

**ORDINANCE NO. CO.10-19-024**  
**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FIRE DAMPER, SMOKE DAMPER**  
**AND SMOKE CONTROL SYSTEM INSPECTION STANDARDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, as the executive and legislative body of Vanderburgh County, has the power to adopt and amend ordinances relating to the administration of Vanderburgh County government;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County in order to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Vanderburgh County desires to establish reasonable and uniform regulations within the County for Fire Damper, Smoke Damper and Smoke Control System Inspections of certain buildings;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County finds it necessary to adopt these Fire Damper, Smoke Damper and Smoke Control System Inspection Standards to protect the personal safety and property of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County seeks to amend the Vanderburgh County Code by adopting Chapter 8.40.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, as follows:

**SECTION 1. Adoption of Chapter 8.40**

Chapter 8.40, entitled Fire Damper, Smoke Damper and Smoke Control System Inspection Standards, is hereby added to The Vanderburgh County Code, as follows:

(A) For purposes of this section a "master heating, ventilation and air conditioning installer" means a heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractor who is appropriately trained or otherwise licensed or certified to inspect and test fire dampers, smoke dampers and smoke control systems through a program accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under the ISO/IEC 17024 standard.

(B) Duct systems shall be maintained free of all obstructions. Duct system damper inspections shall be in compliance with all applicable federal and state codes and regulations and must be performed by a master heating, ventilation and air conditioner installer or a person acting under the direction and supervision of a master heating, ventilation and air conditioner installer.

(C) The requirements for inspection in this chapter apply to all buildings, excluding those zoned residential and shall not trigger a requirement of installation or renovation of duct systems or fire dampers in buildings that (1) are not required by building codes to have a duct system or fire dampers or (2) only allow for limited inspection due to the size or design of the duct system or fire dampers.

(D) Proof of damper inspections shall be maintained at all times on applicable premises which are required by federal and state codes and regulations to have such dampers.

**SECTION 2. Effective Date.**

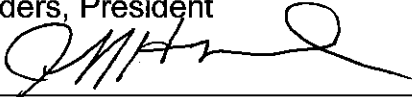
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage by the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, and following publication as provided by I.C. § 5-3-1.

First passed by the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County this 24th day of September, 2019.

Final passage by the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of OCT., 2019.

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
VANDERBURGH COUNTY INDIANA**

By:   
Ben Shoulders, President

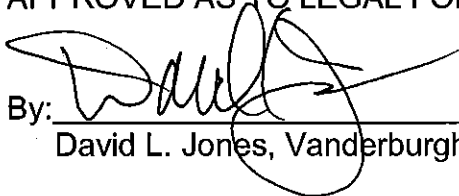
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By: (VOTED NO)  
Cheryl Musgrave, Member

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By:   
Brian Gerth, Vanderburgh County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

By:   
David L. Jones, Vanderburgh County Attorney