

## ORDINANCE 2019-8

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS TO ADOPT THE 2018 SERIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES: INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE WITH EXCEPTION TO SECTION R313 AND SECTION R309.5, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE; AND THE 2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE WITH AMENDMENT TO STATE THE SMALLEST WIRE SIZE FOR RESIDENTIAL USE IS TO BE 12 GAUGE, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS, EXCEPTIONS AND SPECIAL JAMAICA BEACH REQUIREMENTS, RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES.**

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**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach to adopt, in all respects, the 2018 Series of the International Building Codes: International Residential Code with exception to Section R313 and Section R309.5, International Building Code, International Plumbing Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fire Code, International Energy Conservation Code; and the 2017 National Electrical Code with amendment to state the smallest wire size for residential use is to be 12 gauge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of these codes is done to facilitate proper inspection activities by the City of Jamaica Beach, Galveston County, Texas relating to construction and to the maintenance of buildings within said City of Jamaica Beach, Galveston County, Texas, and relating to public safety, health and general welfare; and,

**WHEREAS**, any person, firm, corporation or other entity that violates the terms of the above referenced codes or other terms of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00, and

**WHEREAS**, that within said codes, when reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, that designated official of the City of Jamaica Beach, Galveston County, Texas who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said codes shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of said code are concerned.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY** the City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas to adopt the 2018 Series of International Building Codes and the 2017 National Electrical Code, including amendments, exceptions, and Special Jamaica Beach requirements relating to inspection activities of the City of Jamaica Beach.

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall be and become effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2020.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY** the City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

**CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS**

  
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**STEVE SPICER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**LUPE RUSHING, CITY SECRETARY**