

**Action Requested/Required:**

- ☐ Vote/Action Requested
☒ Discussion or Presentation Only
☐ Public Hearing
Report Date: 9/4/25
Hearing Date: _____
Voting Date: 9/18/25

Department: Building & Safety Services

Presenter(s) & Title: Jay Kula

Fire Marshal

Agenda Item Title:

Discussion of Proposed New Ordinance under Chapter 42 - Public Safety to Codify the Mandatory Use of The (Brycer) Compliance Engine

Summary:

The Compliance Engine (TCE) is a web-based, third-party service that helps local authorities, building owners, and sprinkler contractors comply with fire protection systems fire codes by:

- Code compliance: TCE helps track and maintain code compliance of fire protection systems within the jurisdiction.
- TCE helps reduce false alarm activity
- TCE provides a secure cloud environment for third-party contractors to submit inspection, testing, and maintenance reports.
- TCE notifies building owners when they need inspection, testing, or maintenance. It also notified sprinkler contractors and the local Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for review and certification of compliance.
- TCE aggregates data on buildings, including what types of systems they have, when they were last tested, and if there are any open deficiencies.

Budget Implications:

Budgeted? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Total Cost of Project: Check if Estimated ☐

Fund Source: General Fund ☐ Water & Sewer ☐ Sales Tax ☐ Other:

Staff Recommendations:**Reviews:**

Has this been reviewed by Management and Legal Counsel, if required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attachments:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANTON, GEORGIA TO ADD PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE MAINTENANCE AND REPORTING OF RECORDS FOR FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS IN CHAPTER 42 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CANTON, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CANTON that the City of Canton Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the City desires to contract with a third-party inspection reporting system to provide a service to all commercial occupancies in the City of Canton to collect, organize and store all code-required third-party inspection, testing and maintenance records (the "Software"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Canton shall retain all rights and access to the data collected by the Software; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to use the Software to improve efficiency and the volume of fire and life safety inspections through time savings of staff; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of the Software will enhance fire code compliance.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CANTON that the City of Canton Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 42 (Public Safety) relating to the Fire Prevention Code and Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Standards is hereby amended by adding Article II, Section 42-27 to provide for adoption of a records reporting system through the use of a third-party inspection reporting software program, as follows:

Article II, SECTION 42-27 Records Reporting Systems

Sec. 42-27. Maintenance and Reporting of Records for Fire and Life Safety Systems

- (a) Records of all fire and life safety system inspections, tests and required maintenance conducted at the prescribed intervals in the current governing fire codes (Official Code of Georgia Annotated 120-3-3, International Fire Code and National Fire Protection Association standards) shall be maintained on the premises of the commercial facility, complex or building premises for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of the inspection for the following fire and life safety systems:

- 1) Automatic Fire Sprinkler System(s)
 - 2) Fire Alarm System(s)
 - 3) Commercial Hood Cleaning
 - 4) Commercial Hood Suppression System(s)
 - 5) Standpipe System(s)
 - 6) Smoke Control System(s)
 - 7) Private Hydrant System(s)
 - 8) Fire Pump(s)/Special Suppression Systems
 - 9) Spray Paint Booth(es)
 - 10) Emergency Generator(s)
 - 11) Clean Agent Suppression System(s)
 - 12) Emergency Responder Radio Systems
 - 13) Fire Doors or other Opening Protectives
 - 14) Portable Fire Extinguishers
 - 15) Fire Escapes
- (b) Records, inspection reports and a code compliance certificate prepared by City approved third-party Certified Building Inspectors shall be maintained on the commercial facility, complex or building premises for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of the inspection.
- (c) Copies of all records, inspection reports and code compliance certificates shall be provided to the City through a third-party inspection reporting system of the City's choosing.
- (d) This requirement and the conditions of this section shall apply to all commercial facilities, complexes or buildings, including without limitation to all Multi-Family Dwellings.

Section 2. It is the intention of the City Council and IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the authority of the Mayor and City Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the Code of the City of Canton, and the codifier is authorized to make the specified addition to the section where appropriate.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, provisions, or clause of any part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or, if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to a particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Mayor and City Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted in its current form without the invalid or unconstitutional provision contained therein.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective on the date the Mayor signs the ordinance indicating approval, ten days after the adoption of the ordinance if the Mayor has not signed nor vetoed, or immediately upon an affirmative vote of the City Council after the Mayor's veto, whichever shall first occur.

Attest:

Annie Fortner, City Clerk

Bill Grant, Mayor
Date:

Approved as to form:

Robert M. Dyer, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

First Reading _____

Adopted by Council _____

Approved by Mayor _____

Veto by Mayor _____

Second Vote by Council _____

Effective Date _____

Annie Fortner, City Clerk