ORDINANCE NO. 2009-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AMENDING
CHAPTER 19.05 SECTION 903.2.2 OF THE SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL CODE
PERTAINING TO FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

BE IT ORDAINED By The City Of Santa Cruz As Follows:

Section 1. Chapter 19.05 Section 903.2.2 of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

903.2.2 Existing Structures. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided in existing structures when, after the effective date of this code, a building permit is issued to allow additions to be made to existing structures which either:

1. Are already six thousand (6,000) square feet or greater in total floor area; or

2. Will increase the total floor area of a structure by 10% or more; or

3. When there is a change in the character of the occupancy or use of any building which in the opinion of the fire chief increases or may cause to increase the hazard of fire or threat to life or safety.

4. When additions are made to a structure which contains an existing fire sprinkler system. The fire sprinkler system shall be augmented, thus, creating fire sprinkler protection in the entire structure.

Exceptions:

1. Group U occupancies not more than one thousand (1,000) square feet.

2. Group B and Group M occupancies not more than five hundred (500) square feet.

3. Group R-3 dwellings where additions do not increase the total existing square footage by more than 50%.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect thirty (30) days after final adoption.

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION this 26th day of May, 2009, by the following vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Coonerty, Robinson, Lane, Beiers, Vice Mayor Rotkin; Mayor Mathews. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Madrigal. DISQUALIFIED: None.
APPROVED: ss/Cynthia Mathews, Mayor ATTEST: ss/Lorrie Brewer, City Clerk
This Ordinance is scheduled for further consideration at the Council meeting of June 9, 2009.