

ORDINANCE NO. 9328

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AMENDING CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 5-206 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, 2015 EDITION, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, PERTAINING TO THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, REGULATING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 5-206.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS:

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**SECTION 1.** Existing Chapter V, Article 2, Section 5-206 of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2015 Edition, and amendments thereto, is hereby amended to read as follows:

5-206           **Section 423 of the 2015 International Building Code** is hereby amended to read as follows:

**423.1 General.** In addition to other applicable requirements in this code, storm shelters shall be constructed in accordance with ICC 500.

**423.1.1 Scope.** This section applies to the construction of storm shelters constructed as separate detached buildings or constructed as ~~safe-rooms or spaces~~ within buildings for the purpose of providing ~~safe-refuge protection~~ from storms that produce high winds, such as tornados and hurricanes. Such structures shall be designated to be hurricane shelters, tornado shelters, or combined hurricane and tornado shelters.

**423.2 Definitions,** The following terms are defined in Chapter 2:

**STORM SHELTER.**

**Community storm shelter.**

**Residential storm shelter.**

**423.3 Critical emergency operations.** In areas where the shelter design wind speed for tornados in accordance with Figure 304.2(1) of ICC 500 is 250 MPH, 911 call stations, emergency operation centers and fire, rescue, ambulance and police stations shall have a storm shelter constructed in accordance with ICC 500.

**Exception:** Buildings meeting the requirements for shelter design in ICC 500.

**423.4 Group E occupancies.** In areas where the shelter design wind speed for tornados is 250 MPH in accordance with Figure 304.2(1) of ICC 500, all new Group E occupancies ~~ies buildings~~ with an ~~aggregate~~-occupant load of 50 or more shall have a storm shelter constructed in accordance with ICC 500. ~~The shelter shall be capable of housing the total occupant load of the Group E occupancy.~~

**Exceptions:**

1. Group E day care facilities.
2. Group E occupancies accessory to places of religious worship.
3. Buildings meeting the requirements for shelter design in ICC 500.

**423.4.1 Required occupant capacity.** The required occupant capacity of the storm shelter shall include all of the buildings on the site, and shall be the greater of the following:

1. The total occupant load of the classrooms, vocational rooms, and offices in the Group E occupancy.
2. The occupant load of any indoor assembly space that is associated with the Group E occupancy.

**Exceptions:**

1. Where a new building is being added to an existing Group E Occupancy campus, and where the area of the new building does not increase the floor area of the classrooms, vocational rooms, and offices on the campus by more than 25%, the storm shelter shall, at a minimum, accommodate the required occupant capacity for the new building.
2. Where approved by the code official, the required occupant capacity of the shelter shall be permitted to be reduced by the occupant capacity of any existing storm shelters on the site.

**423.4.2 Location.** Storm shelters shall be located within the buildings they serve, or shall be located where the maximum distance of travel from at least one exterior door of each building to a door of the shelter serving that building does not exceed 1,000 ft. (304.8 m).

**SECTION 2.** Existing Chapter V, Article 2, Section 5-206 of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2015 Edition, and amendments thereto, is hereby repealed in its entirety, it being the intent of the Governing Body that the provisions of this Ordinance supersede the repealed section.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or is otherwise held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of any remaining parts of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2017.

**APPROVED:**

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Leslie Soden, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Sherri Riedemann  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Toni R. Wheeler  
City Attorney

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