

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EXISTING CITY OF CLINTON RENTAL HOUSING CODE OF MAY 7, 2013, AS IT RELATES TO SMOKE ALARMS AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, adopted an Ordinance on May 7, 2013 known as the City of Clinton, Mississippi Rental Housing Code;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi that the Rental Housing Code Ordinance be amended as follows:

Add under Section 202. Additional Provisions.

(i) Smoke Alarms. Single or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed and maintained in rental unit(s), regardless of occupancy load at all the following locations:

1. On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.
2. In each room used for sleeping purposes.
3. In each story with a dwelling unit, including basements and cellars but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without intervening door between adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level

Power Source. In rental units, single-station smoke alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring provided that such wiring is served from a commercial source and shall be equipped with a battery backup. Smoke alarms shall emit a signal when the batteries are low. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than as required for overcurrent protection.

Exception: Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in buildings where no construction is taking place, buildings that are not served from a commercial power source and in existing areas of buildings undergoing alterations or repairs that do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finished exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available which could provide access for building wiring without the removal of interior finishes

These regulations shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

ORDAINED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, at a meeting thereof held on the 21st day of October 2025.

A motion for adoption was made by Alderwoman Godfrey and seconded by Alderman Chapman, and the foregoing Regulations having been first reduced to writing, and no request being made by the Mayor or any member of the Board of Aldermen that the Regulations be read by the City Clerk, before any vote was taken, it was submitted to the Board of Aldermen for passage or rejection and the vote was recorded as follows:

Alderman Chapman:	AYE
Alderwoman Godfrey:	AYE
Alderwoman McSparrin:	AYE
Alderwoman Jones:	AYE
Alderman Wilbanks:	AYE
Alderwoman Oliver:	AYE
Alderman Lott:	AYE

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Motion carried and the Regulations approved and adopted. The forgoing Regulations were approved this the 21st day of October, 2025.

CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
WILLIAM C. PURDIE, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
JIMMY BALDREE, City Clerk