpretation or enforcement of this Order or any fire code adopted hereunder. Only parts of other international codes that relate to fire safety are incorporated in this Order. Any provision in the IFC or other provision incorporated in this Order by reference that refers to any act to be referred to or conducted by a building official shall be disregarded as though such reference were deleted and all other parts of the affected sentence, section, article, or chapter remained in force and effective. Any reference in the IFC (or other provision incorporated in this Order) to compliance in a manner provided in a building code, electrical code, plumbing code, or mechanical code shall be disregarded except to the extent that the provision of such other code is incorporated in this Order by reference and to allow for the proper interpretation and enforcement of this Order. Such disregard of the manner of compliance shall not otherwise affect the requirement to comply other applicable codes; provided however, that if a provision refers to compliance with the term of any such other code that is not incorporated in this Order by reference, as opposed to compliance in a manner provided in such other code, the requirement of compliance shall be disregarded altogether. In the event that the disregard of any such reference results in unusual syntax or sentence structure of the remainder of such affected provision, a reasonable interpretation shall be given to the remainder, in light of the intent and purpose of this Order and the authority of the District.

#### Section 11. Conflicts.

All orders that are in conflict with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, except as necessary to continue with any suit, proceeding, or enforcement of violations of the previous Fire Code of the District currently pending at the time of the adoption of this Order, and such orders shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of any such suit, proceeding, or enforcement action by the District or as otherwise terminated by applicable law, nor shall any equitable or legal right or remedy of the District of any kind be lost, impaired, or affected by this Order. All other orders of Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 4 not in conflict with the provisions of this Order remain in full force and effect.

#### Section 12. Severability.

Should any portion or part of this order be held for any reason invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Order, but all valid portions of this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

# Section 13. Maintenance of Order and Previous Orders.

A copy of this Order and any necessary previous orders necessary for the continued enforcement of the Fire Code of the District shall be maintained at the central administrative offices of the District for inspection and use by interested persons. The District shall inform any person interested in obtaining copies of the 2015 International Fire Code or other applicable International Fire Code that such copies may be purchased from the publisher of those codes.

# Section 14. Notice/Publication

The Fire Chief shall arrange for any notice or publications of this Order required by applicable law, if any, and maintain proof thereof in the records of the District.

# Section 15. Effective Date

WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMERGENCY

SERVICES DISTRICT No. 4

WCESD No. 4, Board President

ATTEST:

WESD No. 4, Board Secretary