

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF LONDON
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO
CONDUCT FIRE SAFETY PLAN INSPECTIONS OF BUSINESSES IN THE CITY
OF LONDON; CONTENTS OF THE INSPECTION REPORT

This Ordinance was requested by the City of London Fire Department to protect its members, protect property and life in the City of London and to provide better fire protection to the citizens of the City of London and their health, safety and welfare.

The City Council of the City of London, Kentucky finds that the safety and health interests of the public are served by this Ordinance and that the health and safety of the members of the London Fire Department are served by this Ordinance.

For such reasons,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LONDON AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish and outline a method of fire safety inspection of buildings within the City of London. The safety inspection allows members of the City of London Fire Department (“Fire Department”) to prepare prior to any fire to have ready information of the layout of the structure and to identify the location of any combustible or hazardous materials used or stored on the premises.
2. The Fire Department is authorized to conduct a Fire Safety Pre-Plan for all business structures in the City of London. The term “business structure” as used in this Ordinance is intended to mean all for profit and non-profit businesses, educational buildings, religious buildings or other assembly (public or private) structures located in the City of London.
3. The Fire Safety Pre-Plan shall include information gathered by the Fire Department for an on-site inspection of the property and from other information provided by the business owner or person who has general control over entry to the premise. The Fire Department shall given the business owner or manager at least twenty four (24) hours telephone or written notice prior to arriving at the business location and shall make the appointment at a mutually convenient time and date. The information to be included in the Fire Safety Pre-Plan may include, but is not limited to:

- a. The maximum number of employees or other occupants and work location and/or seating chart and seating capacity of the business.
 - b. Usual means of ingress and egress to the structure, identifying the doorways and other entrances or exits to the structure and any written emergency evacuation routes and/or procedures of the business. If the owner or person controlling entry into the business has an emergency preparedness plan, the Fire Department should be allowed to view and/or copy the plan.
 - c. If any combustible or hazardous materials are stored on the business premises, the location and identification of the materials should be made known to the Fire Department. If the nature of the business requires it to do so, the location of the Material Safety Data Sheet will be made known to the Fire Department.
 - d. The Fire Department may check exit signs and emergency lighting of the business.
 - e. The inspection report shall reflect whether the business has a Knox box and shall update both the Fire Department and the owner or manager of the business if the key allows entry to the building and other information in the Knox box.
 - f. The Fire Department shall report, either in writing or verbally, to the business owner or manager the results of the Fire Safety Pre-Plan.
4. The Fire Department shall attempt to perform the Safety Pre-Plan at least every two (2) years. The Fire Department shall report to the City Council the number of businesses it has inspected and shall also report the identity of any businesses that have refused to allow such inspection.
 5. This Ordinance is not intended and does not create additional legal duties or responsibilities for either the City of London and its Fire Department or the business owner or manager. The purpose of this Ordinance is to eliminate any known or potentially dangers or hazards that might be made known, to provide the opportunity for the manager/owner of the business to allow for an inspection of the premises to provide at least an outline of the business premises that might mitigate the dangers ordinarily associated with fighting and extinguishing fires in businesses.
 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication.

7. This ordinance and the various parts thereof are hereby declared to be severable. Should any section of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any portion thereof other than the section so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.
8. If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of the Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any portion thereof other than the section so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.
9. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication in accordance with the applicable provisions of Kentucky law. Any Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Troy Rudder, Mayor

Attested:

Carolyn Adams, City Clerk

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