

# **Fuel Storage Ordinance**

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF  
FLOWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, PROHIBITING ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANKS OF  
FUELS WITH EXCEPTIONS STATED**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to adopt regulations dealing with the placement of above ground storage tanks for the storage of fuels, such as gas, diesel and other like fuels; and

WHEREAS, the board finds that such above ground storage tanks are a danger to the public health and safety in residential and commercial zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is enacted for the public health, safety and general welfare of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FLOWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The storage of flammable or combustible liquids, excluding propane, in above ground storage tanks is prohibited within the City limits, except in such areas as are zoned I-1 or I-2 pursuant to the zoning ordinance of the City.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall not apply to "skid tanks" used by farmers, contractors and individuals for personal use. Containers with foundations attached (portable or semi portable containers with suitable steel "runners" or "skids" and popularly known in the industry as "skid tanks") shall be installed, and used in accordance with these rules subject to the following provisions:

(i) If they are to be used at a given general location for a temporary period not to exceed 6 months they need not have fire-resisting foundations or saddles but shall have adequate ferrous metal supports.

(ii) They shall not be located with the outside bottom of the container shell more than 5 feet (1.5 m) above the surface of the ground unless fire-resisting supports are provided.

(iii) The bottom of the skids shall not be less than 2 inches (5.8 cm) or more than 12 inches (30.48 cm) below the outside bottom of the container shell.

(iv) Flanges, nozzles, valves, fittings, and the like, having communication with the interior of the container, shall be protected against physical damage.

(v) When not permanently located on fire-resisting foundations, piping connections shall be sufficiently flexible to minimize the possibility of breakage or leakage of connections if the container settles, moves, or is otherwise displaced.

(vi) Skids, or lugs for attachment of skids, shall be secured to the container in accordance with the rules under which the container is designed and built (with a minimum factor of safety of four) to withstand loading in any direction equal to four times the weight of the container and attachments when filled to the maximum permissible loaded weight.

SECTION 3. All above ground tanks existing in the City in residential and commercial zones on the date of the adoption of this ordinance may remain, provided that if such tanks shall remain unused for a period of six (6) months or more, the grandfather status shall be lost and such tanks must be removed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective immediately, the public health, safety and welfare demanding such.

SO ORDAINED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1996

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Gary Rhoads, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julia Williams, City Clerk