

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 21.01 of the Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC),  
 2 the Lincoln Housing Code, by amending LMC Section 21.01.090 to revise Section 504.2 of the  
 3 Uniform Housing Code (UHC) relating to light to allow artificial light when in compliance with the  
 4 International Building Code as adopted by the City; amending LMC Section 21.01.100 to amend  
 5 UHC Section 504.3 relating to ventilation to provide that mechanical ventilation shall comply with  
 6 the International Building Code as adopted by the City; amending Section 21.01.160 to amend UHC  
 7 Section 801 relating to exits to provide that emergency escape openings shall be maintained in  
 8 accordance with the Building Code and Fire Code in effect at the time of construction; and repealing  
 9 Sections 21.01.090, 21.01.100, and 21.01.160 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

10 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

11 Section 1. That Section 21.01.090 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to  
 12 read as follows:

13 **21.01.090 Section 504.2 Amended; Light.**

14 Section 504.2 of the Uniform Housing Code is amended to read as follows:

15 **Section 504.2 Light.** All habitable rooms within the dwelling unit shall be provided with  
 16 natural light by means of exterior glazed openings, including windows and skylights, with an area  
 17 not less than eight percent of the floor area of such rooms with a minimum of eight square feet.

18 In lieu of the means for natural light herein, artificial light complying with the International  
 19 Building Code, as adopted by the City, shall be permitted.

20 Section 2. That Section 21.01.100 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to  
 21 read as follows:

22 **21.01.100 Section 504.3 Amended; Ventilation.**

23 Section 504.3 of the Uniform Housing Code is amended to read as follows:

1           **Section 504.3 Ventilation.** Guest rooms and habitable rooms within the dwelling unit or  
2 congregate residence shall be provided with natural ventilation by means of openable exterior  
3 openings with an area not less than 1/25th of the floor area of such rooms, with a minimum of four  
4 square feet.

5           In lieu of required exterior openings for natural ventilation, a mechanical ventilating system  
6 may be provided. Such system shall be capable of providing two air changes per hour in all guest  
7 rooms, dormitories, habitable rooms and in public corridors. One-fifth of the air supply shall be  
8 taken from the outside.

9           Bathrooms, water closet compartments, laundry rooms, and similar rooms shall be provided  
10 with natural ventilation by means of openable exterior openings with an area not less than 1/25th  
11 of the floor area of such rooms, with a minimum of one and one-half square feet.

12           In lieu of required exterior openings for natural ventilation in bathrooms containing a bathtub  
13 or shower or combination thereof, laundry rooms, and similar rooms, a mechanical ventilation  
14 system connected directly to the outside, capable of providing five air changes per hour shall be  
15 provided. The point of discharge of exhaust air shall be at least three feet from any opening into the  
16 building. Bathrooms which contain only a water closet or lavatory, or combination thereof, and  
17 similar rooms, may be ventilated with an approved mechanical recirculating fan or similar device  
18 designed to remove odors from the air.

19           In lieu of the means for ventilation, mechanical ventilation complying with the International  
20 Building Code, as adopted by the City, shall be permitted.

21           Section 3. That Section 21.01.160 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to  
22 read as follows:

23   **21.01.160    Section 801 Amended; Exits; General.**

24           Section 801 of the Uniform Housing Code is amended to read as follows:

25           **Section 801.** Dwelling units or guest rooms shall have access directly to the outside or to  
26 a public corridor. All buildings or portions thereof shall be provided with exits, exitways, and  
27 appurtenances as required by Chapter 10 of the Building Code.

1 Sleeping rooms below the fourth story shall have at least one openable window or exterior  
2 door approved for emergency escape or rescue. The units shall be openable from the inside to  
3 provide a full clear opening without the use of separate tools.

4 Every dormitory room shall have exits so arranged that from any sleeping room or open  
5 dormitory sleeping area there will be safe and unobstructed access to two separate and distinct exists  
6 in different directions with no common path of travel, unless the room or space is subject to  
7 occupancy by not more than ten persons and has a door opening directly to the outside of the  
8 building at street or ground level or to an outside stairway.

9 Required emergency escape openings shall be maintained in accordance with the Building  
10 Code and Fire Code in effect at the time of construction.

11 Section 4. That Sections 21.01.090, 21.01.100, and 21.01.160 of the Lincoln  
12 Municipal Code as hitherto existing be and the same are hereby repealed.

13 Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
14 passage and publication according to law.

Introduced by:

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Approved as to Form & Legality:

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City Attorney

Approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007:

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Mayor