

Introduced by: Mayor Hoskins

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MODEL HOUSING CODE, SECTION 540 OF THE BERKELEY CODE OF ORDINANCES; RELATING TO OCCUPANCY AND SLEEPING ROOMS

Now, Therefore, Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Berkeley, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1 This City finds it necessary to redefine sleeping rooms and are requirements.

Section 2 *Sleeping Rooms.* In every dwelling unit, every bedroom occupied by one (1) occupant shall have a minimum gross floor area of at least seventy (70) square feet. Every bedroom occupied by more than one (1) occupant shall contain at least fifty (50) square feet of floor area for each occupant thereof. In addition, no sleeping room may have a door that leads through the exterior of the building unless there are two (2) other doors from the same dwelling unit that lead to the outside that do not go through a sleeping room. Neither of these two (2) other doors can be a basement door. Further, any room to be used as a sleeping room must open on to a common hallway or area and may not be used as a sleeping room if the only access to it is through another room

Section 3 Penalty: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Article or the Code adopted in this Article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor where the court may impose fines or penalties.

Section 4 Codification: This Ordinance shall be codified and made part of the City of Berkeley Code of Ordinances.

Section 5 This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

1st Reading this 3rd day of April 2017

2nd Reading this _____ day of _____ 2017

3rd Reading, PASSED and APPROVED, this _____ **day of** _____ **2017**

Theodore Hoskins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanna L. Jones, City Clerk

Approved As To Form:
Donnell Smith, City Attorney

Final Roll Call:

Mayor Hoskins	Aye ___	Nay ___	Absent ___	Abstain ___
Councilwoman Hoskins	Aye ___	Nay ___	Absent ___	Abstain ___
Councilwoman Kirkland	Aye ___	Nay ___	Absent ___	Abstain ___
Councilwoman Mathison	Aye ___	Nay ___	Absent ___	Abstain ___
Councilman-at-Large McDaniel	Aye ___	Nay ___	Absent ___	Abstain ___
Councilwoman Mitchell	Aye ___	Nay ___	Absent ___	Abstain ___
Councilwoman Williams	Aye ___	Nay ___	Absent ___	Abstain ___