

Council of the City of York, PA
Session 2013
Bill No.
Ordinance No.

INTRODUCED BY: **Henry Hay Nixon**

DATE: **March 5, 2013**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Part 15, Section 1501.04(14) and 1501.04(15) of the Fire Prevention Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of York, Pennsylvania, to phase out the requirement for connection to the city's gamewell system by July 1, 2014.

WHEREAS, the City of York has used the gamewell fire alarm system since 1886 as a means to signal a fire alarm to firefighters; and

WHEREAS, through an ordinance, the City of York has required occupancies with a required fire alarm system to connect to the city's gamewell system; and

WHEREAS, the City of York would like to phase out the requirement for connection to the city's the gamewell system; and

WHEREAS, the City of York will no longer require connection to the city's gamewell system but will continue to monitor current connections until July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, by July 1, 2014, the City of York will require all alarm systems monitored by the gamewell system to be monitored by a private alarm company in accordance with the International Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, City Council hereby authorizes the Fire Chief and/or designee to waive the provisions of Section 1501.04(15) for all new fire alarm connections through the phase out period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That Article 1501.04(14) of the Codified Ordinances be deleted as follows:

~~(14) — Section 907.3.2.3. Required Fire Alarm Systems is hereby added to read as follows: All existing fire alarms systems connected to or required to be connected to the Municipal Alarm System of the City of York, shall be maintained in service.~~

SECTION TWO: That the Fire Chief and/or designee shall monitor all systems currently connected to the city's gamewell system until July 1, 2014 at which time all systems will be required to be monitored by a private alarm company in accordance with the International Fire Code.

SECTION THREE: That Article 1501.04(15) of the Codified Ordinances be deleted as follows:

~~(15) — Section 907.3.2.3. Transmission of Fire Alarm Signals is hereby added to read as follows: All required fire alarm systems shall transmit alarm signals by connection to the Municipal Alarm System of the City of York.~~

~~Exception #1: Where connection to the Municipal Alarm System of the City of York is not available, the fire alarm system shall be connected to a central station approved by the Chief of the Department of Fire/Rescue Services.~~

~~Exception #2: Smoke detectors in occupancies Use Group I-3 (see Section 907.14). #3: Smoke detectors in patient sleeping rooms in occupancies in Use Group I-2 (see Section 407.6.).~~

~~Exception #4: Group R-1 and R-2 occupancies provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 903.3, monitored by an approved central station monitoring company in accordance with 907.14 and containing less than five guest sleeping rooms.~~

SECTION FOUR: The Fire Chief and/or designee may waive the provisions for new connections to the city's gamewell system until the phase out period of July 1, 2014.

SECTION FIVE: Effective July 1, 2014, the requirement for connection to the city's gamewell system is hereby eliminated and all systems will be required to be monitored by a private alarm company in accordance with the International Fire Code.

SECTION SIX: This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED FINALLY:

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

NAYS: _____.

Carol Hill-Evans, President of Council

ATTEST:

Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk

Presented to the Mayor for approval this _____ day of _____ 2013.

Approved: _____
Mayor Date

Vetoed: _____
Mayor Date