

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LOCAL AMENDMENTS

FOR THE 2019 FIRE CODE

Summary:

- Proposed adoption of 2019 Fire Code with 71 local amendments
- Sixty-seven amendments are “carry over” (Most with no changes from 2016 code cycle)
- Four new local amendments proposed
- Seven local amendments repealed – streamlining unnecessary code changes

New Amendments

1) 102.7 Referenced codes and standards.

The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those that are listed in Chapter 80 as well as City Specifications as signed by the Fire Chief, and such codes and standards shall be considered to be part of the requirements of this code to the pre-scribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections 102.7.1 and 102.7.2.

Rationale: Due to the size of the community and the on-going growth and development, the plan check process maximizes the use of our limited personnel resources. In an effort to expedite the process for contractors/developers this section spells out the needs in an effort to ensure customers understand the requirements of submitting plans prior to work.

2) 105.6.30 Mobile food preparation vehicles.

A permit is required for mobile food preparation vehicles that are part of a Huntington Beach permitted special or specific event equipped with appliances that produce smoke or grease-laden vapors

Rationale: New for 2019 CFC. Due to risks associated with food trucks, this new (2019) code amendment is adopted but with a modification. Permits for mobile food preparation vehicles will be required only if they are included in a Huntington Beach specific or special event permit. These tend to be larger audience events. Catering trucks not associated with an event will not require operational permits.

3) 503.2 Specifications.

Fire apparatus access roads shall be installed and arranged in accordance with Sections 503.2.1 through 503.2.8 and current City Specification 401, Minimum Standards for Fire Apparatus Access.

Rationale: This area has a very dry climate, with occasional high winds, and could be severely impacted by a seismic or similar catastrophic event that could affect response times and the ability of a fire protection system to perform as designed.

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- 4) **901.6.3 Records, Amended.** Records of all system inspections, tests and maintenance (ITM) required by the referenced standards shall be maintained. All reports of the test and maintenance results shall be submitted to the HBFD electronically in a method and format selected by the fire code official.

Rationale: Makes clear that all ITM reports to be electronically shared with Fire in a specific format e.g., using The Compliance Engine.

Repealed Amendments & Rationale

- 1) **105.4 Construction Documents.**
Rationale: Code has sufficient language.
- 2) **510.6.1 Testing and proof of compliance.**
Rationale: Due to Compliance Engine, no need to post Emergency Responder Radio Communication System (ERRCS) results next to Fire Alarm Control Panel
- 3) **901.6 Inspection, testing, and maintenance.**
Rationale: Code amended language regarding gas detection system.
- 4) **901.6.2.2 Fire alarm tag, Added.**
Rationale: Due to Compliance Engine, need for alarm tag is not required.
- 5) **901.2.1.8 Group B, Added.**
Rationale: Removed in order to achieve alignment with CBC.
- 6) **5703.3.3.3 Heating, lighting and cooking appliances.**
Rationale: Single family housing exception addressed in 2019 code
- 7) **5705.3.7.5.1 Ventilation.**
Rationale: Exception for natural ventilation does not need to be removed.