

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 38-11 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDINGS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 38-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 38-11. – General requirements for buildings; requirements for occupancy.**

- A. No owner, party-in-interest, or agent shall occupy, lease or sublease any building or structure designed or intended to be used for residential or nonresidential purposes located within the corporate limits of the city which does not comply with the following minimum requirements of this division. The municipal address of any such residential or nonresidential building or structure shall be posted on the front of each main structure in a conspicuous place that is visible from the street. The municipal address numbers and/or letters shall be a minimum of three inches and shall be the address on file with the office of the city engineer.
- B. Notwithstanding and in addition to any other provision of law, no person shall occupy, inhabit, or dwell within any building or structure designed or intended to be used for residential or nonresidential purposes located within the corporate limits of the city which does not comply with the following minimum requirements:
  - 1. *Enclosed structure* – to be fit for occupation, a structure must be completely surrounded by a solid, secured roof and by solid exterior walls pierced only by windows or doors.
  - 2. *Secure doors* – Doors and other means of egress must be securable.
  - 3. *Water and sewer service* – Properly functioning water and sewer service shall be established and continuing at all times while the dwelling is occupied.
- C. Any person found occupying, inhabiting, or dwelling within a structure in violation of Subsection B, with or without permission from the owner of that structure, shall be charged with a violation of this Chapter and shall be subject to the penalties enumerated in Section 38-115.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, items, or application of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or application and, to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that any ordinance or resolution in conflict with the provisions herein ordained are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

**THUS DONE AND ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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**City Attorney's Office**