

**ORDINANCE 2023 – \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BEN HILL COUNTY, GEORGIA, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE II, AS AMENDED, TO REVISE THE ADOPTION OF TECHNICAL CODES, AMEND THE GOVERNING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners, as the governing authority of Ben Hill County, Georgia, exercises the powers, duties, and responsibilities vested in such governing authority through local Acts and Georgia law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to adopt this ordinance to protect the health, welfare and environment of Ben Hill County while providing for orderly growth of the agricultural industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this ordinance is to update the technical codes to align with the Georgia Uniform Codes Act; and

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

**SECTION 1:** From and after the passage of this ordinance, Chapter 14, Article II of the Code of Ordinances, Ben Hill County, Georgia, is amended by deleting Sec. 14-23 in its entirety and replacing it with the language set forth in “Exhibit A.”

**SECTION 2:** The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared illegal or void by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4:** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners.

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**SO ORDAINED** at a meeting of the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners this **6th** day of **June 2023**.

**BEN HILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STEVE TAYLOR, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DONNA PRATHER, COUNTY CLERK**

Chapter 14 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

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ARTICLE II – CONSTRUCTION CODES

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Sec. 14-3 – Adoption of technical codes.

The following technical building and construction codes as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 8-2-20 are adopted by reference as the official codes of the county, which may be amended by the Georgia General Assembly, which will be automatically adopted by the county as the official codes of the county:

- (1) International Building Code (IBC);
- (2) National Electrical Code (NFPA);
- (3) International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC);
- (4) International Mechanical Code (IMC);
- (5) International Plumbing Code (IPC);
- (6) International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (IRC);
- (7) International Energy Conservation Code (IECC);
- (8) International Fire Code (IFC);
- (9) International Existing Building Code (IEBC);
- (10) International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).