

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF SENECA

Whereas the South Carolina Building Codes Council adopts the editions of the Building, Residential, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas and Energy Conservation Codes, published by the International Code Council for use in South Carolina, and

Whereas the City of Seneca has likewise adopted the editions of the Building, Residential, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas and Energy Conservation Codes, published by the International Code Council as directed by the South Carolina Building Codes Council, and

Whereas the City of Seneca is required to adopt Chapter 1 (Administration) of the Building, Residential, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Energy Conservation and Existing Building Codes, with “City of Seneca” included in Section 101.1 as the jurisdiction of record.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE governing Body of the City of Seneca and Council duly assembled, and by the authority of same that Section 7.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Seneca are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-1. Building Codes—Adopted.

The City of Seneca hereby adopts Chapter 1 (Administration) of the Building, Residential, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Energy Conservation and Existing Building Codes, with “City of Seneca” included in Section 101.1 as the jurisdiction of record.

PURPOSE. In pursuance of authority conferred by the South Carolina Codes of Laws, 1976, Title 6 Chapter 9 and to facilitate proper inspection activities by the City of Seneca relating to construction and maintenance of buildings within the corporate limits, and to promote public safety, health, and general welfare, the Mayor and Council members of the City of Seneca do hereby ordain and enact into law the following articles and sections.

CONFLICT. Wherever there is or appears to be a conflict between any rules, regulations, and standards of this building code section and any other ordinances of the City of Seneca, any ambiguity shall be construed in favor of the laws of the State of South Carolina or the Ordinances of the City of Seneca.

SEVERABILITY. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

REPEAL. All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

ENFORCEMENT. Any person, firm, corporation or agent who shall violate a provision of this ordinance, or fail to comply herewith, or with any requirements thereof, or who shall erect, construct,

alter, install, demolish, or move any structure, electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, in violation of a detailed statement or drawing submitted and permitted thereunder, shall be found guilty of a misdemeanor. Each such person shall be considered guilty of a separate offence for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any provision of this ordinance is committed or continued, and upon conviction of any violation such person shall be punished within the limits provided by the City of Seneca and the State of South Carolina.

ADMINISTRATION. The Building Official is hereby appointed to administer and enforce the codes adopted by this ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVED AS TO FORM this 26th day of May, 2020.

R. Boatner Bowman, City Attorney

APPROVED AND RATIFIED on First Reading this 26th day of May, 2020 by a vote of

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

APPROVED, RATIFIED and ADOPTED on Second and Final Reading this _____ day of _____ 2020 by a vote of

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

_____, Clerk

Attest:

_____, Mayor