

**CITY OF HASKELL, ARKANSAS
ORDINANCE NO. 10-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AS
THE STATEWIDE STANDARD IN ARKANSAS AND ESTABLISHING PERMITTING
PROCEDURES IN THE CITY OF HASKELL, ARKANSAS**

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has adopted the 2021 International Building Code (IBC) as the statewide standard for building construction, safety, and permitting; and

WHEREAS, Section 105 of the 2021 IBC requires that a permit be obtained prior to constructing, enlarging, altering, repairing, moving, demolishing, or changing the occupancy of a building or structure, or performing regulated work on electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Haskell currently does not have a building official appointed to oversee the permitting process; and

WHEREAS, under Section 105 of the 2021 IBC, in the absence of a local building official, permit applications shall be made to the **Arkansas State Fire Marshal**; and

WHEREAS, Section 107 of the 2021 IBC outlines the construction documents required to accompany permit applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASKELL, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. RECOGNITION OF STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE

The City of Haskell recognizes that the 2021 International Building Code (IBC), as adopted by the State of Arkansas, serves as the statewide standard governing all building construction, renovation, demolition, and related work within the state, including within the jurisdiction of the City of Haskell.

SECTION 2. PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Section 105 of the 2021 IBC, any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to:

- Construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure; or
- Erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system regulated by the IBC;

shall first make application and obtain the required permit before performing or causing any such work to be performed.

SECTION 3. PERMIT AUTHORITY IN ABSENCE OF LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIAL

Because the City of Haskell does not currently have a building official appointed, all required permit applications shall be submitted to and reviewed by the **Arkansas State Fire Marshal**, in accordance with state law and the provisions of the 2021 IBC.

SECTION 4. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

All permit applications must be accompanied by construction documents meeting the criteria set forth in Section 107 of the 2021 International Building Code, which is attached to this ordinance as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance shall be enforced in accordance with the requirements and procedures established by the State of Arkansas, the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, and the 2021 International Building Code.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

It is hereby found and determined that the proper permitting, regulation, and inspection of construction and building systems is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of Haskell, Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval. This Ordinance applies to all new subdivisions after its passing.

Passed and Approved, this day 8th of December 2025.

Approved: _____
Clyde Crookham, Mayor

Attest: _____
Taylor Finley, City Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer