

Subject 120-3-3 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE STATE MINIMUM FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS

Rule 120-3-3-.01 Promulgation and Purpose

- (1) These rules and regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner entitled, "Rules and Regulations for the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards" are promulgated to establish the State's minimum fire safety standards as specified in O.C.G.A. § [25-2-4](#).
- (2) The primary purpose of these rules and regulations is to establish the state minimum fire safety standards and requirements for the prevention of loss of life and property from fire, panic from fear of fire, explosions or related hazards in all buildings, structures and facilities with the exception of one and two family dwellings, one and two-family row houses separated by a 2-hour fire wall and two family townhouses separated by a 2-hour fire wall.

Rule 120-3-3-.02 Application

- (1) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-4](#), rules and regulations adopted by the Safety Fire Commissioner shall have the force and effect of law and shall have statewide application as being the state minimum fire safety standards and shall not require adoption by a municipality or county. The governing authority of any municipality or county in this state is authorized to enforce the state minimum fire safety standards on all buildings and structures except one-family and two-family dwellings, one- and two-family row houses (townhouses) separated by a 2-hour fire wall and two-family townhouses separated by a 2-hour fire wall, and those buildings and structures listed in O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13](#), except as may be required or permitted by O.C.G.A. §§ [25-2-12](#) and [25-2-12.1](#).
- (2) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(f\)](#), the municipal governing authority in any incorporated area or the county governing authority in any unincorporated area of the state shall have the authority to enact such ordinances as it deems necessary to perform fire safety inspections and related activities for those buildings and structures not covered by O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13](#).
- (3) Whenever the provisions of this Subject of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner offers alternatives, as far as fire safety requirements are concerned, that were not permissible under previous editions of any Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner covering the same subject matter, the provisions of this chapter may be used by the authority having jurisdiction in determining whether a building is in compliance with the provisions of Title 25, Chapter 2, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Rule 120-3-3-.03 Definitions

- (1) "Ambulatory Health Care Occupancy" means a building or portion thereof used to provide services or treatment simultaneously to four or more patients that (1) provides, on an outpatient basis, treatment for patients that renders the patients incapable of taking action for self-preservation under emergency conditions without the assistance of others; or (2) provides, on an outpatient basis, anesthesia that renders the patients incapable of taking action for self-preservation under emergency conditions without the assistance of others. For the purpose of compliance with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) an Ambulatory Health Care Occupancy is a building or portion thereof used to provide services or treatment for one or more patients that (1) provides, on an outpatient basis, treatment for patient(s) that renders the patient(s) incapable of taking action for self-preservation under emergency conditions without the assistance of others; or (2) provides, on an outpatient basis, anesthesia that renders the patient(s) incapable of taking action for self-preservation under emergency conditions without the assistance of others.
- (2) "Assistive device" means a device that may restrain movement, which has been determined to be required by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant working under a protocol or job description respectively, and is applied for protection from injury or to support or correct the body alignment of a person, for the treatment of a person's physical condition, and may only be used as a treatment intervention where a specific written plan of care has been developed and the person consents to such use.
- (3) "Assisted living care" means the specialized care and services provided by an assisted living community which includes the provision of personal services, the administration of medications by a certified medication aide and the provision of assisted self-preservation.
- (4) "Assisted Living Community" means a facility serving 25 residents or more that is licensed by the Georgia Department of Community Health and meets the requirements of an existing health care occupancy found in Chapter 19 of the Life Safety Code or the requirements established in Chapter 34 and 35 of the Life Safety Code as may be applicable for new or existing facilities.
- (5) "Assisted self-preservation" as applied to an Assisted Living Community means the capacity of a resident to be evacuated from an assisted living community to a designated point of safety and within an established period of time as determined by the Commissioner. Assisted self-preservation is a function of all of the following:
 - (A) the condition of the individual;

- (B) the assistance that is available to be provided to the individual by the staff of the assisted living community; and
 - (C) the construction of the building in which the assisted living community is housed, including whether such building meets the safety requirements applicable to an existing Health Care Occupancy or an Assisted Living Community as established by Chapter 34 and 35 of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, as may be applicable respectively to a new or existing facility, and other safety to life provisions as adopted.
- (6) "Community Living Arrangement" means for the purpose of this chapter, any residence whether operated for profit or not which is subject to being licensed by the State, that undertakes through its ownership or management to provide or arrange for the provision of daily personal services, supports, care or treatment exclusively for two or more adults who are not related to the owner or manager by blood or marriage and whose residential services are financially supported, in whole or in part, by funds designated through the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases.
 - (7) "Evacuation Capability, Impractical" Means the total evacuation of all residents from a building or structure cannot be achieved in less than thirteen minutes whether day or night. The evacuation capabilities of residents in all cases are based on the time of day or night when the evacuation of the facility would be most difficult.
 - (8) "Evacuation Capability, Prompt" means the total evacuation of all residents from the building or structure can be achieved in three minutes or less whether day or night. The evacuation capabilities of residents in all cases are based on the time of day or night when evacuation of the facility would be the most difficult.
 - (9) "Evacuation Capability, Slow" Means the total evacuation of all residents from the building or structure can be achieved in over three minutes but not in excess of thirteen minutes whether day or night. The evacuation capabilities of residents in all cases are based on the time of day or night when evacuation of the facility would be the most difficult.
 - (10) "Existing Building" means buildings, structures, facilities or conditions which are already in existence or constructed and officially authorized prior to the effective date for the adoption of this Chapter. This definition shall apply to all situations covered by this chapter except where otherwise noted by this chapter.
 - (11) "Fire hazard" means an activity, circumstance, condition, situation, combination of materials, material process, use or improper use of heat sources, or that on the basis of applicable documentation, data, or sources deemed reliable by the authority having jurisdiction, can cause an unwanted fire, a fire out of control, an explosion, or a related condition, such as panic from a fear of smoke, fire, or explosion, that the authority having jurisdiction determines it to be a risk to persons, to property, or to the health, safety and or welfare of the jurisdiction.
 - (12) "Fire Wall" means, for the purpose of this chapter and O.C.G.A. §§ [25-2-4](#) and [25-2-13](#), walls of any approved noncombustible construction having sufficient structural stability under fire conditions to allow collapse of construction on either side without collapse of the wall for the duration of time indicated by the required fire-resistance rating, and that comply with the provisions for fire walls in accordance with the International Building Code, as adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
 - (13) "ICC Code" means any of the codes, or portions thereof, as published by the International Code Council and as adopted and modified as set forth in this Chapter or any other chapter of the Safety Fire Commissioner's Rules and Regulations.
 - (14) "Limited Care (Custodial Care) Facilities" means a building, or part thereof, used on a 24-hour basis, for the housing, lodging or boarding of four or more persons who are incapable of self-preservation because of age, physical limitation(s) due to accident or illness, or mental limitation(s) such as mental illness or chemical dependency. This occupancy classification also includes, but is not limited to TBI Facilities or Traumatic Brain Injury Facilities. See Chapters 18 and 19 of the Life Safety Code for minimum requirements. Also see the definitions of "Assisted Living Community" and "Memory Care Unit".
 - (15) "Lodging or Rooming House" means a building or portion thereof that does not qualify as a one- or two-family dwelling, that provides sleeping accommodations for a total of 15 or fewer people on a transient or permanent basis, with or without meals, but without separate cooking facilities for individual occupants. Foster homes, group homes, battered spouse shelters, or similar facilities providing lodging and boarding for four but not more than 15 residents or clients, not related by blood or adoption to the owner(s) or operator(s) shall be deemed a lodging or rooming house.
 - (16) "Memory care unit" means the assisted living community, or specialized unit thereof, that either holds itself out as providing additional or specialized care to persons with diagnoses of probable Alzheimer's Disease or other dementia who may be at risk of engaging unsafe wandering activities outside the unit or assisted living community (eloping), or charges rates in excess of those charged other residents because of cognitive deficits which may place the residents at risk of eloping.

- (17) "Mobile or portable classroom structure" means a portable structure built on a chassis, designed as a temporary student classroom structure for educational purposes, and designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation.
- (18) "Mobile or portable classroom structure, Existing" means a mobile or portable classroom structure approved, constructed and placed in use before the effective date of this Subject 120-3-3.
- (19) "NFPA Code or Standard" means, for the purposes of the Safety Fire Commissioner's Rules and Regulations, any of the codes or standards, or portions thereof, as published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and as adopted and modified in this Subject 120-3-3.
- (20) "Occupiable Story" means, for the purpose of this chapter and the codes and standards adopted herein, a story occupied by people on a regular basis. Stories used exclusively for mechanical equipment rooms, elevator penthouses and similar spaces are not occupiable stories.
- (21) "Personal Care Home" means, for the purposes of this chapter and O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(b\)\(1\)\(J\)](#), a facility licensed by the Georgia Department of Community Health as a personal care home. A personal care home is further defined as any dwelling, whether operated for profit or not, which undertakes through its ownership or management to provide or arrange for the provision of housing, food service, and one or more personal services for two or more adults who are not related to the owner or administrator by blood or marriage. Personal Care Homes not designated as an "Assisted Living Community" or a "Memory Care Unit" shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 32 or 33, as applicable for Residential Board and Care Occupancies of NFPA 101.
- (22) "Primary Level of Exit Discharge" means the story which is level with or above finished grade by more than fifty percent (50%) of the cubic volume of the occupiable story. Building levels below the primary level shall not count as a story in determining the height of a building.
- (23) "Residential Board and Care Occupancies" means a building, or part thereof, which is used for lodging and boarding of four or more residents who are not related by blood or marriage to the owners or operators, for the purpose of providing personal care services. Such facilities may also be utilized as a Community Living Arrangement. Either use must be licensed by the State agency having licensing jurisdiction. Any facility providing lodging and boarding and personal care for four or more residents who are mostly incapable of self-preservation, except brain injury centers, because of physical or mental disability, shall require relocation of so classified excess residents to an appropriate health care facility meeting, at the least, the provisions, for limited care facilities as set forth by NFPA 101.
- (24) "Self-Preservation", except as defined in NFPA 101 for day-care occupancies, means the ability to respond to an emergency condition, whether caused by fire or otherwise, and escape the emergency without physical, hands-on assistance from staff. The resident may move from place to place by walking, either unaided or aided by prosthesis, brace, cane, crutches, walker or handrails, or by propelling a wheelchair.
- (25) "Sleeping Accommodations for Hire" means, for the purpose of this chapter and O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(b\)\(1\)](#), and the adopted codes herein, a bed, whether single, double, queen, or king, which is for hire or rental, whether by the day, week, month, or some other period of time.
- (26) "Stories" means, for the purpose of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(b\)\(1\)](#) and the codes and standards adopted herein, that level starting at the primary level of exit discharge and ending at the highest occupiable story. A building level below the primary level shall not count as a story in determining the height of a building.
- (27) "Warehouse Stores" means, for the purposes for the adopted International Fire Code with modifications, a mercantile occupancy whose business model resembles that of a large-scale distribution center or warehouse in which goods may be sold in bulk or where they may be kept on rack storage systems, stacked on the floor, or mixed with traditional display shelving.

Rule 120-3-3-.04 State Minimum Fire Safety Standards with Modifications

- (1) **Applicability.** Unless otherwise stated in this chapter, the edition of the International Fire Code (IFC), and the following editions of the codes, standards, recommended practices, guides and methods, as published in the National Fire Codes (NFC) by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), as adopted and modified in this Chapter, shall be the state minimum fire safety standards. Where any of the adopted publications of the NFPA references NFPA 1 or NFPA 5000, or any fire code or building code, it shall be construed that such references apply to the International Fire Code (IFC) or the International Building Code (IBC) respectively, as adopted by this Chapter, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Where the IFC or IBC does not specifically address the referenced issue, NFPA 1 or NFPA 5000 may be applied subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.
- (2) **Application of Fire and Life Safety Rules and Regulations Adopted by CMS.** Hospitals, hospices, ambulatory surgical centers, nursing homes, assisted living communities, assisted living homes, memory care units or other health care type occupancies or facilities that are regulated by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) shall comply with the fire and life safety rules and regulations imposed by that agency even though the codes and standards or the editions of codes and standards adopted by that agency may not be specifically addressed or included in

this Chapter. The codes and standards adopted and modified herein shall also apply where applicable and shall be deemed to be the minimum state fire and life safety standards where they are at least as protective as the CMS rules and regulations.

(3) **International Fire Code (IFC), 2024 Edition.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Delete section 101.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

101.1 Title. The International Fire Code, 2024 edition, published by the International Code Council, when used in conjunction with this Chapter, shall be known as a Georgia State Minimum Fire Prevention Code, hereafter referred to as 'this Code'.

2. Delete section 101.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

101.3 Purposes and Intents of This Code. The primary purpose of this Code, as adopted, is to provide, along with other adopted codes and standards, for the reasonable minimum protection of life and property from the hazards created by fire, smoke, explosion, or panic created from a fear of fire or smoke. It is intended that the purposes of this Code be accomplished by:

- (1) Coordinating application and enforcement of its provisions with those of other applicable laws, rules, regulations, codes, and standards; and,
- (2) By coordinating the application of its provisions, where possible, with educational programs or efforts designed to bring about changes in high risk attitudes and behaviors that are the root causes of most fire related problems in Georgia; and
- (3) By encouraging or requiring informational and awareness programs designed to make the citizens of Georgia aware of their responsibilities for compliance with this *Code* as well as the other Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. The intent of this *Code* is to establish the minimum requirements, consistent with nationally recognized good practice, for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion, or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures, and premises and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

3. Add an exception to section 102.1 to read as follows:

Exception: This Code does not apply to one and two family dwellings or one and two family row houses (townhouses) separated by a 2-hour fire wall containing not more than three dwelling units per structure.

4. Add an exception to section 102.2 to read as follows:

Exception: This Code does not apply to one and two family dwellings or one- and two-family row houses (townhouses) separated by a 2-hour fire wall containing not more than three dwelling units per structure.

5. Delete section 102.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

102.3 Change of use or occupancy. No change shall be made in use or occupancy of any building or structure that would place the structure in a different division of the same group or occupancy or in a different group of occupancies, unless such structure is made to comply with the

requirements of this *Code*, as may be applicable, as well as those of the *International Building Code (IBC)*, as adopted by the Department of Community Affairs. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14](#), due to a change of use or occupancy of a building or structure the building or structure shall be treated as a proposed new building. (Refer to 103.3 of this *Code* regarding the requirements applicable to proposed new buildings and structures.)

6. Delete section 102.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

102.4 Application of the building code. The design and construction of proposed (new) buildings and structures shall comply with the *International Building Code (IBC)*, as modified and adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Repairs, alterations, additions, changes in use or occupancy classification, or changes in buildings or structures required by provisions of the *IFC*, and which are within the scope of the *IBC*, shall be made in accordance with the *IBC*, for purposes of this Chapter.

7. Add a new 102.5.1 to read as follows:

102.5.1 The provisions of 102.5 shall apply to local authorities having jurisdiction unless there is a change of use or occupancy that would apply under 102.3 and which would bring the new use or occupancy under the jurisdiction of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(b\)\(1\)](#).

8. Delete section 102.6 in its entirety and insert in its place the following:

102.6 Historic Buildings, General. O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(a\)\(2\)](#) defines a "Historic building or structure" as any individual building which contributes to the historic character of a historic district, so designated by the state historic preservation officer pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Natural Resources, or so designated pursuant to the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 44, "the Georgia Historic Preservation Act".

(A) Refer to 102.1 and 102.2 regarding the application of this *Code* to existing buildings. Except to the extent required by applicable laws of Georgia (O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(b\)\(3\)\(D\)](#) and [\(E\)](#)), the provisions of this *Code* are not mandatory for buildings or structures identified and classified by the state, or as appropriate, a local jurisdiction, as historic buildings when such buildings or structures are judged by the fire code official to be safe and in the public interest of health, safety and welfare, based on the criteria established by the referenced provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. When evaluating the safety of historic buildings the fire official should consult Title 8, Chapter 2, Article 3 entitled, "*Uniform Act for the Application of Building and Fire Related Codes to Existing Buildings*", and the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ [25-2-13\(b\)\(3\)](#) and [25-2-13\(b\)\(4\)](#), and NFPA Standard 914, Code for Fire Protection of Historic Structures, as adopted by this Chapter as a recommended practice.

9. Delete section 102.7 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

102.7 Referenced codes and standards. Where the provisions of this *Code* or the standards referenced thereby and in Chapter 45 of this *Code* do not apply to the specific subjects, situations or conditions encountered that involve risks to life and property from the hazards of fire, panic from fear

of fire or smoke, or related hazards, compliance with the applicable chapters of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner shall be evidence of compliance with this *Code*.

10. Add a new section 102.13 to read as follows:

102.13 Coordination of provisions. This *Code* shall apply to all buildings, structures and facilities as provided in subsections 102.1 and 102.2, and shall be utilized in conjunction with codes and standards specified in **Table 102.13** entitled, **CODES REFERENCE GUIDE**.

Table 102.13 Codes Reference Guide

Area	Primary	Supplement
Occupancy Classification	LSC	IBC
Building Construction Types, including allowable height, allowable building area, and the requirements for sprinkler protection related to minimum building construction types	IBC	LSC
Means of Egress	LSC	NONE
Standpipes	IBC	IFC
Interior Finish	LSC	NONE
HVAC Systems	IMC	NONE
Vertical Openings	LSC	NONE
Sprinklers Systems minimum construction standard	LSC	NONE
Fire Alarm Systems	LSC	NONE
Smoke alarms & Smoke Detection Systems	State Statute & LSC	NONE
Portable Fire Extinguishers	IFC	NONE
Cooking Equipment	LSC & NFPA 96	NONE
Fuel Fired Appliances	IFGC	NFPA 54
Liquid Petroleum Gas	NFPA 58	NFPA 54
Compressed Natural Gas	NFPA 52	NONE

11. Delete section 103 and all sections there-under in their entirety and substitute in its place the following:

SECTION 103. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR EXISTING AND PROPOSED (NEW) BUILDINGS.

103.1 General Provisions. The administration, enforcement and penalty provisions of Title 25, Chapter 2, and the administrative provisions of the various chapters of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner shall apply to and regulate the application and enforcement of this *Code* by the Safety Fire Division of the Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

NOTE: Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting any local jurisdiction from adopting the deleted portions

of Chapter 1 of this *Code* for local purposes, provided, however, local amendments shall not be less restrictive than this *Code*, and other codes and standards as adopted by the various chapters of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

103.1.1 The provisions of Title 25, Chapter 2, and other applicable state laws, and the applicable provisions of various chapters of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner regarding the requirements for certificates, licenses, permits, plan reviews, inspections, approvals, fees, etc. shall apply and are in addition to any requirements of local jurisdictions. Local authorities having jurisdiction need to be consulted to determine if rules and regulations of the local jurisdiction regarding the requirements for local certificates, licenses, permits, plan reviews, inspections, approvals, fees, etc. also apply.

103.1.1.1 The administrative, operational, and maintenance provisions of this *Code*, with regard to the Safety Fire Division of the Office of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner, shall be limited to the scope and intents and purposes of the Title 25, Chapter 2, and the Commissioner's Rules and Regulations.

103.1.1.1.1 Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(d\)](#), every person who owns or controls the use of any building, part of a building, or structure described in O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(b\)\(1\)](#), which because of floor area, height, location, use or intended use as a gathering place for large groups, or use or intended use by or for the aged, the ill, the incompetent, or the imprisoned, constitutes a

special hazard to property or to the life and safety on account of fire or panic from fear of fire, must so construct, equip, maintain, and use such building or structure as to afford every reasonable and practical precaution and protection against injury from such hazards. No person who owns or controls the use or occupancy of such a building or structure shall permit the use of the premises so controlled for any such specially hazardous use unless he has provided such precautions against damage to property or injury to persons by these hazards as are found and determined by the Commissioner in the manner described in O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(d\)](#) to be reasonable and practical.

103.2 Existing buildings. Every building and structure existing as of April 1, 1968, which building or structure is listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13](#) shall comply with the minimum fire safety standards in the Rules and Regulations of the Safety

Fire Commissioner promulgated pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 25-2 which were in effect at the time such building or structure was constructed.

Exception 1: Any nonconformance noted under the electrical standards adopted at the time such building or structure was constructed shall be corrected in accordance with the current electrical standards adopted pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-1](#) *et seq.*

Exception 2: A less restrictive provision contained in any subsequently adopted minimum fire safety standard pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-1](#) *et seq.*, may be applied to any existing building or structure.

103.2.1 Existing buildings to be deemed a proposed building. For the purposes of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14\(b\)](#), any existing building or structure listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13](#) and which comes under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-12](#), shall be deemed to be a proposed (new) building in the event such building or structure is subject to substantial renovation, a fire or other hazard of serious consequence, or a change in the classification of occupancy, or a change to the occupant load or structure issued as a condition of occupancy. The term "substantial renovation", for purposes of this subsection means any construction project involving exits or internal features of such building or structure costing more than the building's or structure's assessed value according to county tax records at the time of such renovation (O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14](#)). Where a change of classification is involved, also refer to 102.3 of this *Code*.

103.3 Proposed (new) buildings and additions to existing buildings:

103.3.1 Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14.1\(b\)](#), every proposed building and structure listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13](#) shall comply with the adopted minimum fire safety standards that were in effect on the date that plans and specifications therefore were received by the state fire marshal, the proper local fire official marshal, or state inspector for review and approval. Complete plans for proposed (new) buildings and structures recorded as received by the authority having jurisdiction for review prior to the effective date of this

Chapter, may be reviewed under the codes, standards, and Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner in force prior to the effective date of this Chapter.

103.3.1.1 Projects receiving a construction permit under earlier editions of the codes and standards must start construction no later than 360 days from the issue date of the permit in order not to require resubmittal for review under the newer adopted codes and standards.

103.3.2 Plans and specifications for all proposed buildings which come under classification in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13](#) and which come under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-12](#) shall be submitted to and receive approval by either the state fire marshal, the proper local fire marshal, or state inspector before any state, municipal, or county building permit may be issued or construction started pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14\(a\)](#). All such plans and specifications submitted as required by O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14\(a\)](#) shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount provided in O.C.G.A. § [25-2-4.1](#) and shall bear the seal and Georgia registration number of the drafting architect or engineer or shall otherwise have the approval of the Commissioner.

103.3.3 Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-37\(a\)](#), it shall be unlawful for any person to begin construction on any proposed building or structure which comes under the classification in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13](#) and which comes under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-12](#) without first having plans approved in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14](#).

103.4 Proposed building construction and completion. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14\(b\)](#), a complete set of plans and specifications approved as set forth in 103.3.3 shall be maintained on the construction site, and construction shall proceed in compliance with the state minimum fire safety standards under which such plans and specifications were approved. The owner of any such building or structure or his authorized representative shall notify the state fire marshal, the

proper local fire marshal, or state inspector upon completion of approximately 80 percent of the construction thereof and shall apply for a certificate of occupancy when construction of such building or structure is completed.

103.5 Certificate of occupancy required. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14\(c\)](#), every building or structure which comes under classification in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13](#) and which comes under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-12](#) shall have a certificate of occupancy issued by the state fire marshal, the proper local fire marshal, or state inspector before such building or structure may be occupied. Such certificates of occupancy shall be issued for each business establishment within the building, shall carry a charge in the amount provided in O.C.G.A. § [25-2-4.1](#), shall state the occupant load for such business establishment or building, shall be posted in a prominent location within such business establishment or building, and shall run for the life of the building, except as provided in O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14\(d\)](#). See 103.2.1 of the IFC, as adopted by this Chapter.

12. The provisions of section 105, PERMITS, are not adopted for purposes of this Chapter. Local governing authorities may adopt the provisions for local purposes. Refer to section 103.3 with regard to permits required by the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
13. Delete Section 110.6 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following: 110.6 Overcrowding. Overcrowding or admittance of any person beyond the *approved* capacity of a building, facility, structure, or portion thereof shall not be allowed. The *fire code official*, on finding any overcrowding conditions or obstruction in aisles, passageways or other *means of egress*, or on finding condition that constitutes a life safety hazard, shall be authorized to cause the event to be stopped and the building evacuated.
14. Delete section 113.4 and all sections there-under in their entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 110.4 **Violation penalties.** Persons who shall violate a provision of this *Code* or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this *Code*, shall be guilty of violation of Section [25-2-37](#) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.
 - 110.4.1 **Abatement of violation.** In addition to the imposition of the penalties herein described, the fire code official is authorized to institute appropriate action to prevent unlawful construction or to restrain, correct or abate a violation; or to prevent illegal occupancy of a structure or premises; or to stop an illegal act, conduct of business or occupancy of a structure on or about any premises.

15. Delete Section 115 Unsafe Buildings and replace it with the following:

Section 111 - Unsafe Structures or Equipment

111.1 General. If during the inspection of a premises, a structure, or any building system, in whole or in part, constitutes a clear and inimical threat to human life, safety, or health, the fire code official shall issue such notice or orders to remove or remedy the conditions as shall be deemed necessary in accordance with this section, and shall refer the building to the building official for any repairs, alterations, remodeling, removing or demolition required.

111.1.1 Unsafe conditions. Structures or existing equipment that are or hereafter become unsafe, insanitary or deficient because of inadequate means of egress, inadequate light and ventilation, or that constitute a fire hazard, are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare, or involve illegal or improper occupancy or inadequate maintenance, shall be deemed an unsafe condition. Unsafe structures shall be taken down and removed or made safe, as the fire code official deems necessary and as provided for in this section. A vacant structure that is not secured against unauthorized entry shall be deemed unsafe.

111.1.2 Structural hazards. Where an apparent structural hazard is caused by the faulty installation, operation or malfunction of any of the items or devices governed by this code, the fire code official shall immediately notify the building code official in accordance with Section 115.1.

111.2 Evacuation. The fire code official or the fire department official in charge of an incident shall be authorized to order the immediate evacuation of any occupied structure deemed unsafe where such structure has hazardous conditions that pose an imminent danger to structure occupants. Persons so notified shall immediately leave the structure or premises and shall not enter or re enter until authorized to do so by the fire code official or the fire department official in charge of the incident.

111.3 Record. The fire code official shall cause a report to be filed on an unsafe condition. The report shall state the occupancy of the structure and the nature of the unsafe condition.

111.4 Notice. If an unsafe condition is found, the fire code official shall serve on the owner of the structure or the owner's authorized agent a written notice that describes the condition deemed unsafe and specifies the required repairs or improvements to be made to abate the unsafe condition, or requires the unsafe structure to be demolished within a stipulated time. Such notice shall

require the person thus notified to declare immediately to the fire code official acceptance or rejection of the terms of the order.

111.5 Method of service. Such notice shall be deemed properly served where a copy thereof is served in accordance with one of the following methods:

1. A copy is served upon the owner personally.
2. A copy is sent by certified or registered mail addressed to the owner at the principal place of business or last address of record in the Commissioner's office with return receipt requested; or
3. A copy is delivered in any other manner prescribed by law.

Service of such notice in the foregoing manner on the owner's authorized agent shall constitute service of notice on the owner.

111.6 Restoration or abatement. The structure or equipment determined to be unsafe by the fire code official is permitted to be restored to a safe condition. The owner, the owner's authorized agent, operator or occupant of a structure, premises or equipment deemed unsafe by the fire code official shall abate or cause to be abated or corrected such unsafe conditions either by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or other approved corrective action. To the extent that repairs, alterations or additions are made or a change of occupancy occurs during the restoration of the structure, such repairs, alterations, additions or change of occupancy shall comply with the requirements of Section 10S.1.5 and the International Existing Building Code.

111.7 Summary abatement. Where conditions exist that are deemed hazardous to life and property, the fire code official or fire department official in charge of the incident is authorized to abate summarily such hazardous conditions that are in violation of this code.

16. The provisions of section 113, SERVICE UTILITIES, are not adopted for purposes of this Chapter. Local governing authorities may adopt the provisions for local purposes.

(b) Modifications to Chapter 2:

1. Delete section 201.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

201.3 Terms defined in other codes. Where terms are not defined in Rule 120-3-3-.03 or other applicable chapters of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, or this *Code* and are defined in the *International Building Code (IBC)*, the *International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)*, the *International Mechanical Code (IMC)*, or the codes and standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), as adopted by this Chapter and other Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire

Commissioner, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as in those codes and standards.

2. Delete Institutional Group I-2 in its entirety and replace with:

Institutional Group I-2. Institutional Group I-2 occupancy shall include buildings and structures used for medical care on a 24-hour basis for more than five persons who are not capable of self-preservation. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Foster care facilities, Detoxification facilities, Hospitals, Nursing homes, Psychiatric hospitals, Assisted Living Communities, Memory Care Units, and Limited Care Facilities (Limited Healthcare).

(c) Modifications to Chapter 3:

1. Delete section 310.1 "General" its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

310.1 General. The smoking or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other type of smoking paraphernalia or material is prohibited in areas indicated in Sections 310.2 through 310.8, buildings, structures, or areas, or portions of buildings, structures, or areas, as indicated in this *Code*, or where prohibited by Chapter 12A of Title 31.

(d) Modifications to Chapter 4:

1. Add section 403.1.1 to read as follows:

403.1.1 Caregiver training. A minimum of three hours' initial fire safety training for receipt of a certificate of training for successful completion shall be required for all directors, operators and all staff members of day-care facilities (adult and children), and for administrator's, directors, operators and all staff of Group I-1 and Group R-4, assisted living communities, assisted living facilities, community living arrangements, memory care units, personal care homes, and residential board and care homes, as defined in Chapter 2 of this Code or as defined by the Life Safety Code, and or as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner. The curriculum for the fire safety training shall receive written approval by the State Fire Marshal's Office and be taught by an instructor registered with the Safety Fire Commissioner's Office. All persons as required herein to obtain such required training shall receive this training within 90 days from receipt of a license, being commissioned or the opening of a new facility. Such new persons shall receive a minimum of three hours' initial fire safety training and recommendation for receipt of a certificate of training for successful completion of the training within 90 days of employment. Furthermore, the certifications of all caregivers and instructors mandated by Section 403.1.1 shall expire three years from the date they received their certification. The recertification course shall consist of a three-hour course. This course will be updated every three years or whenever there are changes to the code. All instructors shall complete the necessary training as mandated by the State Fire Marshal's Office to qualify as an interfacility instructor or a Fire and Life Safety Instructor. Instructors found not to be delivering the training in accordance with the said policies and direction shall be removed from the registry and prohibited from delivering future training.

2. Delete section 403.7.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

403.7.2 Group I-2 occupancies. Group I-2 occupancies to include Assisted Living Communities, Memory Care Units and Limited Care Facilities

(Limited Healthcare) shall comply with Sections 401, 4037.2.1 through 4037.2.3 and 404 through 406.

(e) Modifications to Chapter 5:

1. Add a new section 501.5 to read as follows:

501.5 Where buildings or facilities fall under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner as set forth in Title 25, Chapter 2, except for State owned facilities and State occupied facilities, it is intended that the provisions of Chapter 5 that primarily relate to fire department response, access to facilities, access to building interiors, key boxes, premises identification, fire department connection locations, and fire hydrant locations be administered by the local Fire Chief or Fire Code Official responsible for providing fire or other emergency response to the buildings or facilities. With regard to State owned State occupied facilities, that are not provided with a facility fire department, it is intended that the local Fire Chief or Fire Code Official providing fire protection to such facilities shall have input in the planning of facilities with regard to the noted provisions covered by Chapter 5.

2. Delete section 503.1.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

503.1.1 Buildings and facilities. Approved fire apparatus access roads shall be provided for every facility, building or portion of a building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction as determined by the local Fire Chief or Fire Code Official of the responding fire department or agency. The fire apparatus access road shall comply with the requirements of this section and Appendix D of this Code. The fire apparatus access road shall extend to within 150 feet (45.7 m) of all portions of the facility or any portion of the exterior wall of the first story of the building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility.

Exception: The local Fire Chief or Fire Code Official of the responding fire department or agency is authorized to increase the dimension of 150 feet (45.7 m) where:

1. *The building is equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, 903.3.1.2 or 903.3.1.3.*
2. *The fire apparatus access roads cannot be installed because of location on the property, topography, waterways, nonnegotiable grades or other similar conditions, and an approved alternative means of fire protection is provided.*
3. *There are not more than two Group R-3 or Group U occupancies.*

3. Add a new section 504.1.1 to read as follows:

504.1.1 Access Doors. For fire department emergency access purposes Group F, S, and warehouse store Group M buildings, there shall be at least one access door in each 100 linear feet (30.5 m) or major fraction thereof of the exterior walls which face the access roadways required by Section 503, unless otherwise required in this code section. In exterior walls designed with continuous rolling dock doors, which face access roadways, there shall be at least one access door in each 200 linear feet (61 m) or fraction thereof. Required access doors shall be a minimum of

3 feet (0.9 m) wide and 6 feet 8 inches (2 m) high and shall be accessible without use of a ladder. Rolling doors are acceptable for such purposes in buildings protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system(s) unless otherwise approved for unsprinklered buildings by the local Fire Chief or Fire Code Official.

Exception: The local Fire Chief or Fire Code Official of the responding fire department or agency is authorized to increase the 100 linear feet.

4. Delete section 507.5.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

507.5.1 Where required. Where a portion of the facility or building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction is more than 500 feet (152 m) from a hydrant on a fire apparatus access road, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the facility or building, on-site fire hydrant and mains shall be provided where required by the local Fire Chief or Fire Code Official of the responding fire department or agency.

Exceptions:

1. *For group R-3 and Group U occupancies, the distance requirement shall be 600 feet (183 m).*
2. *For buildings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2, the distance requirement shall be 600 feet (183 m).*
5. Delete Section 510 (510.1 through 510.6.4) in its entirety and replace with the following:

Section 510. In-Building Emergency Responder Communications Enhancement Systems.

510.1 In all new and existing buildings, minimum radio signal strength for emergency services department communications shall be maintained at a level determined by the local Fire Chief or Fire Code Official responsible for providing fire or other emergency response to the building.

510.2 In-building emergency responder communication enhancement systems shall comply with the design, installation, testing, inspection, and maintenance requirements in Chapter 18 of NFPA 1225 as adopted in the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner Subject 120-3-3.

6. **Add a new section, Appendix D 107.1, as follows:**

Developments of one- or two-family dwellings where the number of dwelling units exceeds 120 shall be provided with two separate and approved fire apparatus access roads.

Exceptions:

1. Where there are more than 120 dwelling units on a single public or private fire apparatus access road and all dwelling units are equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, 903.3.1.2 or 903.3.1.3, access from two directions shall not be required.
2. The number of dwelling units on a single fire apparatus access road shall not be increased unless fire apparatus access roads will connect with future development, as determined by the fire code official.
3. The fire apparatus access roads cannot be installed because of location on the property, topography, waterways, nonnegotiable grades or other similar conditions, and an approved alternative means of fire protection is provided. Plans shall accompany the written request that delineate improvements to proposed fire apparatus access roads approved by the fire code official of the local responding fire department. Recommended compliance alternatives for residential developments having less than the minimum of two entrances includes, but is not limited to one of more of the following alternative remedies:
 1. Enhanced turning radii to meet local responding fire department requirements; or
 2. Increased road widths to meet local responding fire department requirements; or
 3. Fire Lane signs per D103.6 in locations determined by the Fire Code Official; or
 4. The absence of dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs; and unless the requirements meet or exceed Table D103.4 for Fire Apparatus Access Roads; or
 5. The primary entrance roadway being a boulevard with medians and each lane meeting fire access road widths; or
 6. Single entrance roads providing a dedicated emergency lane separating each drive lane; or
 7. Additional fire apparatus access road which is permitted to be a roadway or approved surface not accessible to motor vehicles, designed by a registered design professional to meet the loading requirements and minimum specifications of Appendix D; and this surface provides all weather conditions capabilities for emergency fire department access; or
 8. Statement by Fire Code Official that the Plans submitted meet the requirements of Exception 3 or Appendix D for access by local responding fire department:

7. Add a new section, Appendix D 107.2, as follows:

Where two fire apparatus access roads are required, they shall be placed a distance apart equal to not less than one-half of the length of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the property or area to be served, measured in a straight line between accesses, unless otherwise approved by the Fire Chief or Fire Code Official of the local responding fire department having fire suppression responsibility

8. Add a new section, Appendix L Requirements for Firefighter Air Replenishment Systems (FARS)

1. Delete Section L101.1 in its entirety and replace with the following:
L101 Scope. Firefighter air replenishment systems (FARS) may be required by the Fire Chief or Fire Code Official of the local responding fire department on all new high-rise buildings as defined by Chapter 2.
2. Delete Section L103 in its entirety and replace with the following:
L103.1 Permits. The provisions of this section 103 Permits are not adopted. Permits acceptable to the local jurisdiction shall be required on the installation, modification, or substantial repairs to FARS.

(f) Modifications to Chapter 7:

1. Add a new 701.2.2 to read as follows:
701.2.2 Barrier Identification. All fire or smoke barriers or walls shall be effectively and permanently identified with signs or stenciling complying with the requirements of NFPA 101, 2024 Edition, Life Safety Code, Chapter 8, Section 8.2.2.5 Wall Marking and Identification.

(g) Modifications to Chapter 8:

1. Delete section 801.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
SECTION 801. GENERAL.
801.1 Scope. The provisions of this *Code*, as adopted by this Chapter shall govern furniture, furnishings, decorative vegetation, and decorative materials, as defined in Chapter 2 of this *Code*, in buildings and structures. Section 803 shall be applicable to all existing buildings, structures, or spaces constructed and issued the required certificate of occupancy prior to the effective date of this Subject 120-3-3. Sections 804 through 808 shall be applicable to such existing buildings, structures, and or spaces, and to proposed (new) buildings, structures, or spaces. For the purposes of this *Code*, wall padding, wall mounted gym pads, crash pads, or other pads mounted or secured to walls shall meet the provisions of this NFPA 101, Life Safety Code applicable to interior finish materials. Gym pads or other pads used on floors shall be considered as furnishings. Interior finish and trim in proposed (new) buildings shall be regulated by NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(i) Modifications to Chapter 9:

1. Delete section 901.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
901.3 Approvals and Permits. Fire protection systems shall be approved as set forth by the authority having jurisdiction. Local authorities having jurisdiction may require permits as required and set forth in 105.6 and 105.7 of this Code.
2. Delete section 901.4.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

901.4.1 Required fire protection systems. Fire suppression systems required by this Code, the International Building Code, the Life Safety Code, or other codes and standards adopted by the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner, shall be installed, operated, tested, repaired and maintained in accordance with this Code and applicable standards adopted by the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner.

3. Delete section 901.4.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

901.4.2 Provisions in excess of the minimum code requirements shall, as a minimum, be installed to meet the provisions of the currently adopted code(s) or standard(s) which may be applicable to the provision at the time of its installation. Any non-required fire protection system which is added onto, interconnected with, any required fire protection system (of a similar type), shall be designed, installed, and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the currently adopted code(s) or standard(s) which may be applicable to the provision at the time of its installation.

901.4.2.1 The provisions of 901.4.2 shall not apply to other installations not conforming with the provisions of the currently adopted code(s) or standard(s) applicable to the provision at the time of its installation if such installations are reported and filed with the local responding fire department and the authority having jurisdiction. In addition such systems shall be identified as required by the authority having jurisdiction.

901.4.2.2 The provisions of 901.4.2 shall not apply for non-required systems designed, reviewed, installed and approved in accordance with local codes or ordinances.

4. Delete section 903.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

903.2 Where required.

- (a) Approved automatic sprinkler systems for proposed (new) buildings and structures approved for construction as set forth in 103.3.1 of this Code, or where specifically required for existing buildings and structures, shall as the minimum level of protection, be that required by the applicable provisions of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code and applicable provisions of other codes and standards adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner, and this Code section; provided, however, the *International Building Code (IBC)* shall govern the requirements for sprinkler protection that are related to minimum building construction types, or to increases in building area and height limitations imposed by the *IBC*. (Refer to Table 102.13, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE)
- (b) Where a new automatic sprinkler system is required by this Code or other code, standard, rule or regulation, the system shall be designed and installed in accordance with the requirements applicable to systems in proposed (new) buildings and structures.
- (c) In addition, an automatic sprinkler system may be required for new or existing buildings, structures, spaces, or conditions by other NFPA

standards adopted by this Subject 120-3-3, or other Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

- (d) The requirements for the installation, design, and testing of automatic sprinkler systems shall be as applicable, NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, NFPA 13R, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies up to and Including Four Stories in Height; and NFPA 13D, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes, or as adopted and modified by this Subject 120-3-3.

903.2.1 The sprinkler protection provision of 903.2 shall not be mandatory for spaces or areas in telecommunications buildings used exclusively for telecommunications equipment, associated electrical power distribution equipment, batteries and standby engines, provided those spaces or areas are equipped throughout with a supervised automatic fire alarm system, and are separated from the remainder of the building by fire barriers consisting of walls and floor/ceiling assemblies having a fire resistance rating of not less than 2-hours.

NOTE: NFPA 76, Fire Protection of Telecommunications Facilities, should be consulted. Refer to the edition adopted by this Subject 120-3-3.

- 5. Delete section 903.3.7 of this Code in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

903.3.7 Fire department connections. The location of fire department connections shall be approved by the Fire Chief as set forth in subsection 501.5 of this *Code*, adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

- 6. Delete section 904.2.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

904.2.2 Commercial hood and duct systems. Each required commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct system required by Section 607 to have a commercial hood complying with NFPA 96, shall be protected with an approved automatic fire-extinguishing system installed in accordance with this Code and applicable provisions of NFPA 96.

- 7. Delete section 904.12 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

904.12 Fire Protection for Commercial Cooking Operations.

904.12.1 The requirements for, as well as the design, installation, protection and maintenance of cooking equipment, shall be as required by NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code* and NFPA 96, Standard for the Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3. (Refer to Table 102.13, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE)

904.12.2 Fire suppression systems approved for the protection of commercial cooking appliances shall be designed, installed, and maintained in accordance with the applicable standards adopted in this Chapter.

904.12.3 Portable fire extinguishers for commercial cooking appliances. Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in

kitchens or other commercial cooking areas in accordance with NFPA 10 and NFPA 96, as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner. Class K portable fire extinguishers and the required operation sequence signage required by NFPA 10, shall be located between 5 feet and 10 feet from the manual release device(s) of the kitchen exhaust hood fire suppression system(s).

8. Delete section 905.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

905.1 General. The State's minimum requirements for standpipe systems shall be as required by the International Building Code (IBC) or This Code. Standpipe systems shall be designed, installed and tested in accordance with NFPA 14, Standard for the Installation of Standpipe, and Hose Systems as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3. (Refer to Table 102.13, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE)

9. Insert a new subsection 905.13 to read as follows:

905.13 Fire department connections. The location of fire department connections shall be approved by the Fire Chief as set forth in subsection 501.5 of this Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

10. Delete section 906.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

906.1 Portable Fire Extinguishers - General. Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in all buildings, structures and facilities falling under this Code and Title 25, Chapter 2. For any other building, structure, facility, or condition or special hazard, portable fire extinguishers shall be provided as may be required by this Code in Table 906.1, or by various codes and standards adopted by this Subject 120-3-3. Refer to **Table 102.13, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE.**

11. Delete section 906.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

906.2 General requirements. The selection, distribution, installation, and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers shall comply with NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3.

906.2.1 The maximum travel distance to reach an extinguisher shall not apply to the spectator seating portions of Group A-5 occupancies.

906.2.2 Thirty-day inspections shall not be required and maintenance shall be allowed to be once every three years for dry-chemical or halogenated agent portable fire extinguishers that are supervised by a listed and approved electronic monitoring device, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) Electronic monitoring shall confirm that extinguishers are properly positioned, properly charged and unobstructed.
- (b) Loss of power or circuit continuity to the electronic monitoring device shall initiate a trouble signal.
- (c) The extinguishers shall be installed inside of a building or cabinet in a noncorrosive environment.

- (d) Electronic monitoring devices and supervisory circuits shall be tested every three years when extinguisher maintenance is performed.
- (e) A written log of required hydrostatic test dates for extinguishers shall be maintained by the owner to ensure that hydrostatic tests are conducted at the frequency required by NFPA 10.

906.2.3 In Group E - Educational occupancies, in lieu of locating fire extinguishers in corridors and normal paths of travel as specified in NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, fire extinguishers may be located in rooms that open directly onto such corridors and pathways provided all of the following are met:

- (a) The room in which such extinguishers are placed are located in close proximity to that portion of the corridor where a fire extinguisher would otherwise be placed in accordance with NFPA 10; Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers,
- (b) A sign which states in white letters at least one inch in height on a red background, 'FIRE EXTINGUISHER LOCATED IN THIS ROOM,' is placed on the corridor wall immediately adjacent to the entrance way of each such room so that it can be clearly seen at all times;
- (c) The rooms in which such extinguishers are placed shall be constantly supervised during school hours; and,
- (d) Those rooms cannot be subject to being locked at any time the building is occupied.

12. Delete sections 906.3 through 906.10 without substitution. Refer to NFPA 10.

13. Delete section 907.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following, while retaining existing subsections:

907.1 Fire Alarm Systems - General.

- (a) The State's minimum requirements for fire alarm systems in proposed (new) buildings and structures approved as set forth in 103.3.1 of this Code shall be as required by NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3. Fire alarm systems shall be designed, installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3.
- (b) New fire alarm systems to be installed in existing buildings shall be designed, installed, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 72, as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3. Refer to **Table 102.13 CODES REFERENCE GUIDE**.

14. Delete sections 907.2 through 907.6.6.3 in their entirety and without substitution.

15. Delete section 909.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

909.1 Scope and purpose. This section applies to mechanical or passive smoke control systems when they are required for proposed (new) buildings or portions thereof by provisions of the *Life Safety Code (LSC)* or this Code, as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3, or by provisions of the *International Building Code (IBC)*, as adopted by the Department of Community Affairs. The purpose of this section is to establish minimum requirements for the design, installation, and acceptance testing of smoke control systems that are intended to provide a tenable environment for the evacuation or relocation of occupants. These provisions are not intended for the preservation of contents, the timely restoration of operations, or for assistance in fire suppression or overhaul activities. Smoke control systems regulated by this section serve a different purpose than the smoke and heat venting provisions found in Section 910. Mechanical smoke control systems shall not be considered exhaust systems under Chapter 5 of the *International Mechanical Code (IMC)*.

16. Delete section 909.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

909.2 General design requirements. Buildings, structures, or portions thereof required by provisions of the *Life Safety Code (LSC)* or this Code, as adopted by this Chapter, or by provisions of the *International Building Code*, as adopted by the Department of Community Affairs, to have a smoke control system or systems shall have such systems designed in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 909 of this Code and the generally accepted and well established principles of engineering relevant to the design. The construction documents shall include sufficient information and detail to describe adequately the elements of the design necessary for the proper implementation of the smoke control systems. These documents shall be accompanied with sufficient information and analysis to demonstrate compliance with these provisions.

17. Add a new section 909.2.1 to read as follows:

909.2.1 Smoke Control. For the purposes of 909.2 the following publications shall be considered as providing the generally accepted and well established principals of engineering relevant to design of required smoke control systems.

- (1) NFPA 92, *Standard for Smoke Control Systems*
- (2) NFPA SPP-53, *Smoke Control in Fire Safety Design*
- (3) ASHRAE/SFPE, *Design of Smoke Management Systems*
- (4) ASHRAE, *Guideline 5: Guideline for Commissioning Smoke Management Systems*
- (5) NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code (For non-mandatory guidance involving systems for existing detention and correction facilities refer to A.23.3.1.3 of the 2012 Edition)*.

18. Add a new section 909.2.2 to read as follows:

909.2.2 Deactivation of Mechanical Pressurization Systems. The design of pressurization systems shall ensure that smoke is not introduced into the pressurized enclosure so as to result in the untenable contamination of the fresh air. Approved smoke detectors shall be installed at each intake in such approved manner that the operation of the fan providing

mechanical pressurization to the enclosure where smoke is detected shall be deactivated upon detection of smoke.

19. Add a new subsection 912.2.3 to read as follows:

912.2.3 Location of fire department connections. The location of fire department connections for automatic sprinkler systems shall be as approved by the Fire Chief as set forth in accordance with Section 912 and Section 501.5 of this Code, as adopted by 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

20. Add a new section 914.7.3 to read as follows:

914.7.3 Limited Use Special Amusement Buildings. Special amusement buildings which are not open to the public in excess of 45 days in a twelve month period shall be permitted, provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. Portable fire extinguishers with a minimum of a 2A:10B:C rating are placed within 25 feet of each activity or viewing station, so as to be readily accessible and visible to staff;
2. A smoke detection system is placed throughout the facility with a smoke detector located at each activity or viewing station and located throughout corridors and halls not to exceed a spacing more than 15 feet (4.6 m) from a wall or more than 30 feet (9.1 m) on center. Where there is no ceiling or cover over activity or viewing stations, or over exit access routes, other than the standard ceiling, smoke detectors shall be placed so that their area of coverage does not exceed the approval listing of the detectors;
3. Emergency lighting shall be provided which will cause illumination of the means of egress upon loss of power to lighting circuits for the means of egress routes serving the special amusement building. In addition, all staff shall be provided with flashlights;
4. Personnel dedicated for the sole purpose of performing fire watch duties as defined in Chapter 2 of the International Fire Code and as be deemed necessary for specific circumstances by the authority having jurisdiction, shall be provided in such numbers to ensure the entire special amusement space is surveyed at least every 30 minutes starting 30 minutes prior to public occupancy. Such personnel shall be provided with a direct communication device for communication with all viewing or activity stations throughout the facility. In addition such personnel shall be provided with appropriate training for the operation of portable fire extinguishing equipment;
5. Communication to the responding fire department or emergency dispatch center is available from the facility (a regular telephone or at least two cell phones are acceptable);
6. "NO SMOKING" signs shall be posted at entrances to the building. Receptacles for the discard of smoking material shall be located a minimum of 15 feet (9.1 m) from the structure and shall be clearly identified by applicable signage;
7. Documentation of fire watch tours required by item 4 above is maintained. The documentation, at the minimum, shall note the time when the tour was conducted the name of personnel

conducting the tour, and information about any hazards identified and actions taken to remove such hazards. Such documentation shall be readily available to the code official upon request.

21. Delete Section 915 in its entirety and replace it with the following"

Section 915 - Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection

915.1 General. Carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 72 where required by the applicable occupancy chapters of NFPA 101. Carbon monoxide detection systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with NFPA 72.

(j) Modifications to Chapter 10:

1. Delete sections 1001 through 1030 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:

1001.1 General.

- (A) Proposed (new) buildings or portions thereof approved for construction as set forth in 103.3 of this Code, shall be provided with means of egress and related safeguards as set forth by NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, as adopted this Chapter. (Refer to Table 102.13, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE)
- (B) Buildings and structures existing and approved prior the effective date of this Subject 120-3-3, as set forth in 103.3 of this Code, having means of egress and related safeguards conforming to NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, under which they were approved and constructed shall be considered as complying with this Code. Means of egress and related safeguards in existing buildings constructed without approval, may be considered as complying with this code section if, in the judgment of the authority having jurisdiction, they do not constitute a distinct hazard to life. Where, in the judgment of the authority having jurisdiction, the means of egress or related safeguards provided constitute a distinct hazard to life, the hazardous condition or conditions shall be remedied based on the provisions for existing buildings of the Life Safety Code as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3.
- (C) Exit discharge termination dispersal areas may be utilized where authorized and designed in accordance with 7.7.1.5 of the Life Safety Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

2. Add the following section 1001.2 to read as follows:

1001.2 Overcrowding and Life Safety Hazard Prevention. Overcrowding or admittance of any person beyond the approved capacity of a building or a portion thereof shall not be allowed. It is the responsibility of the manager and the person in charge of a building, structure, or portion thereof not to allow an overcrowded condition or any condition which constitutes a life safety hazard to exist, and to take prompt action to remedy an overcrowded condition or life safety hazard when evidence of such a condition is noted, or when advised or ordered by the Fire Code Official or his or her representative. (Refer to 107.6)

1001.2.1 Decreases in the Occupant Load. For authorized decreases in the occupant load approved by the fire code authority having jurisdiction, the actual number of occupants for whom each occupied space, floor or building is designed, although less than those determined by calculation, shall be permitted to be used in the determination of the design occupant load.

1001.2.2 Increases in the Occupant Load. For approved increases in the occupant load by the fire code authority having jurisdiction, refer to 7.3.1.3 of Subsection 7.3.1 of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, as adopted by the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

1001.2.3 Overcrowded Condition or Life Safety Hazard Determined. The fire code official, upon finding any overcrowded conditions or obstructions in aisles, passageways or other means of egress, or upon finding any condition which constitutes a life safety hazard, shall be authorized to cause the event to be stopped until such condition or obstruction is corrected. In addition, a structure, building, room or designated portion thereof shall be deemed overcrowded if the total of occupants exceeds the exit capacity of the structure, building, room or area involved.

(k) Modifications to Chapter 11:

1. Delete 1101.1 and substitute in its place the following:

1101.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to existing buildings constructed prior to the effective date of this Subject 120-3-3.

2. Delete 1101.2 and substitute in its place the following:

1101.2 Intent. The intent of this chapter is to provide a minimum degree of fire and life safety to persons occupying buildings by providing for existing building rehabilitation activities including repair, renovation, modification, reconstruction, change of use or occupancy classification, and additions to such buildings.

3. Delete 1101.3 and substitute in its place the following:

1101.3 Permits. Construction permits for buildings falling under State jurisdiction, as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 25-2.13, shall be required for the activities noted in 4601.1 when the criteria of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14\(d\)](#) for an existing building to be classified as a proposed (new) building or structure are met. For local jurisdictions, permits shall be required as set forth in Section 105.7 of this Code and the International Building Code.

4. Delete Sections 1102 through 1104 and substitute in their place a new 1102 to read as follows:

SECTION 1102 FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

1102.1 General. The intents and purposes of this section shall be met through the application of the applicable provisions of this Code, the Life Safety Code, and other codes and standards as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Safety Fire

Commissioner, as they apply to existing conditions and routine maintenance of fire and life safety protection systems and devices. For building rehabilitation activities, including repair, renovation, modification, reconstruction, change of use or occupancy classification, and additions to such buildings, the definitions and requirements of Chapter 43, of the Life Safety Code, adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner shall apply.

5. Delete Section 1103.9 and replace it with the following:

11003.9 Carbon monoxide detection. Carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in existing buildings in accordance with NFPA 72 where required by the applicable occupancy chapters of NFPA 101. Carbon monoxide detection systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with NFPA 72.

(l) Modifications to Chapter 20:

1. Delete section 2003.5 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

2003.5 Dispensing of flammable and combustible liquids. No dispensing, transfer or storage of flammable or combustible liquids shall be permitted inside any building or structure.

Exceptions:

1. As provided in Chapter 57 of this Code, provided, the provisions are not less protective than the provisions of any applicable Codes and standards adopted by the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
 2. When the procedures used follow the guidelines and requirements set forth in NFPA 410 - Standard for Aircraft Maintenance, adopted by this Subject 120-3-3.
2. Delete sections 2006.1 through 2006.21.1 in their entirety and substitute in their place a new paragraph 2006.1 to read as follows:

2006.1 Aircraft motor vehicle fuel-dispensing stations and Airport Fuel Systems. All aircraft motor vehicle fuel-dispensing stations and airport fuel systems shall be in accordance with Subject 120-3-11.
 3. Delete section 2007.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

2007.1 General. Helistops and heliports shall be maintained in accordance with Section 2007. Helistops and heliports on buildings or structures shall be constructed in accordance with the International Building Code and the requirements set forth by NFPA 418, Standard for Heliports, adopted by this Subject 120-3-3.

(m) Modifications to Chapter 23.

1. Delete sections 2301.1 through 2301.6 in their entirety and substitute in their place a new paragraph 2301.1 to read as follows:

2301.1 Scope. Automotive motor fuel-dispensing facilities, marine motor fuel dispensing facilities, fleet vehicle motor fuel-dispensing facilities and repair garages shall be in accordance with Subject 120-3-11.

Exception: This chapter shall apply to hydrogen motor fuel-dispensing and generation facilities as specified in section 2309 and repair garages where referenced by subsection 406.6, entitled, 'Repair Garages,' of the International Building Code.

2. Delete sections 2303 through 2308 and all other paragraphs there-under, and section 2310 and all other paragraphs thereunder in their entirety without substitution.

(n) Modification to Chapter 31:

1. Delete 3106.5.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

3106.5.2 Cooking Operations. Cooking operations shall be evaluated and comply with NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(o) Modification to Chapter 32:

1. Add exception number 1 to 3206.2 Type of protection.

Exception:

High-piled storage freezer facilities that are designed to maintain temperatures at extreme sub zero temperatures making water-based fire protection systems impractical and subject to the approval of the fire chief or fire official of the local responding fire department having fire suppression responsibility, the sprinkler system may be omitted.

2. Add exception number 1 to 3206.8 Smoke and Heat Removal.

Exception:

High-Piled storage freezer facilities that are designed to maintain temperatures at extremely sub zero temperatures making smoke and heat venting impractical and subject to the approval of the fire chief or fire official of the local responding fire department having fire suppression responsibility, the smoke and heat venting may be omitted.

(p) Modification to Chapter 41:

1. Add exception number 3 to 4103.1 to read as follows:

3. In emergency conditions, when approved by the authority having jurisdiction, equipment designed to be portable may be used for a specified time provided such equipment is properly protected and separated from combustibles as specified by the manufacturer's instructions. Such devices shall be supervised during their period of operation by the establishment of a fire watch system based on the definition of "Fire Watch" in Chapter 2 of this Code. Persons assigned to perform fire watch duties shall be instructed as to their duties.

(q) Modification to Chapter 50:

1. Add two new exceptions 12 and 13 to section 5001.1 to read as follows:

12. Storage, transportation, use, dispensing, mixing and handling of' Flammable and combustible liquids as outlined in Subject 120-3-11.
 13. Storage, handling, and transportation of liquefied petroleum gas (LP-Gas) and the installation of LP-gas equipment pertinent to systems for such use as outlined Subject 120-3-16 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner entitled, Rules and Regulations for Liquefied Petroleum Gases.
2. In Table 5003.11.1, add superscript "k" to Oxidizers in the Material column and add the following footnote "k" to read as follows:
 - k. Group M occupancies with Class 2 and Class 3 oxidizers exceeding these quantities shall comply with the applicable provisions of NFPA 400, Hazardous Materials Code as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3.

(r) Modifications to Chapter 56:

1. Delete sections 5601 through 5607 and all related paragraphs there under in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:
 5601. **Explosives and blasting.** The provisions of Subject 120-3-10 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner entitled, "Rules and Regulations for Explosives and Blasting Agents" shall govern the possession, manufacture, storage, handling, sale and use of explosives, explosive materials and small arms ammunitions.
2. Delete section 5608.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 5608.1 **GENERAL PROVISIONS.** In addition to the requirements of this Section for the display of fireworks the provisions of Title 25, Chapter 2, and Subject 120-3-22, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, shall apply. Where there may be a conflict between a provision of this Section and a provision of the above referenced law or regulation, the provision of the above referenced law or regulation shall apply. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the use of fireworks by railroads or other transportation agencies for the signal purposes or illumination, or the sale or use of blank cartridges for a show or theater, or for signal or ceremonial purposes in athletics or sports or for the use by military organizations.
3. Insert a new section 5608.11 to read as follows:
 - 5608.11 **Retail display and sale.**
 - (a) Fireworks as defined in O.C.G.A. § [25-10-1\(a\)\(1\)](#) shall not be made available for sale at retail or wholesale, except as provided in O.C.G.A. § 25-10.
 - (b) Non-explosive sparkling devices as defined in O.C.G.A. § [25-10-1\(b\)](#) are permitted for retail sales to the public, provided, however, it is unlawful for any such devices to be sold to any person under 18 years of age (O.C.G.A. § [25-10-2\(b\)\(1\)](#)). In addition, it is unlawful to sell such items to any person by any means other than an in-person, face-to-face sale. Further, such person shall provide proper identification to the seller at the time of such purchase. The term 'proper identification' means any document issued by a governmental agency containing a description of the person, such person's photograph, or both, and giving such person's date of birth and includes without being limited to, a passport, military identification card, driver's license,

or an identification card authorized under O.C.G.A. §§ [40-5-100](#) through [40-5-104](#).

- (c) In areas where devices are stored or displayed for retail sales, at least one pressurized-water type portable fire extinguisher complying with NFPA 10, as adopted by this Chapter shall be located not more than 20 feet and not closer than 15 feet from the storage or display location. In addition, "NO SMOKING" signs complying with Section 310 shall be conspicuously posted in areas of such storage or display, unless in a building where smoking is clearly marked as prohibited.

(s) Modification to Chapter 57:

- 1. Add a new non-applicability paragraph number 12 to section 5701.2 to read as follows:
 - 12. The storage, transportation, use, dispensing, mixing and handling of Flammable and Combustible Liquids as outlined in Subject 120-3-11.

(t) Modifications to Chapter 61:

- 1. Delete Chapter 61 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

CHAPTER 61 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES. The provisions relating to the storage and handling of liquefied petroleum gases shall be those in NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-16, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. Refer to **Table 102.13, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE.**

(u) Modifications to Chapter 80:

- 1. Add an Explanatory Note at the start of the Chapter to read:

Replace the NFPA Standard Reference numbers with the year edition with the same NFPA Standard Reference numbers and titles however; each year edition shall be those as adopted by Subject 120-3-3, 120-3-10, 120-3-11 and 120-3-12.

(4) NFPA 2, 2023 Edition Hydrogen Technologies Code.

No modifications.

(5) NFPA 3, 2024 Standard for Commissioning of Fire Protection and Life Safety Systems:

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

- 1. Add a new subsection 1.1.1 to read as follows:

1.1.1 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice for fire prevention and fire protection. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, and it is not adopted as a minimum state code or standard. It may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards, or it may be adopted and enforced by a local jurisdiction under local ordinance.

(6) NFPA 10, 2022 Edition, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 6:

1. Delete 6.1.3.8.1 in its entirety and insert in its place the following 6.1.3.8.2 and 6.1.3.8.3 remain unchanged:
 - 6.1.3.8.1 Portable fire extinguishers having a gross weight not exceeding 40 lb. (18.14 kg) shall be installed so that the top of the extinguisher is not more than 48 in (1.19 m) above the floor.
2. Delete 6.1.3.10.5 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 6.1.3.10.5 Cabinets or wall recesses for fire extinguishers shall be installed that the top of the opening for the fire extinguisher is at 50 in. (1.27 m) above the finished floor.
 - 6.1.3.10.5.1 The provisions of 6.1.3.10.5 shall not apply to existing installations.

(b) Modifications to Chapter 7:

1. Delete 7.1.2.1 in its entirety and insert in its place the following:
 - 7.1.2.1 Persons performing maintenance and recharging of extinguishers shall be licensed or permitted in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
2. Delete subparagraphs 7.1.2.1.1 thru 7.1.2.1.5 in their entirety without substitution.
3. Delete subparagraph 7.1.2.3 in its entirety without substitution.
4. Delete subsection 7.3.4.1.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 7.3.4.1.1 Tags shall comply the requirements of Subject 120-3-23 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
5. Delete subsection 7.3.4.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 7.3.4.2 **Verification-of-Service Collar (Maintenance or Recharging).** Verification-of-Service Collars shall comply with the requirements of Subject 120-3-23 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
6. Delete subsection 7.3.6.5.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 7.3.6.5.3 The 6 year Maintenance internal examination label shall be blue in color and shall comply with the requirements of Subject 120-3-23 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
7. Delete subsection 7.11.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 7.11.3 Verification-of-Service Collars shall comply with the requirements of Subject 120-3-23 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(c) Modifications to Chapter 8:

1. Delete subsection 8.1.2.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 8.1.2.1 Hydrostatic testing shall be performed by persons who are, licensed or permitted in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, trained in pressure testing procedures and safeguards complying with 7.1.2, who have testing equipment, facilities, and an appropriate manufacturer's service manual(s) available.

2. Delete subsection 8.1.2.1.2 in its entirety without substitution.
3. Delete subsection 8.1.2.1.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
8.1.2.1.3 Where hydrostatic testing is subcontracted to a facility described in 8.1.2.1.1, the secondary firm actually performing the hydro testing must be listed on the primary firms license(s) application on file in the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office.
4. Delete subsection 8.7.2.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
8.7.2.2 The label shall comply with the requirements of Subject 120-3-23 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(7) NFPA 11, 2024 Edition, Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam.

No modifications.

(8) NFPA 12, 2022 Edition, Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems.

No modifications.

(9) NFPA 12A, 2022 Edition, Standard on Halon 1301 Fire Extinguishing Systems.

No modifications.

(10) NFPA 13, 2022 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 4:

1. Add a new Section 4.10 to read as follows:

4.10 Modification of Existing Sprinkler Systems. In existing sprinkler systems, heads may be relocated from original installation locations. All alterations or modifications to existing branch lines shall be submitted with hydraulic calculations if work is outside of scope of subsections 4.4.1 through 4.4.4. New hydraulic data nameplate shall be placed on any modified system at the riser or sectional valve along with the existing hydraulic data nameplate.

4.10.1. One additional sprinkler may be added to an original installation location if the additional sprinkler is in a remotely located or non-communicating compartment from the existing or relocated sprinkler.

4.10.2 Two sprinklers may be added to an existing branch line if the additional sprinklers are in remotely located or non-communicating compartments from the existing or relocated sprinkler.

4.10.3 New branch lines added to existing cross mains shall be sized the same as the existing branch lines.

4.10.4 No more than two heads shall be supplied from 1 inch (25.4 mm) pipe unless the existing system was calculated to supply more than two heads. In such case, the calculated maximum for 1 inch (25.4 mm) pipe shall take precedence.

(b) Modifications to Chapter 5:

1. Add a new paragraph 5.2.2.3 to read as follows:

5.2.2.3 A water test taken to determine the period of highest demand and made not more than six months prior to plan submittal shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction with all new system designs.

(c) Modifications to Chapter 16:

1. Delete paragraph 16.12.5.7 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following. The annex note shall remain.

16.12.5.7 FDC Locations. The location of fire department connections shall be approved by the Fire Chief as set forth in subsections 501.5 and 912 of the International Fire Code (IFC), as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. Where there may be conflict between subsection 501 or 912 of the IFC and section 8.17.2 of this Code, the provisions of 501 and 912 of the IFC shall prevail.

(d) Modifications to Chapter 28:

1. Add a new 28.1.2.1 to read as follows:

28.1.2.1 Where plan review notes returned with submitted plans or comments on submitted plans by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ), indicating the need for corrections, such corrections shall be made by the Fire Protection Sprinkler Designer. Only after the needed corrections are made and shown on corrected plans shall changes by installation personnel be allowed. Corrected plans shall be kept at the project site and shall be firmly attached to the set of plans stamped as approved with comments by the AHJ. Submitted plans returned without the approval stamp of the AHJ shall have corrections made and be resubmitted to the AHJ for review and approval. The installation of a system shall not be allowed where plans have been returned without an approval stamp until corrected plans have been submitted, reviewed, and stamped as approved by the AHJ.

2. Add new items (24) through (26) to subsection 28.1.3 to read as follows:

(24) Type of construction, (i.e., obstructed or unobstructed as defined in Section 3.7), and the distance between the sprinkler deflector and the structure in exposed structure areas.

(25) Indicate the system is a NFPA 13 designed system.

(26) Name, number and signature of the Certificate of Competency holder & Designer.

3. Add a new subsection 28.2.4.11.2.1 to read as follows:

28.2.4.11.2.1 There shall be a minimum 10 psi (0.69 bar) cushion between the hydraulically calculated sprinkler system demand and supply when there is a backflow prevention device present, measured at the supply side of the backflow prevention device.

28.2.4.11.2.1.1 The 10 psi (0.69 bar) cushion may be lowered with written approval of the Fire Chief of the fire department which has fire suppression responsibility.

28.2.4.11.2.1.2 A minimum cushion may not be required where the system is supplied by a fixed water

source providing water to fire pumps holding no supply side pressure. Such an arrangement shall have written approval of the Fire Chief of the fire department having fire suppression jurisdiction.

4. Add a new subparagraph 28.2.4.11.3 to read as follows:

28.2.4.11.3 There shall be a minimum 15 psi (1.03 bar) cushion between the hydraulically calculated sprinkler system demand and supply in systems that do not have a backflow prevention device.

28.2.4.11.3.1 The 15 psi (1.05 bar) cushion may be lowered to not less than 7 psi with approval of the authority having jurisdiction based on the capability of the fire department to provide support to the system within 10 minutes of the receipt of notification of the alarm of fire in the building.

(e) **Modifications to Chapter 29:**

1. Add a new item (5) to 28.1 to read as follows:

(5) Attach an initial "GREEN" inspection tag to the sprinkler system riser.

After installation, acceptance testing, and inspection, at the time the system is initially accepted as being in a state of operational readiness, an Inspection Tag shall be completed and attached to the system at a conspicuous location so as to permit convenient inspection, and not hamper system activation. Tags shall comply with 29.1.1.

29.1.1 Inspection Tag Requirements. Inspection tags shall conform with the following requirements:

- (a) Inspection Tags must be GREEN in color and have a minimum dimension of 5 1/4 inches (133 mm) in length and 2 inches (67 mm) in width.
- (b) Inspection tags shall bear at least the following information in an easy to read format:
 1. **DO NOT REMOVE BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.** This order shall be in a minimum of 10pt capital letters.
 2. The license number, name, and physical address of the licensed Fire Sprinkler Contractor.
 3. The license number, printed name, and signature of the licensed Fire Sprinkler Inspector.
 4. The properly punched day, month and year the system was inspected and placed in a state of operational readiness.
 5. The name and physical address, including tenant space designation, as applicable of the facility.

2. Add a new Section 29.7 Document Accessibility.
 - 29.7.1 With every new system, a documentation cabinet shall be installed in the system riser room or at another approved location at the protected premises.
 - 29.7.2 The documentation cabinet shall be sized so that it can contain all necessary documentation.
 - 29.7.3 Required minimum documentation shall include copies of Approved Hydraulic calculations, Approved Plans, Above and Below ground contractors test, and Inventory of sprinkler heads.
 - 29.7.4 Where the documentation cabinet is not in the sprinkler riser room, its location shall be identified at the system control valve.
 - 29.7.5 The documentation cabinet shall be prominently labeled SPRINKLER SYSTEM DOCUMENTS.
 - 29.7.6 The contents of the cabinet shall be accessible by authorized personnel only.

(11) **NFPA 13D, 2022 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One-and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes.**

No modifications.

(12) **NFPA 13R, 2022 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies up to and Including Four Stories in Height.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Delete Section 1.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following. Subsection 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 shall remain.
 - 1.1 **Scope.** This standard deals with the design and installation of automatic sprinkler systems for protection against fire hazards in residential occupancies, personal care homes, day-care centers and group day-care homes, up to and including four stories in height. When a single-story open-air parking structure of fire-restrictive construction having a rating greater than 2-hours is below a four-story residential occupancy, the structure is considered within this scope.
2. Add a new Subsection 1.2.4 to read as follows:
 - 1.2.4 This standard shall not apply to new assisted living communities or new memory care units as defined by Rule 120-3-3-.03.

(b) **Modifications to Chapter 3:**

1. Delete subsection 3.3.10 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 3.3.10 **Residential Occupancies.** Residential Occupancies, as specified in the scope of this standard and for the purposes of this standard, include the following, as defined by State law, or by the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner: (1) Apartment buildings, (2) Lodging and rooming houses, (3) Board and care facilities, (4) Hotels, motels, and dormitories, (5) Personal care homes (prompt and slow evacuation type only), (6) Day-care centers and group day-care homes.
2. Add a new paragraph 3.3.10.1 to read as follows:

3.3.10.1 Day-care Center - For purposes of NFPA 13R, a day-care facility subject to licensure or commission by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning where more than 12 clients receive care. A day-care center is within the definition of a dwelling unit.

3. Add a new paragraph 3.3.10.2 to read as follows:

3.3.10.2 Group Day-care Home - For purposes of NFPA 13R, a day-care facility subject to licensure or commission by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning where at least seven but not more than 12 clients receive care. A group day-care home is within the definition of a dwelling unit.

4. Add a new paragraph 3.3.10.3 to read as follows:

3.3.10.3 Dwelling - For purposes of NFPA 13R, any building which contains not more than one or two 'dwelling units' intended to be used, rented, leased, hired out to be occupied for habitation purposes, or for use as a day-care center, a group day-care home, or as a personal care home or community living arrangement.

5. Add a new paragraph 3.3.10.4 to read as follows:

3.3.10.4 Outside Dwelling Unit - Any area such as, but not limited to, storage, mechanical and equipment rooms or other area(s) that, in the opinion of the authority having jurisdiction, constitutes a fire hazard in excess of the hazards normally found within the dwelling unit.

6. Add a new paragraph 3.3.10.5 to read as follows:

3.3.10.5 Personal Care Home - For the purposes of NFPA 13R, any building or part thereof that is used as defined in Rule 120-3-3-.03(11).

(c) Modifications to Chapter 4:

1. Add a new Section 4.6 to read as follows:

4.6 Minimum Pipe Sizes. Minimum pipe sizes shall be 3/4 inch (19.1 mm) for copper and 1-inch (25.4 mm) for steel. For other approved pipe or tubing used, a minimum size of 3/4 inch (19.1 mm) for those with a Hazen-Williams 'C' value of 150 or more and 1 inch (19.1 mm) for those less than 150.

(d) Modifications to Chapter 6:

1. Delete paragraph 6.6.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

6.6.1 Sprinklers shall be installed in all areas except where omission is permitted by 6.6.2 through 6.6.9 excluding day-care facilities. Sprinklers shall be installed in all areas of day-care facilities except where omission is permitted by 6.6.4 and 6.6.5.

2. Add a new paragraph 6.8.11 to read as follows:

6.8.11 A non-multipurpose piping system shall be isolated from the domestic water system by not less than two spring-loaded check valves or equivalent.

3. Add a new paragraph 6.8.12 to read as follows:

- 6.8.12 All valves controlling water supplies for sprinkler systems or portions thereof, including floor control valves, shall be easily accessible to authorized persons. Water supply connections shall not extend into or through a building unless such connection is under control of an outside listed indicating valve or an inside listed indicating valve located near an outside wall of the building.

(e) Modifications to Chapter 10:

1. Add a new subsection 10.1.5 to read as follows:

- 10.1.5 Upon completion of the acceptance test as set forth in this section, the installer shall attach an initial "GREEN" inspection tag to the sprinkler system riser.
- (a) After installation, testing, and inspection, at the time the system is initially accepted as being in a state of operational readiness, an Inspection Tag shall be completed and attached to the system at a conspicuous location so as to permit convenient inspection, and not hamper system activation.
 - (1) Inspection tags shall comply with NFPA 13 Subsection 29.1.1.

(13) NFPA 14, 2024 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Standpipe, and Hose Systems.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Delete Section 1.1.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

- 1.1.1 **Scope.** The State's minimum requirements for standpipes shall be established by the IBC (Refer to Table 102.13, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE) of the International Fire Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. In addition, the requirements for occupant hoses are eliminated for new and existing buildings subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction. Where the installation of standpipes or hose systems is required, this standard covers the minimum requirements for the installation of standpipes and hose systems for buildings and structures. This standard does not cover requirements for periodic inspection, testing, and maintenance of standpipe systems. (See NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems.)

(b) Modifications to Chapter 10:

1. Add a new subparagraph 10.2.6.1.3 to read as follows:

10.2.6.1.3 Where the local Fire Chief or local Fire Code Official having fire suppression jurisdiction permits lower than 100 psi (6.9 bar) for 2-1/2 inch (65 mm) hose connections, based upon local suppression tactics, the pressure shall be permitted to be reduced to not less than 65 psi (4.5 bar).

10.2.6.1.3.1 Existing high-rise buildings, as defined in 3.3.5, that are protected throughout by a supervised automatic sprinkler system shall be permitted a reduction of the minimum residual pressure requirement of 100 psi (6.9 bar) at the hydraulically most remote 2-1/2 inch (63.5 mm) hose connection to 65 psi (4.5 bar).

2. Insert a new **subsection** 10.7.2.3 to read as follows:

10.7.2.3 **Location.** The location of fire department connections shall be approved by the Fire Chief as set forth in subsection 501.5 of the International Fire Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(c) Modifications to Chapter 12:

1. Add a new subsection 12.1.3 to read as follows:

12.1.3 A letter certifying that all pressure restricting and pressure reducing equipment is installed and set per NFPA requirements and manufacturer's instructions shall be presented to the inspector along with test certificates at the time of final inspection.

(14) NFPA 15, 2022 Edition, Standard for Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection.

No modifications.

(15) NFPA 16, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Foam-Water Sprinkler and Foam-Water Spray Systems.

No modifications.

(16) NFPA 17, 2024 Edition, Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Delete Section 1.6 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

1.6 Qualifications. Only persons who are properly trained and licensed or permitted in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, shall be considered competent to design, install, and service dry chemical systems.

(b) Modifications to Chapter 9:

1. Add a new subsection 9.3.6 to read as follows:

9.3.6 Nonoperational or Impaired Systems

9.3.6.1 Cooking equipment shall not be operated while its fire extinguishing system protecting a commercial kitchen hood, duct, or appliances is nonoperational or impaired.

(c) Modifications to Chapter 11:

1. Delete subsection 11.1.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
11.1.3 Only persons trained and licensed or permitted in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, shall be considered competent to design, install, and service dry chemical extinguishing systems, in accordance with this standard and the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Delete paragraph 11.1.3.1 in its entirety without substitution.
3. Delete subparagraph 11.3.1.2.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
11.3.1.2.4 The label shall comply with the requirements of Subject 120-3-23 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
4. Delete subparagraph 11.3.1.2.7 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
11.3.1.2.7 The collar shall comply with the requirements of Subject 120-3-23 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
5. Delete paragraph 11.3.1.10 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
11.3.1.10 Each dry chemical system shall have the required tags or labels complying with the requirements of Subject 120-3-23 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner after each service has been conducted on the system. Only the current applicable tag or label shall remain on the system.
6. Delete subsection 11.4.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
11.4.2 Systems shall be recharged by persons who are properly trained and licensed under the requirements of Subject 120-3-23 in accordance with the manufacturer's listed installation and maintenance manual.

(17) **NFPA 17A, 2024 Edition, Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Delete Section 1.7 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
1.7 Qualifications. Only persons who are properly trained and licensed or permitted in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, shall be considered competent to design, install, and service wet chemical systems.

(b) **Modifications to Chapter 8:**

1. Delete subsection 8.3.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
8.3.1 A service technician who performs maintenance on an extinguishing system shall be trained and shall possess a license or permit in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
2. Delete paragraph 8.3.1.1 in its entirety without substitution.
3. Add a new subparagraph 8.3.3.5.3 to read as follows:

8.3.3.5.3 Cooking equipment shall not be operated while its fire extinguishing system protecting a commercial kitchen hood, duct, or appliances is nonoperational or otherwise impaired.

4. Delete subparagraph 8.3.3.6.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

8.3.3.6.1 The owner or owner's representative shall retain all maintenance reports for a period of 3 years after the next maintenance of that type required by the standard.

5. Delete paragraph 8.3.3.7 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

8.3.3.7 Each wet chemical system shall have a tag or label securely attached, complying with the requirements of Subject 120-3-23 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. Only the current tag or label shall remain in place.

6. Add a new paragraph 8.5.2.4 to read as follows:

8.5.2.4 Each stored pressure system agent cylinder that has undergone maintenance or hydrostatic testing that includes internal examination, or that has been recharged shall have 'Verification of Service' collar located around the neck of the cylinder. The collar shall contain a single circular piece of uninterrupted material forming a hole of a size that will not permit the collar assembly to move over the neck of the cylinder unless the valve is completely removed. The collar shall not interfere with the operation and actuation of the system cylinder. The 'Verification of Service' collar shall comply with the requirements of NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3.

8.5.2.4.1 The provisions of 7.5.2.4 do not apply to stored pressure system cylinders undergoing maintenance before March 1, 2002.

8.5.2.4.2 Non-stored pressure cylinders such as cartridge cylinders for cartridge-operated systems do not require a 'Verification of Service' collar for the cartridge.

(18) NFPA 18, 2021 Edition, Standard on Wetting Agents.

No modifications.

(19) NFPA 18A, 2022 Edition, Standard on Water Additives for Fire Control and Vapor Mitigation.

No modifications.

(20) NFPA 20, 2022 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection.

(a) Modification to Chapter 4:

1. Add new paragraphs 4.6.2.3.5 and 4.6.2.3.6 to read as follows:

4.6.2.3.5 At 150% rated capacity or below, the pump suction supply shall not drop below 20 psi (1.38 bar).

4.6.2.3.6 Suction supply pressure may be lowered upon approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

(21) **NFPA 22, 2023 Edition, Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection.**

No modifications.

(22) **NFPA 24, 2025 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 4:**

1. Delete 4.1.3 (10) in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - (10) Size, location, and piping arrangement of fire department connections as approved by the local Fire Chief having jurisdiction as set forth in 501.5 of the International Fire Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(b) **Modifications to Chapter 13:**

1. Delete Section 13.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

13.1 Private Service Mains.

- 13.1.1 No pipe smaller than a nominal 8 inches (203 mm) in diameter shall be used to supply more than one hydrant or one hydrant on dead end mains over 500 feet (152 m).
- 13.1.2 No pipe smaller than a nominal 8 inches (203 mm) in diameter shall be used to supply one hydrant and automatic extinguishing systems.
- 13.1.3 No pipe smaller than a nominal 8 inches (203 mm) in diameter shall be used to supply more than one hydrant and automatic extinguishing systems on looped mains over 1,000 feet (305 m).
- 13.1.4 Pipe sizes other than those specified in Subparagraphs 13.1.1 through 13.1.3 may be acceptable in new or existing installations with the written approval of the Fire Chief of the fire department having fire suppression jurisdiction.

2. Add the following in Annex A, A13.1:

- A.13.1 Pipe sizing should be based upon good engineering practices based on the projected water demand, firefighting capabilities and water supply characteristics.

(23) **NFPA 25, 2023 Edition, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 4:**

1. Add a new Subsection 4.3.1.2 to read as follows:
 - 4.3.1.2 On non-compliant or impaired systems, a copy of the inspection' report shall be forwarded to the authority having jurisdiction by the owner or the occupant.
2. Delete 4.3.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 4.3.3 Records shall be maintained by the property owner for a period of at least three years.
3. Delete Section 4.3.5 and replace with the following:

4.3.5 Subsequent records shall be retained for a period of 3 years after the next inspection of that type required by the standard.

4. Add a new subsection 4.3.6 to read as follows:

4.3.6 Tagging.

4.3.6.1 Inspection Tag.

- (a) After inspection and testing, an Inspection Tag shall be completed indicating all work that has been done, and then attached to the system in such a position as to permit convenient inspection and not hamper its activation or operation. A new Inspection Tag shall be attached to each system each time an inspection and test service is performed.
- (b) Inspection Tags must be GREEN in color.
- (c) Inspection Tags may be printed and established for any period of time. After each printing, a minimum of three sample tags must be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal's office.
- (d) An Inspection Tag shall only be removed by an authorized representative of a licensed fire sprinkler contractor.
- (e) Should impairments or noncompliance items be found, the licensed inspector shall notify the building owner or his representative and the authority having jurisdiction in writing of all noncompliance items or impairments found. A fire sprinkler system compliance Inspection Tag shall not be installed on each system until the impairments or noncompliance items have been corrected and each system has been re-inspected and found to be in a state of operational readiness.

4.3.6.2 Noncompliance Tag.

- (a) If a fire sprinkler system is found in noncompliance with the applicable NFPA standards, a completed Noncompliance Tag shall be attached to the main control valve of each system to indicate that corrective action is necessary.
- (b) Noncompliance Tags must be YELLOW in color.
- (c) Noncompliance Tags may be printed and established for any period of time. After each printing, a minimum of three sample tags must be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal's office.
- (d) The signature of the licensee on a Noncompliance Tag certifies the impairments listed on the label cause the system to be out of compliance with NFPA standards.
- (e) A Noncompliance Tag shall only be removed by an authorized representative of a licensed fire sprinkler

contractor upon re-inspection of the fire sprinkler system.

- (f) A letter of noncompliance conditions shall be sent to the building owner or authorized representative within five working days of the date of the inspection.

4.3.6.3 Impairment Tag.

- (a) Should impairments constitute an emergency impairment as defined in this standard, then the inspector shall complete and attach an Impairment Tag to the main control valve of each system and the fire department connection to indicate that corrective action is necessary.
- (b) Impairment Tags must be RED in color.¹
- (c) Impairment Tags may be printed and established for any period of time. After each printing, a minimum of three sample tags must be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal's office.
- (d) The signature of the licensee on an Impairment Tag certifies the impairments listed on the label cause the system to be out of compliance with NFPA standards.
- (e) An Impairment Tag shall only be removed by an authorized representative of a licensed fire sprinkler contractor upon re-inspection of the fire sprinkler system.
- (f) A letter of emergency impairment conditions shall be sent to the building owner or authorized representative and to the occupant within 24 hours of the time of the inspection. The building owner or occupant shall notify the authority having jurisdiction within 24 hours of the time of the impairment notification.

(b) Modifications to Chapter 6:

1. Add a new 6.1.1.1.1 to read as follows:

6.1.1.1.1 In new and existing buildings, the requirements for hoses for occupant use are eliminated, subject to the approval of the local Fire Chief or local Fire Code Official having fire suppression jurisdiction.

(24) NFPA 30, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code.

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(25) NFPA 30A, Code for Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages.

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(26) NFPA 30B, Code for the Manufacture and Storage of Aerosol Products.

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(27) NFPA 31, Standard for the Installation of Oil-Burning Equipment.

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.
- (28) **NFPA 32, Standard for Drycleaning Plants.**
 - (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.
- (29) **NFPA 33, Standard for Spray Application Using Flammable or Combustible Materials.**
 - (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.
- (30) **NFPA 34, Standard for Dipping, Coating and Printing Processes Using Flammable or Combustible Liquids.**
 - (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.
- (31) **NFPA 35, Standard for the Manufacture of Organic Coatings.**
 - (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.
- (32) **NFPA 36, Standard for Solvent Extraction Plants.**
 - (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.
- (33) **NFPA 37, Standard for the Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines.**
 - (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.
- (34) **NFPA 40, 2025 Edition, Standard for the Storage and Handling of Cellulose Nitrate Film.**

No modifications.
- (35) **NFPA 45, 2024 Edition, Standard on Fire Protection for Laboratories Using Chemicals.**
 - (a) **Modification to Chapter 10:**
 1. Delete paragraph 10.2.3.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 10.2.3.4 Emergency shutoff valves for laboratories. In addition to point of use manual shutoff valves required by 10.2.3, each laboratory space containing two or more gas outlets installed on tables, benches, or in hoods in business, educational, healthcare, research, commercial, and industrial occupancies shall have a single valve through which all such gas outlets are supplied. This emergency shutoff valve shall be accessible, located within the laboratory or adjacent to the laboratory's primary egress door, and clearly identified by approved signage stating at the least, GAS SHUTOFF.
- (36) **NFPA 51, Standard for the Design and Installation of Oxygen-Fuel Gas Systems for Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes.**
 - (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-13, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, for adopted edition and any modifications.
- (37) **NFPA 51B, Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work.**
 - (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-13, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, for adopted edition and any modifications.
- (38) **NFPA 52, Gaseous Vehicular Fuel Systems Code.**
 - (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-14, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, for adopted edition and any modifications.

(39) **NFPA 53, 2021 Edition, Materials, Equipment, and Systems Used in Oxygen-Enriched Atmospheres.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new subsection 1.3.1 to read as follows:

1.3.1 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice that may be used in evaluating fire hazards in oxygen-enriched atmospheres. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of the applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

(40) **NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code.**

(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-14, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, and Subject 120-3-16, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, for the adopted edition and any modifications.

(41) **NFPA 55 2023 Edition, Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Code.**

No modifications.

(42) **NFPA 56, 2023 Edition, Standard for Fire and Explosion Prevention During Cleaning and Purging of Flammable Gas Piping Systems.**

No modifications.

(43) **NFPA 58, 2017 Edition, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code.**

(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-16, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, for adopted edition and any modifications.

(44) **NFPA 59, Utility LP-Gas Plant Code (LNG).**

(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-16, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, for adopted edition and any modifications.

(45) **NFPA 59A, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Production, Storage, and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas,**

(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-16, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, for adopted edition and any modifications.

(46) **NFPA 61, 2017 Edition, Standard for the Prevention of Fires and Dust Explosions in Agricultural and Food Processing Facilities.**

(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-24, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, for adopted edition and any modifications.

(47) **NFPA 68, 2018 Edition, Standard on Explosion Protection by Deflagration Venting.**

(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-24, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, for adopted edition and any modifications.

(48) **NFPA 69, 2024 Edition, Standard on Explosion Prevention Systems.**

No modifications.

(49) **NFPA 70, 2023 Edition, National Electrical Code.**

(a) **Modifications to Article 110:**

1. Add a new section 110.26 to read as follows:

110.26 Relocatable Power Tap's (RPT's) shall comply with the provisions of 604.4.4 of the International Fire Code (IFC).

(50) **NFPA 70B, 2019 Edition, Electrical Equipment Maintenance.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.3 to read as follows:

1.1.3 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice that may be used in evaluating the effectiveness of electrical equipment within its scope. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

(51) **NFPA 70E, 2024 Edition, Standard for Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces.**

(a) **Modifications to Article 90 Introduction:**

1. Add a new Subsection 90.1.1 to read as follows:

90.1 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice that may be used in evaluating electrical safety requirements for employee workplaces. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

(52) **NFPA 72, 2022 Edition, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Delete Section 1.1.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

1.1.1 **Scope.** This Code covers the application, installation, location, performance, inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire alarm systems, supervising station alarm systems, public emergency alarm reporting systems, fire and carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment, and emergency communications systems (ECS), and their components, whether such system or component is required or not.

1.1.1.1 Where the requirements of this Code have technical differences and requirements from those established, as applicable, by Subject 120-3-20 or 120-3-20A, of the Safety Fire Commissioner's Rules and Regulations for Accessibility to Buildings and Facilities, the technical provisions and requirements of Subject 120-3-20 and 120-3-20A shall take precedence over the requirements of this Code where applicable.

(b) **Modifications to Chapter 10:**

1. Add a new subparagraph (3) to subsection 10.4.5 to read as follows:

(3) Protection shall not be required in Existing building installations acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

(c) Modifications to Chapter 17:

1. Add a new subparagraph 17.7.4.1.4 to read as follows:

17.7.4.1.4 Alternate locations of smoke detectors as allowed by the International Fire Code, or where applicable, the Life Safety Code, and acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction, may be utilized and may be considered to be in compliance with this Code.

(d) Modifications to Annex A:

1. Add a new Annex note A.18.4.4.2 to read as follows:

A.18.4.4.2 For example, in critical care patient areas, it is often desirable to not have an audible fire alarm even at reduced private mode levels. Another example would be classrooms for small children in day care or educational occupancies, where verbal communication is vital between caregivers or teachers and children during drills or during an actual fire or other emergency condition. Audible alarms often frighten small children and valuable time may be lost while trying to calm such children. Also, audible alarms at or near locations, where clear communications is required, may present a problem. A school office or a receptionist desk common to various occupancies are examples. An additional example of where an audible fire alarm could be a problem would be high noise level work areas where an audible signal needed to overcome background noise at one time of the day would be excessively loud and potentially dangerous at another time of lower ambient noise. A sudden increase of more than 30 dB over 0.5 seconds is considered to cause sudden and potentially dangerous fright. Each case requires individual consideration by the authority having jurisdiction.

(53) NFPA 75, 2024 Edition, Standard for the Protection of Electronic Computer/Data Processing Equipment.

No modification.

(54) NFPA 76, 2024 Edition, Standard for Fire Protection of Telecommunications Facilities.

No modification.

(55) NFPA 77, 2024 Edition, Recommended Practice on Static Electricity.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.9 to read as follows:

1.1.9 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice that may be used in evaluating systems or devices installed for the purposes of safeguarding life or property against the hazards of static electricity. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

(56) NFPA 78, 2024 Edition, Guide on Electrical Inspections.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.1 to read as follows:

- 1.1.1 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice that may be used in evaluating electrical/electronic equipment, apparatus, or systems of industrial machines within its scope. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards. This standard is not meant to add any requirements not found in the NEC, nor change the intent of the requirements found in the NEC. If any conflict occurs between this standard and the NEC, the NEC shall control.

(57) **NFPA 79, 2019 Edition, Electrical Standard for Industrial Machinery.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.3 to read as follows:

- 1.1.3 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice that may be used in evaluating electrical/electronic equipment, apparatus, or systems of industrial machines within its scope. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards. This standard is not meant to add any requirements not found in the NEC, nor change the intent of the requirements found in the NEC. If any conflict occurs between this standards and the NEC, the NEC shall control.

(58) **NFPA 80, 2022 Edition, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives.**

No modifications.

(59) **NFPA 80A, 2022 Edition, Protection of Buildings from Exterior Fire Exposures.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.5 to read as follows:

- 1.1.5 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice that may be used in evaluating the exterior fire exposure risks of buildings. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

(60) **NFPA 82, 2024 Edition, Standard on Incinerators and Waste and Linen Handling Systems and Equipment.**

No modifications.

(61) **NFPA 85, 2023 Edition, Boiler and Combustion Systems Hazards Code.**

No modifications.

(62) **NFPA 86, 2023 Edition, Standard for Ovens and Furnaces.**

No modifications.

(63) **NFPA 87, 2024 Edition, Standard for Fluid Heaters.**

No modifications.

(64) NFPA 88A, 2023 Edition, Standard for Parking Structures.

No modifications.

(65) NFPA 90A, 2024 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems.

The International Mechanical Code, as adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), shall be the applicable code replacing 90A with the exception of its application to Hospitals, hospices, ambulatory surgical centers, nursing homes, assisted living homes or other health care type facilities that are regulated by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) shall comply with the fire and life safety rules and regulations imposed by that agency even though codes and standards adopted by that agency may not be specifically included herein. The codes and standards adopted and modified herein shall also apply where applicable and shall be deemed to be the minimum state fire and life safety standards where they are at least as protective as the CMS rules and regulations. (Refer to Table 102.13, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE)

(66) NFPA 90B, 2024 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Warm Air Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems.

The International Mechanical Code, as adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), shall be the applicable code replacing 90B with the exception of its application to Hospitals, hospices, ambulatory surgical centers, nursing homes, assisted living communities or other health care type facilities that are regulated by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) shall comply with the fire and life safety rules and regulations imposed by that agency even though codes and standards adopted by that agency may not be specifically included herein. The codes and standards adopted and modified herein shall also apply where applicable and shall be deemed to be the minimum state fire and life safety standards where they are at least as protective as the CMS rules and regulations. (Refer to Table 102.13, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE)

(67) NFPA 91, 2020 Edition, Standard for Exhaust Systems for Air Conveying of Vapors, Gases, Mists, and Noncombustible Particulate Solids.

No modifications.

(68) NFPA 92, 2020 Edition, Standard for Smoke Control Systems.

No modifications. Also see 909.2.1 (1) of the International Fire Code.

(69) NFPA 96, 2024 Edition, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Delete subsection 1.1.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 1.1.4 This standard shall apply to all commercial cooking equipment used for commercial cooking operations.
2. Delete subsection 1.1.5 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 1.1.5 This standard shall not apply to residential cooking equipment located in a single dwelling unit or to cooking equipment in facilities where all of the following are met:
 - (1) Only residential cooking equipment such as stoves, ranges or cooking surfaces traditionally used in dwelling units are being utilized.
 - (2) The defined residential equipment is used for food warming, limited cooking, rehabilitation training or in a home economic education classroom setup.
 - (3) The residential cooking equipment is protected by a listed self-contained residential fire suppression system located in an approved residential hood which is vented directly to the outside and providing protection to each cooking surface The self-contained fire suppression system for the defined residential cooking equipment need not be provided where protection is provided by an

approved automatic sprinkler system protecting the cooking surface, subject to approval of the authority having jurisdiction. The self-contained residential fire suppression system shall automatically disconnect electric power to electric stoves, and shut off the gas supply and electric power to gas fueled stoves, provided, however, this provision shall not be retroactive for installations approved prior to the effective adoption date of this standard.

- (4) The facility is not an assembly occupancy, provided, this shall not apply to church facilities with a single residential stove or range complying with (2) above.
- (5) Fire Extinguishers are located in all kitchen areas in accordance with NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, and this Code, as adopted with modifications.

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.6 to read as follows:

1.1.6 This standard, except for operational and maintenance provisions, shall not apply for conditions existing prior to March 9, 2010, subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction, and where a notarized statement that no frying operations will be performed is provided. This approval shall be void for cause when the authority having jurisdiction finds cooking operations involve frying operations. (See also 1.4.1)

(b) Modifications to Chapter 4:

1. Add a new paragraph 4.1.5.3 to read as follows:

4.1.5.3 In mobile cooking operations, the AHJ, or a Firm required to be licensed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Safety Fire Commissioner Chapter 120-3-23 shall not be responsible for ensuring compliance with Sections 4.2, 4.4, and 4.5.

2. Add a new paragraph 4.6.1.1 to read as follows:

4.6.1.1 Subsection 4.6.1 shall not apply to mobile or temporary cooking operations, but rather 4.6.5 shall apply.

(c) Modifications to Chapter 5:

1. Add a new Section 5.7 to read as follows:

5.7 **Compliance.** In mobile and temporary cooking operations, the AHJ, or a Firm required to be licensed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Safety Fire Commissioner Chapter 120-3-23 shall not be responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of Chapter 5.

(d) Modifications to Chapter 6:

1. Add a new Section 6.3 to read as follows:

6.3 **Compliance.** In mobile and temporary cooking operations, the AHJ, or a Firm required to be licensed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Safety Fire Commissioner Chapter 120-3-23 shall not be responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of Chapter 6.

(e) Modifications to Chapter 7:

1. Add a new Section 7.9 to read as follows:
 - 7.9 Compliance. In mobile and temporary cooking operations, the AHJ, or a Firm required to be licensed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Safety Fire Commissioner Chapter 120-3-23 shall not be responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of Chapter 7.
2. Add a new Section 8.5 to read as follows:
 - 8.5 Compliance. In mobile and temporary cooking operations, the AHJ, or a Firm required to be licensed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Safety Fire Commissioner Chapter 120-3-23 shall not be responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of Chapter 8.
3. Add a new Section 9.4 to read as follows:
 - 9.4 Compliance. In mobile and temporary cooking operations, the AHJ, or a Firm required to be licensed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Safety Fire Commissioner Chapter 120-3-23 shall not be responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of Sections 9.1 and 9.2.

(f) Modifications to Chapter 10:

1. Delete subsection 10.2.6 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 10.2.6 Automatic fire extinguishing systems shall be installed by competent personnel meeting Subject 120-3-23, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, licensing and permit requirements. In addition, such systems shall be installed in accordance with the terms of their listing, the manufacturer's instructions, and the following applicable standard(s):
 - (1) NFPA 12, Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems
 - (2) NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems
 - (3) NFPA 17, Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems
 - (4) NFPA 17A, Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems
 - (5) NFPA 750, Standard on Water Mist Fire Protection Systems
 - (6) NFPA 770, Standard on Hybrid (Water and Inert Gas) Fire Extinguishing Systems
2. Add a New Subsection 10.4.4.2 to read as follows:
 - 10.4.4.2 Shut off devices shall be located below any ceiling and be accessible.

(g) Modifications to Chapter 11:

1. Delete subsection 11.5.2 in its entirety without substitution.
2. Delete subsection 11.6.1 and replace with the following:
 - 11.6.1 Complete drawings of the system installation, including the hood(s), exhaust duct(s), and appliances, along with the interface of the fire-extinguishing system detectors, piping, nozzles, fuel and electric power shutoff devices, agent storage container(s), and manual actuation device(s), shall be located within the mobile cooking operation.

3. Add a new paragraph 11.6.2.3 and replace with the following:

11.6.2.3 For mobile and temporary cooking operations the certification shall be maintained on the mobile cooking unit or temporary cooking operation and made available to the AHJ on request.

(h) Modifications to Chapter 12:

1. Add a new paragraph 12.1.6.2 to read as follows:

12.1.6.2 The owner or owner's representative shall notify the AHJ in writing within 24 hours when a fire extinguishing system is tagged as non-compliant.

(i) Modifications to Chapter 14:

1. Delete Section 14.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

14.2 Design Restrictions. All recirculating systems shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 14.

14.2.1. Recirculating systems shall be limited to outdoor vending areas or rooms that are fully sprinklered.

(j) Add a New Chapter 16:

Chapter 16: Mobile and Temporary Cooking Operations

16.1 General Requirements

16.1.1 Annex B shall be adopted as mandatory requirements for mobile and temporary cooking operations.

16.1.2 Cooking equipment used in fixed, mobile, or temporary concessions, such as trucks, buses, trailers, pavilions, tents or any form of roofed enclosure shall comply with this chapter.

(k) Modifications to Chapter 17:

1. Add new paragraphs 17.1.1.1 and 17.1.1.2 to read as follows:

17.1.1.1 The AHJ shall not be responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of Sections 17.4 through 17.9 and 17.11 through 17.12 of this chapter.

17.1.1.2 Compliance with Sections 17.4 through 17.9 and 17.11 through 17.12 of this chapter shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of the mobile or temporary cooking operation.

2. Delete subsection 17.3.1 and replace with the following:

17.3.1 Temporary cooking operations conducted in tents shall comply with the International Fire Code as adopted in Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of The Safety Fire Commissioner.

(70) NFPA 99, 2024 Edition, Standard for Health Care Facilities.

Hospitals, hospices, ambulatory surgical centers, nursing homes, or other health care type facilities that are regulated by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) shall comply with the fire and life safety rules and

regulations imposed by that agency even though codes and standards adopted by that agency may not be specifically included herein. The codes and standards adopted and modified herein shall also apply where applicable and shall be deemed to be the minimum state fire and life safety standards where they are at least as protective as the CMS rules and regulations. Refer to Rule 120-3-3-.03 for definitions of "assisted living communities" and "memory care units". Such facilities are regulated, as appropriate by Chapters 34 or 35 of the Life Safety Code.

(71) NFPA 99B, 2024 Edition, Standard for Hypobaric Facilities.

No modifications.

(72) NFPA 101, 2024 Edition, Life Safety Code.

The 2024 Edition of the Life Safety Code is adopted with modifications so as to be applicable to proposed (new) and existing buildings and structures. Unless noted otherwise herein, operational provisions such as fire drills, emergency egress and relocation drills, development of fire or emergency plans, and regulation of decorations and contents of building and structures of the various provisions of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code shall not be applicable to proposed (new) or existing buildings, structures, facilities, or conditions. The operational provisions of the International Fire Code (IFC), as adopted by Subject 120-3-3, shall apply to proposed and existing buildings, structures, facilities, and conditions, unless such provisions are less protective than or are in conflict with the rules and regulations of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as they apply to health care related occupancies.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Delete paragraph (1) of subsection 1.1.9 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

- (1) General fire prevention or building construction features are normally a function of fire prevention codes and building codes. The International Fire Code (IFC), as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, and the International Building Code (IBC), as adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, are applicable, and their use along with other codes and standards shall be coordinated with this Code, as set forth in 1.4.4 and **Table 1.4.4, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE**

2. Add a new subsection 1.4.4 to read as follows:

1.4.4 Code Coordination. This Code shall apply to all proposed (new) and existing buildings, structures and facilities, except as herein provided, and shall be utilized in conjunction with the IBC, the IFC, the IMC, and the IFGC, to the degree provided in **Table 102.13 CODES REFERENCE GUIDE.**

1.4.4.1 This Code does not apply to one- and two-family dwellings or one-and two-family row houses (townhouses) separated by a 2-hour firewall, except as specified in Chapters 26, 30 and 31.

Table 102.13 Codes Reference Guide		
Area	Primary	Supplement
Occupancy Classification	LSC	IBC
Building Construction Types, including allowable height, allowable building area, and the requirements for sprinkler protection related to minimum building construction types	IBC	LSC
Means of Egress	LSC	NONE
Standpipes	IBC	IFC
Interior Finish	LSC	NONE

HVAC Systems	IMC	NONE
Vertical Openings	LSC	NONE
Sprinklers Systems minimum construction standard	LSC	NONE
Fire Alarm Systems	LSC	NONE
Smoke alarms & Smoke Detection Systems	State Statute & LSC	NONE
Portable Fire Extinguishers	IFC	NONE
Cooking Equipment	LSC & NFPA 96	NONE
Fuel Fired Appliances	IFGC	NFPA 54
Liquid Petroleum Gas	NFPA 58	NFPA 54
Compressed Natural Gas	NFPA 52	NONE

(b) Modifications to Chapter 3:

1. Delete 3.3.83 in its entirety and replace with a new 3.3.83 to read as follows:
 - 3.3.83 Evacuation Capability. Refer to Rule 120-3-3-.03 for Impractical, Prompt and Slow Evacuation Capability.

(c) Modifications to Chapter 4:

1. Delete Section 47 Fire Drills in its entirety and replace with the following:
 - 4.7 Fire Drills
 - 4.7.1 Where Required. Emergency egress and relocation drills, where required by Chapters 11 through 43 or the authority having jurisdiction shall be conducted as specified by the provisions of Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code as adopted by Subject 120-3-3.
2. Delete Section 4.8 Emergency Action Plans in its entirety and replace with the following:
 - 4.8 Emergency Action Plans
 - 4.8.1 Where Required. Emergency action plans where required by Chapters 11 through 43 or the authority having jurisdiction shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code as adopted by Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
3. Add a new 4.9 to read as follows
 - 4.9 Employee Training and Response Procedures.
 - 4.9.1 Employee Training and Response Procedures. Where required, employees in various occupancies of occupancies in Chapters 11

through 42 shall be trained in fire emergency procedures and evacuation procedures as required by Section 406 the applicable provisions of Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code, as adopted by Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

4. Add a new 4.10 to read as follows:

4.10 Occupancies Regulated By Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

4.10.1 Occupancies regulated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) shall be exempt from the requirements of Sections 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9 and shall comply with the requirements of CMS.

(d) **Modifications to Chapter 6:**

1. Delete subparagraph 6.1.14.4.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

6.1.14.4.1 Where separated occupancies are provided, each part of the building comprising a distinct occupancy as described in this chapter, shall be completely separated from other occupancies by fire resistive assemblies as specified in 6.1.14.4.2, and in Section 508 of the International Building Code, adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, as applicable to "separated occupancies", unless separation is provided by approved existing separations.

2. Delete subparagraph 6.1.14.4.3 in its entirety without substitution.

3. Delete Table 6.1.14.4.1(a) in its entirety without substitution.

4. Delete Table 6.1.14.4.1(b) in its entirety without substitution.

(e) **Modifications to Chapter 7:**

1. Add a new item (8) to subparagraph 7.2.1.4.1 to read as follows:

(8) For conditions or circumstances not covered herein, vertical fire shutters, roll down fire doors, or similar assemblies shall not be installed in means of egress, except where expressly permitted due to special hazards or circumstances by other chapters of this Code, or by approval of the Office of the State Fire Marshal for buildings coming under O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13](#), or by the fire authority having jurisdiction over other buildings.

2. Add a new subparagraph 7.2.1.8.2.1 to read as follows:

7.2.1.8.2.1 Where fire doors are used within the means of egress, they shall comply with the applicable provisions of 7.2.1. Spring loaded hinges or spring operated self-closing devices not listed for use with rated fire door assemblies are prohibited for use as closing devices for fire rated doors.

7.2.1.8.2.1.1 Existing applications utilizing spring loaded hinges in existing buildings may be continued in use where acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

7.2.1.8.2.1.2 Spring loaded hinges or spring operated self-closing devices shall not be permitted for use on fire-rated smoke doors, provided, however, spring loaded hinges may be used on non-rated doors designed and

installed to resist the passage of smoke, unless otherwise specified in Chapters 11 through 43.

7.2.1.8.2.1.3 Existing installations in existing buildings of spring loaded hinges on fire-rated smoke doors may be continued in use where acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3. Revise 7.2.2.2.1.1 (1) to read as follows.

- (1) New stairs shall be in accordance with Table 7.2.2.2.1.1(a) and 7.2.2.2.1.2 and the following shall apply:
 - (a) Risers shall either be solid or have an opening no greater than ¼ inch.

4. Revise 7.2.2.2.1.1 (3) to read as follows.

- (3) Approved existing stairs shall be permitted to be rebuilt in accordance with the following:
 - (a) Dimensional criteria of table 7.2.2.2.1.1 (b).
 - (b) Other stair requirements of 7.2.2.
 - (c) Risers shall either be solid or have openings no greater than ¼ inch.

5. Add a new subparagraph 7.2.3.10.3 to read as follows:

7.2.3.10.3 **Deactivation of Mechanical Pressurization Systems.** The design of pressurization systems shall ensure that smoke is not introduced into the pressurized enclosure so as to result in the untenable contamination of the fresh air. Approved smoke detectors shall be installed at each intake in such approved manner that the operation of the fan providing mechanical pressurization to the enclosure where smoke is detected shall be deactivated upon detection of smoke.

6. Add a new paragraph 7.3.1.2.1 to read as follows:

7.3.1.2.1 Where substantial evidence and documentation is provided, the authority having jurisdiction may set the occupant load for some occupancy use areas. The determined occupant load capacity shall be posted at an obvious location indicating the total occupant load capacity.

7.3.1.2.1.1 Indoor Specialty Sporting Facilities where activities such as pickle ball, batting cages, trampoline parks, skateboarding, gymnastics, martial arts, dancing, yogo, and those of a similar nature, the occupant load shall be permitted to be determined by the anticipated number of participants and spectators and not solely by the calculated occupant load utilizing the occupant load factors found in table 7.3.1.2.

7. Add to Table 7.3.1.2 entitled "Occupant Load Factor" the additional use areas to read as follows:

Use	ft ² per person	m ² per person
Locker Rooms	15	(1.4)

Free Weight Rooms	20	(1.9)
Running Tracks	50	(4.7)
Art Museums	30	(2.8)
Pool Halls	75	(6.9)
Multi-Purpose room	7	(0.65)
Airport terminals	30	(2.8)
Concourse	100	(9.3)
Waiting area	15	(1.4)
Baggage Claim	20	(1.9)
Baggage Handling	300	(27.9)"

8. Add a new subparagraph 7.4.1.1.1 to read as follows:

7.4.1.1.1 Egress stairways from mezzanines shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 7 of this Code. They may be open to the floor of the room in which they are located provided all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The space beneath the mezzanine is totally open and unencumbered by partitioned rooms or spaces. The space beneath the mezzanine may be enclosed provided the enclosed space is protected throughout with a smoke detection system installed in accordance with NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, which sounds an alarm in the mezzanine.
- (2) The travel distance from the most remote point on the floor of the mezzanine to the building exit or to a protected egress corridor, exit court, horizontal passageway, enclosed stair, or exterior exit balcony does not exceed the travel distance limitations of Chapters 11 through 42.
- (3) The occupant load of the mezzanine is added to the occupant load of the story or room in which it is located for the purposes of determining the minimum egress requirements.
- (4) The mezzanine is not occupied for sleeping purposes unless there are exterior windows accessible to the mezzanine and located not more than two stories above grade.

9. Add a new paragraph 7.7.1.5 to subsection 7.7.1 to read as follows:

7.7.1.5 Where the exit discharge termination cannot be at a public way, or the authority having jurisdiction determines it to be a significant hardship to provide the termination at a public way, the authority having jurisdiction may approve the exit discharge termination to be a safe dispersal area that complies with the following:

- (1) The dispersal area shall be located on the same lot at least 50 feet (15240 mm) away from the building requiring egress. A greater distance may be required by the authority having jurisdiction based on the evaluated fire severity or other risk from the building requiring egress.

10. Add a new subsection 7.7.7 to read as follows:

7.7.7 Discharge from exits into fenced or walled courtyards or yards.

- 7.7.7.1 For occupancies covered by Chapters 14, 15, 16, 17, 32, 33, 34, and 35 exits shall be permitted to discharge into fenced or walled courtyards or yards, provided the courtyard or yard is provided with a gate at least 32 inches (0.81 m) in clear width. Where the population served exceeds 50, two gates shall be provided. There shall be adequate exit capacity provided for the population served. The requirements of 7.4.1.2 shall apply. Gates are permitted to be locked if adequate provisions are made for the rapid removal of occupants by means such as remote control of locks, keying of all locks to keys carried by staff at all times, or other such reliable means available to the staff at all times that is approved by the authority having jurisdiction. Only one locking device shall be permitted on each gate.
- 7.7.7.2 The provisions of 7.7.7.1 shall not be construed as prohibiting the use of fenced or walled courtyards as components of the discharge of exits as set forth in Chapters 22 and 23.
- 7.7.7.3 The provisions of various occupancy chapters dealing with a "lock-up", as defined in 3.3.179, shall not be construed as applying to the exit discharge provisions of 7.7.7.1, provided, however, exits from approved lock-ups may discharge into fenced or walled areas complying with the provisions of Chapter 22 or 23 as may be applicable, and as approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

(f) Modifications to Chapter 8:

- 1. Delete paragraph 8.2.1.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 8.2.1.2 The International Building Code (IBC) as adopted by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) shall be used to determine the requirements for the construction classification.
- 2. Add a new subparagraph 8.2.1.2.1 and Table 8.2.1.2.1 to read as follows:
 - 8.2.1.2.1 **Construction Conversion Table.** The table noted herein provides a comparison of acceptable construction types as defined in NFPA Standard 220 and the International Building Code (IBC).

Table 8.2.1.2.1 Conversion Table for the IBC and NFPA 220 Construction Types										
NFPA 220	Type I (443)	Type I (332)	Type II (222)	Type II (111)	Type II (000)	Type III (211)	Type III (200)	Type IV (2HH)	Type V (111)	Type V (000)
IBC	---	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB

- 3. Add a new to sub-paragraph 8.2.2.2.1 to read as follows:
 - 8.2.2.2.1 Fire barriers/walls required for tenant separation by the IBC may terminate at exit access corridors with a lower fire rating including a non-rated smoke resistive barrier, if such barriers are allowed by the requirements for the protection rating of exit access corridors.

4. Add a new paragraph 8.3.1.2.1 to read follows:
 - 8.3.1.2.1 2-hour fire barriers shall occur at the junction of new and existing construction when the existing construction does not meet the minimum requirements of the code for existing facilities. Such barriers shall not be extended into the new construction.

5. Add a new 8.3.3.6.12 to read as follows:
 - 8.3.3.6.12 Tested and listed fire-rated glazing material installed in separately tested fire-rated frame assemblies not tested in a single unit with fire-rated glazing material may be permitted to be used subject to approval of the authority having jurisdiction in fire-rated barriers that are not part of an exit enclosure or enclosures around unsprinklered hazardous areas not containing flammable liquids or gases, combustible liquids, or other materials having the potential for rapid oxidation or explosion potential.

6. Add a new 8.3.3.6.12 to read as follows:
 - 8.3.3.6.12 Tested and listed fire-rated glazing material installed in separately tested fire-rated frame assemblies not tested in a single unit with fire-rated glazing material may be permitted to be used subject to approval of the authority having jurisdiction in fire-rated barriers that are not part of an exit enclosure or enclosures around unsprinklered hazardous areas not containing flammable liquids or gases, combustible liquids, or other materials having the potential for rapid oxidation or explosion potential.

7. Delete 8.7.3.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 8.7.3.1 The use, handling and storage of flammable or combustible liquids, flammable gases, or other materials deemed hazardous to the safety of life shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of the International Fire Code (IFC), as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 or in accordance with the applicable codes or standards.

(g) Modifications to Chapter 9:

1. Delete 9.1.1 in its entirety and insert in its place the following:
 - 9.1.1 **Gas.** Equipment using gas and related gas piping shall be in accordance with the International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code, or NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, as may be applicable and as adopted by the applicable Chapters of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. Refer to Table 1.4.4, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE. Existing installations, subject to approval of the authority having jurisdiction, shall be permitted to be continued in service.

2. Add a new paragraph 9.1.1.1 to read as follows:
 - 9.1.1.1 Where fuel gases are used in new buildings and facilities in Chapters 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 fuel gases detection and warning equipment shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 715 Standard for the Installation of Fuel Gases Detection and Warning Equipment as adopted in Rules and Regulations of the safety Fire Commissioner Subject 120-3-3.

3. Add a new paragraph 9.1.1.2 to read as follows:

- 9.1.1.2 Where fuel gas equipment is replaced or installed new in existing buildings and facilities in Chapters 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 40 and 42 fuel gases detection and warning equipment shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 715 Standard for the Installation of Fuel Gases Detection and Warning Equipment as adopted in Rules and Regulations of the safety Fire Commissioner Subject 120-3-3.
4. Delete 9.2.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
- 9.2.1 Air Conditioning, Heating, Ventilating, Ductwork, and Related Equipment. Air conditioning, heating, ventilating ductwork, and related equipment shall be in accordance with the International Mechanical Code (IMC), as adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. (Refer to Table 1.4.4, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE).
5. Add Subsection 9.2.3.1 to read as follows:
- 9.2.3.1 Where required by Chapters 16, 26, 28, and 30 domestic cooking equipment designed for residential use shall comply with one of the following:
- (a) It shall be provided with a recirculating residential hood.
 - (b) The ceiling above the stove shall be covered with Type X or other fire-rated gypsum board a minimum of 5/8 inch (15.88 mm) thick or a non-combustible material.
 - (c) Where domestic cooking equipment designed for residential use is installed and has a residential hood that is vented, the hood shall be vented directly through an outside wall to the outside of the building. The vent pipe shall not pass through any combustible or limited combustible floor, combustible or limited combustible floor/ceiling assembly, or combustible or limited combustible attic space.
6. Delete section 9.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
- 9.3.1 General. Smoke control systems, where required or permitted by Chapters 11 through 42, shall be designed, installed, tested, and maintained in conformance with Section 909 of the International Fire Code (IFC), as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
7. Add a new subsection 9.3.2 to read as follows:
- 9.3.2 Detention, holding or processing cell(s) which are used for the containment of an individual for not more than two hours in a 12-hour period shall not be required to be provided with vent openings, smoke shafts, or an engineered smoke control system to provide ventilation provided each cell is monitored by closed circuit television or dedicated personnel located outside the holding area and which have visual supervision of the cell(s).
8. Delete subsection 9.4.2.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
- 9.4.2.1 New elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, and moving walks shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/ASME A17.1, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators. The elevator lobby of the designated floor and the alternate floor specified by Rule 211.3(a), and determined by the Fire Chief of the fire department having emergency

response jurisdiction, shall be separated from the remainder of the building by 1-hour fire-rated construction. In buildings equipped with automatic sprinkler protection, smoke partitions in accordance with Section 8.4 may be used in lieu of 1-hour fire rated construction. Except health care occupancies as approved by the AHJ, openings in the elevator lobby shall be limited to those required for access to the elevators from exit access corridors or exits only. Elevator lobbies may be used as part of the means of egress from the building.

Exception No. 1: Elevator lobbies are not required within an atrium.

Exception No. 2: Elevator lobbies are not required where elevators are installed on open exterior walls.

Exception No. 3: Elevator lobbies are not required where elevators are installed in open air parking structures.

Exception No 4: Elevator lobbies are not required in buildings three stories or less with vertical openings protected in accordance with the applicable occupancy chapter.

Exception No 5: Elevator lobbies are not required in mercantile occupancies that have properly protected openings for escalators or stairs.

Exception No 6: Existing installations acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

Exception No 7: Designated floor elevator lobbies are not required when pressurized hoistways are provided in accordance with the IBC.

9. Add Subparagraph (5) to 9.6.3.10.2 to read as follows:

- (5) The means for transmitting live voice announcements shall not be located in a mechanical or electrical room or any other locked room. The means for transmitting live voice announcements shall be located in a constantly attended area.

10. Add a new subparagraph 9.6.2.10.8.1 to read as follows:

- 9.6.2.10.8.1 Existing battery-powered smoke alarms as permitted by other sections of this Code shall be permitted to remain in use provided the following criteria are met:
 1. The device is no older than 10 years of the manufactures date on the device; and,
 2. The device is installed in a facility that was legally permitted before July 1, 1987, as a residential occupancy; and,
 3. The facility has demonstrated to the authority having jurisdiction that the testing, maintenance, and battery replacement program will ensure reliability of power to the smoke alarms.

11. Add a new subparagraph 9.6.2.10.8.2 to read as follows:

- 9.6.2.10.8.2 Existing battery-powered smoke alarms as permitted by other sections of this Code and which meet the provisions of subparagraph 9.6.2.10.8.1 shall be replaced with smoke alarms

whose device housing is tamper resistant and is powered by a non-replaceable, non-removable energy source capable of powering the alarm for a minimum of ten years from the manufacturer's date on the device when any of the following apply:

1. The device is replaced for any reason; or,
2. The provisions of subparagraph 9.6.2.10.8.1 or not met; or,
3. There is no manufacturer's date that exist on the device; or,
4. The device does not meet all of the provisions of subparagraph 9.6.2.10.8.1.

12. Add a new subparagraph 9.6.3.6.3 to read as follows:

9.6.3.6.3 Where occupants are incapable of evacuating themselves because of age, dependence on verbal communication with caregivers, physical or mental disabilities, or physical restraint, the private operating mode as described in NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, shall be permitted to be used. Only attendants, caregivers, and other personnel that are required to relocate or assist in the relocation occupants from a zone, area, floor, or building shall be required to be notified. The notification shall include means to readily identify the zone, area, floor, or building in need of evacuation. Where approved by the authority having jurisdiction, the requirements for audible signaling shall be permitted to be further reduced or eliminated when visible signaling is provided in accordance with NFPA 72.

13. Add an Annex Note to 9.6.3.6.3 to read as follows:

A.9.6.3.6.3 For example, in critical care patient areas, it is often desirable to not have an audible fire alarm even at reduced private mode levels. Another example would be classrooms for small children in daycare or educational occupancies, where verbal communication is vital between caregivers or teachers and children during drills or during an actual fire or other emergency condition. Audible alarms often frighten small children and valuable time may be lost while trying to calm such children. Also, audible alarms at or near locations where clear communications is required may present a problem. A school office or a receptionist desk common to various occupancies are examples. An additional example of where an audible fire alarm could be a problem would be high noise level work areas where an audible signal needed to overcome background noise at one time of the day would be excessively loud and potentially dangerous at another time of lower ambient noise. A sudden increase of more than 30 dB over 0.5 seconds is considered to cause sudden and potentially dangerous fright. Each case requires individual consideration by the authority having jurisdiction.

14. Add a new subparagraph 9.7.1.1.1 to read as follows:

9.7.1.1.1 NFPA 13R, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies up to and Including Four Stories in Heights, shall be permitted for use as specifically referenced in Chapters 24 through 33 of this Code. This standard shall also be permitted for the design and installation of automatic sprinkler systems in personal care homes, community living arrangements, day-care centers, and day-care homes in buildings up to and including four stories. When a

single-story open-air parking structure of fire-restrictive construction is below a four-story residential occupancy the structure is considered within this scope. NFPA 13R automatic sprinkler systems shall not be permitted in assisted living communities or memory care units, as defined in Rule 120-3-3-.03, unless authorized by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

15. Add a new subparagraph 9.7.2.1.3

9.7.2.1.3 Where approved by the authority having jurisdiction valves on the exterior of buildings are permitted to be supervised by one of the following methods:

- (1) Valves locked in the correct position and inspected weekly as part of an approved procedure.
- (2) Valves located in a fenced enclosure under the control of the owner, sealed in the open position, and inspected weekly as part of an approved procedure.

9.7.2.1.3.1 Records shall be made for all inspections required by 9.7.2.1.3 (1) and (2) and shall be made available to the authority having jurisdiction upon request. These records shall be maintained for a period of 3 years.

9.7.2.1.3.2 The valve supervision methods described in 9.7.3.1.3 shall not apply to hospitals, hospices, ambulatory surgical centers, nursing homes, assisted living communities, assisted living homes, memory care units or other health care type occupancies or facilities that are regulated by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

16. Delete paragraph 9.9 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

9.9 Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in all buildings, structures and facilities as set forth in this Code and as established in 906.1 of the International Fire Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. (Refer to Table 1.4.4, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE)

17. Delete paragraph 9.10 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

9.10 Where required by either the provisions of another section of this Code, the International Building Code (IBC) as adopted by the Department of Community Affairs or the International Fire Code (IFC) as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, standpipe and hose systems shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 14, Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems. Where standpipe and hose systems are installed in combination with automatic sprinkler systems, installation shall be in accordance with the appropriate provisions established by NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, and NFPA 14, Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems.

(h) **Modifications to Chapter 10:**

1. Delete Subsection 10.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

SECTION 10.3 Decorations and Furnishings.

10.3.1 The use of decorative materials (vegetative and non-vegetative), as defined in Chapter 2 of the International Fire Code, and furnishings in proposed (new) and existing buildings shall be regulated as set forth by Sections 805, 806, 807, and 808 of the International Fire Code (IFC), as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(i) **Modifications to Chapter 11:**

1. Add a new Subsection 11.1.9 to read as follows:

11.1.9 Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with Section 9.9 where the provisions of Section 11.1 are required.
2. Add a new item (4) to paragraph 11.7.3.4 to read follows:

(4) This requirement shall not apply to existing windowless or underground structures, excluding Chapter 15, with an occupant load of 100 or fewer persons in the windowless or underground portions of the structure.
3. Delete subsection 11.8.2.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

11.8.2.3 **Smoke Proof Enclosures.** High-rise buildings shall be provided with smoke proof exit enclosures in accordance with 7.2.3.
4. Delete subsection 11.11 Tents and all subsections thereunder in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

11.11.5.1 **Tents.** Tents shall comply with all applicable requirements of Chapter 31 of the International Fire Code as adopted in the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner Subject 120-3-3.

(j) **Modifications to Chapter 12:**

1. Delete paragraph 12.3.5.1 in its entirety without substitution.
2. Delete paragraphs 12.4.7.11.1, 12.4.7.11.2 and 12.4.7.11.4 in their entirety and substitute in their place a new 12.4.7.11.1, paragraph 12.4.7.11.3 remains unchanged:

12.4.7.11.1 Flame retardant requirements shall be in accordance with 12.7.4.
3. Delete 12.4.9.1.2 (3) and replace with a new 12.4.9.1.2 (3) to read as follows:

(3) Class C: Special amusement buildings not open to the public in excess of 45 days in a twelve-month period or mobile special amusement buildings.
4. Add a new subparagraph 12.4.9.5.3 to read as follows:

12.4.9.5.3 Class C special amusement buildings are not required to meet 12.4.9.5.1 provided all the following conditions are met:

 1. Portable fire extinguishers with a minimum of a 2A:10B:C rating are placed within 25 feet of each activity or viewing station, so as to be readily accessible and visible to staff;
 2. Interconnected smoke alarms with tamper proof battery back up located at each activity or viewing station and located throughout corridors, halls and any unoccupied areas with a smoke alarm

with audible and visual indication at a constantly attended location shall be allowed to meet the requirements of 12.4.9.4.1.2 and 12.4.9.4.2.2.

3. In addition to emergency lighting, all staff shall be provided with flashlights;
 4. Personnel dedicated for the sole purpose of performing fire watch duties as defined in Chapter 2 of the International Fire Code and as be deemed necessary for specific circumstances by the authority having jurisdiction, shall be provided in such numbers to ensure the entire special amusement space is surveyed continuously starting 30 minutes prior to public occupancy. Such personnel shall be provided with a direct communication device for communication with all viewing or activity stations throughout the facility. In addition, such personnel shall be provided with appropriate training for the operation of portable fire extinguishing equipment;
 5. Communication to the responding fire department or emergency dispatch center is available from the facility (a regular telephone or at least two cell phones are acceptable);
 6. "NO SMOKING" signs shall be posted at entrances to the building. Receptacles for the discard of smoking material shall be located a minimum of 15 feet (9.1 m) from the structure and shall be clearly identified by applicable signage;
 7. Documentation of fire watch tours required by item 4 above is maintained. The documentation, at the minimum, shall note the timeframe the tour was conducted the name of personnel conducting the tour, and information about any hazards identified and actions taken to remove such hazards. Such documentation shall be readily available to the code official upon request.
5. Delete subsection 12.7.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
- 12.7.3 Open Flame and Pyrotechnics. No open flame devices or pyrotechnic devices shall be used in any assembly occupancy, unless otherwise provided by 12.7.3.1 through 12.7.3.4.
 - 12.7.3.1 As set forth in the exceptions to 308.3 of the IFC, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3.
 - 12.7.3.2 This requirement shall not apply to heat-producing equipment complying with 9.2.2.
 - 12.7.3.3 This requirement shall not apply to food service operations in accordance with 13.7.1.
 - 12.7.3.4 Gas lights shall be permitted to be used, provided that precautions subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction are taken to prevent ignition of any combustible materials.
6. Delete subsection 12.7.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
- 12.7.4 Scenery, Decorations, and Furnishings. Combustible decorations, curtains, draperies, similar furnishings, and scenery of cloth, film, foam plastic,

vegetation, and similar materials shall meet the applicable provisions of 805, 806, 807, and 808 of the International Fire Code (IFC), as set forth in SECTION 10-3 of this Code. The authority having jurisdiction shall impose additional controls, as he or she deems necessary, on the quantity and arrangement of combustible contents in assembly occupancies to provide an adequate level of safety to life from fire. Refer to the definition for "decorative materials" in Chapter 2 of the International Fire Code.

7. Delete section 12.7.5.4 and subsections 12.7.5.4.1 through 12.7.5.4.4 and substitute in its place the following:
 - 12.7.5.4 Vehicles. Vehicles on display indoors or within an exhibition facility shall comply with 2018 International Fire Code Section 314.4 as adopted in rules and regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner Chapter 120-3-3.
8. Delete Subsection 12.7.7 in its entirety and replace it with the following:
 - 12.7.7. The employees and attendants of assembly occupancies shall be trained and drilled in the duties they are to perform in accordance with Section 4.7.
9. Delete subsection 12.7.13 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 12.7.13 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Assembly occupancies (Group A) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.8 and 4.9.

(k) Modifications to Chapter 13:

1. Delete paragraph 13.3.5.1 in its entirety without substitution.
2. Delete paragraphs 13.4.7.11.1, 13.4.7.11.2 and 13.4.7.11.4 in their entirety and replace with a new paragraph 13.4.7.11.1 to read as follows. Paragraph 13.4.7.11.3 remains unchanged.
 - 13.4.7.11.1 Flame retardant requirements shall be in accordance with 13.7.4.
3. Delete 13.4.9.1.2 (3) and replace with a new 13.4.9.1.2 (3) to read as follows:
 - 13.4.9.1.2(3) Class C: Special amusement building not open to the public in excess of 45 days in a twelve-month period or mobile special amusement buildings.
4. Add a new paragraph 13.4.9.5.3 to read as follows:
 - 13.4.9.5.3 Class C special amusement buildings are not required to meet 13.4.9.5.1 provided all the following conditions are met:
 1. Portable fire extinguishers with a minimum of a 2A:10B:C rating are placed within 25 feet of each activity or viewing station, so as to be readily accessible and visible to staff;
 2. Interconnected smoke alarms with tamper proof battery back up located at each activity or viewing station and located throughout corridors, halls and any unoccupied areas with a smoke alarm with audible and visual indication at a constant attended location shall be allowed to meet the requirements of 13.4.9.4.1.2 and 13.4.9.4.2.2.;

3. In addition to emergency lighting, all staff shall be provided with flashlights;
 4. Personnel dedicated for the sole purpose of performing fire watch duties as defined in Chapter 2 of the International Fire Code and as be deemed necessary for specific circumstances by the authority having jurisdiction, shall be provided in such numbers to ensure the entire special amusement space is surveyed continuously starting 30 minutes prior to public occupancy. Such personnel shall be provided with a direct communication device for communication with all viewing or activity stations throughout the facility. In addition such personnel shall be provided with appropriate training for the operation of portable fire extinguishing equipment;
 5. Communication to the responding fire department or emergency dispatch center is available from the facility (a regular telephone or at least two cell phones are acceptable);
 6. "NO SMOKING" signs shall be posted at entrances to the building. Receptacles for the discard of smoking material shall be located a minimum of 15 feet (9.1 m) from the structure and shall be clearly identified by applicable signage;
 7. Documentation of fire watch tours required by item 4 above is maintained. The documentation, at the minimum, shall note the timeframe the tour was conducted the name of personnel conducting the tour, and information about any hazards identified and actions taken to remove such hazards. Such documentation shall be readily available to the code official upon request.
5. Delete subsection 13.7.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
- 13.7.3 Open Flame and Pyrotechnics. No open flame devices or pyrotechnic devices shall be used in any assembly occupancy.
 - 13.7.3.1 This requirement shall not apply as set forth in the exceptions to 308.3.1 of the International Fire Code (IFC), as adopted by Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
 - 13.7.3.2 This requirement shall not apply to heat-producing equipment complying with 9.2.2.
 - 13.7.3.3 This requirement shall not apply to food service operations in accordance with 13.7.2.
 - 13.7.3.4 Gas lights shall be permitted to be used, provided that precautions subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction are taken to prevent ignition of any combustible materials.
6. Delete subsection 13.7.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
- 13.7.4 Scenery, Decorations, and Furnishings. Combustible decorations, curtains, draperies, similar furnishings, and scenery of cloth, film, foam plastic, vegetation, and similar materials shall meet the applicable provisions of 805, 806, 807, and 808 of the International Fire Code (IFC), as set forth in SECTION 10-3 of this Code. The authority having jurisdiction shall impose

additional controls, as he or she deems necessary, on the quantity and arrangement of combustible contents in assembly occupancies to provide an adequate level of safety to life from fire. (Refer to the definition for "decorative materials" in Chapter 2 of the International Fire Code.

7. Delete section 13.7.5.4 and subsections 13.7.5.4.1 through 13.7.5.4.4 and substitute in its place the following:

13.7.5.4 Vehicle. Vehicles on display indoors or within an exhibition facility shall comply with 2018 International Fire Code Section 314.4 as adopted in rules and regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner Chapter 120-3-3.

8. Delete subsection 13.7.7 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

13.7.7. The employees and attendants of assembly occupancies shall be trained and drilled in the duties they are to perform in accordance with Section 4.7.

9. Delete Subsection 13.7.13 in its entirety and replace with the following:

13.7.13 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Assembly occupancies (Group A) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.8 and 4.9.

(I) Modifications to Chapter 14:

1. Add a new paragraph 14.1.1.6 to read as follows:

14.1.1.6 Mobile or Portable Classrooms. Each mobile or portable classroom shall not be occupied until the required Certificate of Occupancy has been authorized by the State Fire Marshal's Office, the proper local fire marshal, state inspector, or others authorized by O.C.G.A. § [25-2-12](#).

(a) For the purposes of this code the term mobile or portable classroom shall also include relocatable buildings.

2. Add a new subparagraph 14.1.1.6.1 to read as follows:

14.1.1.6.1 Classification. Mobile or portable classroom structures, as defined in 120-3-3-.03 of Subject 120-3-3 shall also be classified as Group E - Educational occupancies and shall comply with the provisions of this section and other sections applicable to Group E - Educational occupancies, except as may be provided otherwise elsewhere in this Code or in Subject 120-3-3.

3. Add a new subparagraph 14.1.1.6.2 to read as follows:

14.1.1.6.2 Plans and specifications for proposed mobile or portable classrooms shall be submitted to and receive approval by either the State Fire Marshal's Office, the proper local fire marshal, state inspector, or others authorized by O.C.G.A. § [25-2-12](#) prior to construction. A Georgia registered architect or engineer must place his or her seal on the plans submitted. Submitted plans must include a site plan that is drawn to scale and showing clearances from other mobile or portable classroom structures and other structures. Such site plan shall also show the exit discharge route(s) to a public way in accordance with this Code, or where such is not possible, to an approved area of refuge.

4. Add a new subparagraph 14.1.1.6.3 to read as follows:
 - 14.1.1.6.3 Proposed mobile or portable classrooms shall comply with the various provisions of this Code applying to classrooms in educational occupancies (Group E - Educational), unless otherwise specified.

5. Add a new subparagraph 14.1.1.5.4 to read as follows:
 - 14.1.1.6.4 Locating Mobile/Portable Classroom Structures. Mobile/portable classrooms shall not be installed within 30 feet (9.1 m) of any exposed building or structure, or within 30 feet (9.1 m) of another exposed mobile/portable classroom unit. The mobile/portable classroom unit shall not be connected to any other unit, or to other buildings or structures by a canopy of combustible construction. The distance between a mobile/portable classroom unit and an exposed building or structure, that is totally protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system, may be reduced to 10 feet (3.05 m), provided, the exposed exterior wall is of noncombustible construction, and there are no windows or doors in the exposed wall of the building within 30 feet (9.1 m) of the mobile/portable classroom unit. The distance may be reduced to 0 feet if the exposed wall is of noncombustible construction having a certified fire resistance rating of at least 2-hours and without openings within 30 feet (9.1 m) of the exposing mobile/portable classroom unit.

6. Add a new paragraph 14.2.1.4.1, to read as follows:
 - 14.2.1.4.1 The provisions of 14.2.1.2 and 14.2.1.3 shall not apply to educational facilities that meet the requirements of 16.1.6.

7. Add a new subparagraph 14.2.2.2.2.1 to read as follows:
 - 14.2.2.2.2.1 Doors serving as exits from mobile/portable classrooms shall not be less than 32 inches (0.91 m) in clear width, swing outward with exit travel onto landings at least 4 feet by 4 feet (1.2 m by 1.2 m), and have steps or ramps complying with applicable provisions of this Code. This includes guardrails and graspable handrails. Steps and ramps serving fewer than 50 persons may be 36 inches (0.91m) in clear width.

8. Add a new paragraph (5) to 14.2.11.1.1 to read as follows:
 - (5) Windows may open onto a court or an enclosed court provided all of the following criteria are met:
 - (a) The court shall be of sufficient width such that persons exiting through the courtyard will be at a minimum dimension not less than 10 feet (3 m) from any portion of the building that could present an exposure condition to a fire.
 - (b) The court has exits directly to the exterior of the building through an exit passageway that is separated out from all other parts of the building by 2-hour fire-rated construction. No space other than exit corridors protected by 'B' labeled 1 1/2-hour fire doors, whether normally occupied or not, shall open onto this required exit passageway.
 - (c) The exit capacity for the exit passageway shall be of sufficient width for the corridors connected to it as well as the enclosed court calculated at 15 square feet (1.4 sq. m) per person or minimum number of students subject to exiting into the court, whichever is the greater of the two.

- (d) The travel distance from any point in a connecting classroom to the exterior of the building through the exit passageway shall not exceed 150 feet (45.7 m).
- (e) The court is provided with emergency lighting to direct occupants to the exit(s) in accordance with Section 5.9.
- (f) The exit(s) from the court is/are clearly marked in accordance with Section 7.10.

9. Add a new paragraph 14.2.11.4 to read as follows:

14.2.11.4 School Hallway Interior Emergency Lockdown Defense (SHIELD). The installation of a School Hallway Interior Emergency Lockdown Defense (SHIELD) shall be permitted in educational occupancies provided all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) Activation shall be by means of depressing a panic button or pull station marked for emergency SHIELD available to school administration at a central location. Additional activation may be by telephone code.
- (2) System activation shall automatically contact law enforcement authorities upon activation.
- (3) Cross corridor doors may be provided with magnetic hold open devices to release upon activation of the system.
- (4) Upon activation of the system, cross corridor doors shall be permitted to be kept in the closed position with magnetic locks.
- (5) System hardware shall be provided with emergency power or battery back-up in event of loss of power.
- (6) Smoke detectors shall be provided within 15 feet of cross corridor doors on the classroom egress side for each corridor zone and be identified distinctly from other required detectors. Such detectors upon activation by smoke shall release door mag locks for the locked zone to freely open. Detectors are not required to be interconnected into the building's fire alarm system. Smoke detectors for SHIELD shall not be installed on the entry side of cross corridor doors for the corridor zone.
- (7) Card readers with keypad shall be installed on the ingress side of the doors requiring a PIN code and card swipe to deactivate for the activated corridor zone.
- (8) Keypad shall be installed on the egress side of the doors only requiring a PIN code for deactivation of the door mag locks for the activated corridor zone.
- (9) A blue light strobe and horn, distinct from that of the fire alarm may be provided to deter intruders.
- (10) Staff shall be adequately trained on the intent and operation of the system with the conduction of mock drills.

10. Add a new paragraph 14.2.11.4.1 to read as follows:

14.2.11.4.1 (SHIELD) Activation. The SHIELD system shall only be activated in the following circumstances:

- (1) The event of an intruder upon school premises.
- (2) For the purposes of testing the system.
- (3) For the purposes of conducting drills related to an intruder upon school premises.

11. Add a new subparagraph 14.3.2.2.1 to read as follows:

14.3.2.2.1 Residential type cooking equipment. Residential type cooking equipment located in food preparation areas of home economic labs may be protected by a listed self-contained residential fire suppression systems located in a residential hood over each cooking surface, with the exhaust hood vented directly to the outside of the building. The fire suppression system shall automatically disconnect electric power to electric stoves or shut off the gas supply to gas fueled stoves. Food preparation areas located in home economics labs need not be so protected where located in a fully sprinklered building or where protection is provided in accordance with 9.7.1.2, provided, however, the exhaust hood shall still be required to be vented to the outside of the building.

12. Delete subparagraph 14.3.4.3.1.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

14.3.4.3.1.1 Occupant notification shall be by means of audible and visual alarm devices in accordance with 9.6.3 and Chapter 120-2-20, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

13. Delete paragraph 14.3.5.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following.

14.3.5.1 Educational occupancy buildings shall be protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.7 except as otherwise permitted by 14.3.5.2 or 14.3.5.7.

14. Delete item (3) from paragraph 14.3.5.2 and replace with new item (3)

(3) relocatable buildings complying with all of the following:

- (a) Building contains a maximum of 2 classrooms.
- (b) Each classroom has 2 independent doors remotely located in accordance with 7.5.1.3 of this code leading directly to the outside of the building. One door shall be allowed to exit through the second classroom.
- (c) Building is located not less than 30 feet (9.1 m) from another building or other relocatable building.
- (d) Building has a fire alarm system connected to the main school building fire alarm.

15. Add a new subparagraph 14.3.5.6 to read as follows:

14.3.5.6 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in educational occupancies, including mobile/portable classrooms, in accordance with 9.9.

14.3.5.6.1 In lieu of locating portable fire extinguishers in corridors and normal paths of travel as specified in NFPA Standard 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, portable fire extinguishers may be located in rooms that open directly onto such corridors and paths of travel, provided, all of the following are met:

- (a) The rooms in which such portable fire extinguishers are placed are located in close proximity to that portion of the corridor where a portable fire extinguisher would normally be placed in accordance with NFPA Standard 10.
- (b) A sign which states, in white letters at least one inch in height on a red background, "PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER LOCATED IN THIS ROOM", is placed on the corridor wall immediately adjacent to the entrance(s) of each such room so that it can be clearly seen at all times.
- (c) The rooms in which such portable fire extinguishers are placed shall be constantly supervised during school hours.
- (d) These rooms cannot be subject to being locked at any time the building is occupied.

16. Add a new paragraph 14.3.5.7 to read as follows:

14.3.5.7 Educational occupancy buildings Of not greater than 12,000 ft square (1120 meter square) shall be permitted where all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) Limited to single story buildings without basements.
- (2) Buildings complying with all other requirements for new Educational occupancy buildings.

17. Add a new item 6 to subsection 14.3.6 to read as follows:

6. Door closing devices are not required on doors in corridor wall openings other than those serving exits or required enclosures of hazardous areas.

18. Add paragraph 14.3.7.4 to read as follows:

14.3.7.4 Subdivision of Building Spaces For Shelter-In-Place.

14.3.7.4.1 Where the safety of educational occupants cannot be ensured adequately by dependence on evacuation of the building, their protection from fire shall be provided by appropriate arrangement of facilities; adequate, trained staff; and development of operating and maintenance procedures composed of the following:

- (1) Design, construction, and compartmentation
- (2) Provision for detection, alarm, and extinguishment
- (3) Fire prevention procedures and planning, training, and drilling programs for the isolation of fire,

transfer of occupants to areas of refuge, or evacuation of the building.

14.3.7.4.2 Total evacuation of an educational occupancy may not be required when all the following criteria are met:

- (1) The building is protected throughout by an approved supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 9.7 and shall be in accordance with 9.7.1.1 (1).
- (2) Each smoke compartment shall have a separate flow switch on the sprinkler system to indicate water flow.
- (3) The building has a fire alarm system in accordance with Section 9.6.
- (4) Each smoke compartment has a separate zone indicated on the fire alarm system.

14.3.7.4.3 The building shall be subdivided into compartments by smoke barriers having not less than a 1-hour fire resistance rating and complying with Section 8.5 where one or both of the following conditions exist:

- (1) The maximum floor area, including the aggregate area of all floors having a common atmosphere, exceeds 30,000 ft² (2800 m²).
- (2) The length or width of the building exceeds 300 ft (91 m).

14.3.7.4.4 The requirements of 14.3.7.3 shall apply.

14.3.7.4.5 Travel distance from any point to reach a door in the required smoke barrier does not exceed 200 ft. (61 m).

14.3.7.4.6 Not less than 20 net ft² (1.9 m²) per person, shall be provided within the aggregate area of corridors, classrooms, lounge and dining areas, gymnasiums, auditoriums, and other low hazard areas on each side of the smoke barrier.

14.3.7.4.7 Doors in smoke barriers shall comply with Sections 18.3.7.6, 18.3.7.7, 18.3.7.8, 18.3.7.9 and 18.3.7.10.

14.3.7.4.8 Doors in smoke barriers shall be allowed to be connected to any SHIELD system installed, provided all the requirements of the SHIELD system are met.

14.3.7.4.9 The educational occupancy has developed policies, procedures, staff training and safety practices for the protection of life to relocate occupants from one smoke compartment to another in the event of an intruder or intruder alert.

14.3.7.4.10 A minimum of four drills shall be conducted each school calendar year to practice relocating from one smoke

compartment to another. One of these drills shall be allowed to meet the requirements of Section 14.7.2.4.1 of this code as modified in this chapter. The remaining three drills shall be conducted separately from any other required drill.

14.3.7.4.11 The local responding Fire Department, local Law Enforcement Agency(s), local Emergency Management Agency, local E911, local Emergency Medical Service, and all other agencies that would respond in an emergency shall be invited to participate in required drills for this Section.

19. Add a new paragraph 14.4.4.6 to read as follows:

14.4.4.6 Corridor walls in flexible plan buildings shall comply with subsection 14.3.6 as modified.

20. Add a new paragraph 14.5.2.3 to read as follows:

14.5.2.3 Portable electric and liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fuel fired space heating devices designed to be portable are prohibited in all portions of educational buildings, unless such use is permitted by 603.4 of the IFC, as adopted by Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

21. Delete subsection 14.7.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

14.7.1 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Educational occupancies (Group E - Educational) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency situation. Such policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices shall be developed and implemented in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code, as adopted by the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

22. Delete 14.7.1.1 in its entirety and replace with the following:

14.7.1.1 Emergency action plans shall be provided in accordance with 4.8 and 4.9.

23. Delete Section 14.7.2 in its entirety and replace with the following:

14.7.2. Emergency Egress Drills.

14.7.1 Emergency egress drills shall be conducted in accordance with Section 4.7 and 14.7.2.

14.7.2 By October 1 of each school year, every public school shall conduct an intruder alert drill for students, school administrators, teachers, and other school personnel pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [20-2-1185\(e\)\(2\)](#).

(m) Modifications to Chapter 15:

1. Add a new subparagraph 15.1.1.1.1 to read as follows:

15.1.1.1.1 Existing Mobile or Portable Classroom Structures.

(a) Existing mobile or portable classroom structures, which have been installed prior to the effective date of this Code, and

which were deemed to be in compliance with provisions in effect at the time of their installation, shall be permitted to remain in use, if deemed to have been maintained as approved, and meet specific provisions of this chapter applicable to existing mobile/portable classroom structures.

- (b) When an existing mobile or portable classroom structure is removed from a school system, the certificate of occupancy for that structure becomes void, provided, however, the structure shall retain the status of an existing structure if continued in service as a classroom structure in another school system. This shall also apply to leased or rented mobile or portable classroom structures. A new certificate of occupancy shall be required for the relocated structure, and shall be issued provided the structure meets the provisions of this Code that are applicable to existing mobile or portable classrooms.
- (c) For the purposes of this Code the term mobile or portable classroom shall also include relocatable buildings.

2. Add a new paragraph 15.1.1.6 to read as follows:

15.1.1.6 Existing mobile or portable classrooms shall comply with the various provisions of this Code applying to classrooms in existing educational occupancies, unless otherwise specified in this chapter.

3. Add a new paragraph 15.1.1.7 to read as follows:

15.1.1.7 When relocated, a mobile or portable classroom structure shall not be placed within 30 feet (9.1 m) of any building or structure or within 30 feet (9.1 m) of another mobile or portable classroom structure. Such mobile or portable classroom structures shall not be connected to any building or other mobile classroom structure by a canopy of combustible construction. An existing canopy of combustible components may be continued in use provided no combustible components are within 25 feet (7.6 m) of any building or structure or within 30 feet (9.1 m) of another mobile or portable classroom structure. The distance between a mobile or portable classroom unit and an exposed building or structure, that is totally protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system, may be reduced to 10 feet (3.05 m), provided, the exposed exterior wall is of noncombustible construction, and there are no windows or doors of the exposed wall of the building within 30 feet (9.1 m) of the mobile or portable classroom unit. The distance may be reduced to 0 feet if the exposed wall is of noncombustible construction having a certified fire resistance rating of at least 2-hours and without openings within 30 feet (9.1 m) of exposing mobile or portable classroom unit.

4. Add a new paragraph 15.2.1.5 to read as follows:

15.2.1.5 The provisions of 15.2.1.2 and 15.3.2.3 shall not apply to facilities that meet the requirements of 16.1.6.

5. Add a new subparagraph 15.2.2.2.1 to read as follows:

15.2.2.2.1 Doors serving as exits from existing mobile or portable classrooms shall not be less than 32 inches (0.91 m) in clear width, unless originally approved for a clear width of not less than 28 inches. Such exit doors shall open onto landings 4 feet by 4 feet (1.2 m by 1.2 m) and have stairs and or ramps, as needed, complying with

applicable provisions of this Code. Landings, stairs, ramps, guardrails, and handrails installed and approved prior to the effective date of this Code, if maintained in a state of good repair, may be continued in use. When a mobile/portable classroom structure is moved to another site at the same school or another school, landings, stairs, ramps, guardrails, and graspable handrails shall comply with the applicable requirements of this Code for new construction.

6. Add item (11) to 15.2.2.2.4.1 to read as follows:

(11) The two releasing motions allowed by 15.2.2.2.4.1(3) shall be approved by the Fire Chief of the fire department with fire suppression jurisdiction.

7. Add a new item (5) to paragraph 15.2.11.1 to read as follows:

(5) Windows may open onto a court or an enclosed court provided all of the following criteria are met:

(a) The court shall be of sufficient width such that persons exiting through the courtyard will be at a minimum dimension not less than 10 feet (3 m) from any portion of the building that could present an exposure condition to a fire.

(b) The court has exits directly to the exterior of the building through an exit passageway that is separated out from all other parts of the building by 2-hour fire-rated construction. No space other than exit corridors protected by 'B' labeled 1 ½ -hour fire doors, whether normally occupied or not, shall open onto this required exit passageway.

(c) The exit capacity for the exit passageway shall be of sufficient width for the corridors connected to it as well as the enclosed court calculated at 15 square feet (1.4 sq. m) per person or minimum number of students subject to exiting into the court, whichever is the greater of the two.

(d) The travel distance from any point in a connecting classroom to the exterior of the building through the exit passageway shall not exceed 150 feet (45.7 m).

(e) The court is provided with emergency lighting to direct occupants to the exit(s) in accordance with Section 5.9.

(f) The exit(s) from the court is/are clearly marked in accordance with Section 7.10.

8. Add a new paragraph 15.2.11.4 to read as follows:

15.2.11.4 School Hallway Interior Emergency Lockdown Defense (SHIELD). The installation of a School Hallway Interior Emergency Lockdown Defense (SHIELD) shall be permitted in educational occupancies provided all of the following criteria are met:

(1) Activation shall be by means of depressing a panic button or pull station marked for emergency SHIELD available to school administration at a central location. Additional activation may be by telephone code.

- (2) System activation shall automatically contact law enforcement authorities upon activation.
- (3) Cross corridor doors may be provided with magnetic hold open devices to release upon activation of the system.
- (4) Upon activation of the system, cross corridor doors shall be permitted to be kept in the closed position with magnetic locks.
- (5) System hardware shall be provided with emergency power or battery back-up in event of loss of power.
- (6) Smoke detectors shall be provided within 15 feet of cross corridor doors on the classroom egress side for each corridor zone and be identified distinctly from other required detectors. Such detectors upon activation by smoke shall release door mag locks for the locked zone to freely open. Detectors are not required to be interconnected into the building's fire alarm system.
- (7) Card readers with keypad shall be installed on the ingress side of the doors requiring a PIN code and card swipe to deactivate for the activated corridor zone.
- (8) Keypad shall be installed on the egress side of the doors only requiring a PIN code for deactivation of the door mag locks for the activated corridor zone.
- (9) A blue light strobe and siren, distinct from that of the fire alarm may be provided to deter intruders.
- (10) Staff shall be adequately trained on the intent and operation of the system with the conduction of mock drills.

15.2.11.3.1 (SHIELD) Activation. The SHIELD system shall only be activated in the following situations:

- (1) The event of an intruder upon school premises.
- (2) For the purposes of testing the system.
- (3) For the purposes of conducting drills related to the intrusion or active shooter upon school premises.

9. Delete subparagraph 15.3.2.1(1)(a) in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

- (a) Boiler and furnace rooms, unless such rooms enclose air handling equipment, compressor equipment, furnaces or other heating equipment with a total aggregate input rating less than 200,000 BTU input. Such rooms shall not be used for any combustible storage. A minimum of 30 inches (0.76 m) unobstructed access shall be provided and maintained to equipment and electrical or emergency control panels or devices for emergency response purposes.

10. Add a new paragraph 15.3.2.2.1 to read as follows:

15.3.2.2.1 Food preparation areas located in home economic labs may be protected by listed self-contained residential fire suppression systems located in a residential hood over each cooking surface, with the exhaust hood vented directly to the outside. Required use of automatic disconnects of fuel source or power source is subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction. Food preparation areas located in home economic labs need not be protected where in a fully sprinklered building or where protection is provided in accordance with 9.7.1.2. The exhaust hood is still required to be vented to the outside if installed after July 28, 1998.

11. Add items (3) and (4) to paragraph 15.3.4.2.1 to read as follows:

- (3) Where each classroom in a mobile or portable classroom structure is provided with a two-way communication system that will permit initiation of the communication from the classroom as well as from a constantly attended location in the main administrative office of the school from which a general alarm can be sounded, if needed, and the fire department can be summoned. A telephone mounted in each classroom and equipped with speed dialing, or a similar function, to provide contact with the constantly attended location noted above, shall be acceptable as a two-way communication system for purposes of this provision. The procedure for using the system for emergency alerting shall be clearly posted near the system actuation device in each classroom and at the constantly attended location.
- (4) Fire alarm alerting provisions for existing mobile or portable classroom structures approved prior to the effective date of this Code, and which are in a state of operational readiness. At the minimum, such provisions shall provide alerting of a fire condition in each mobile or portable classroom structure. Where alerting is by an alarm bell or horn, the sound or signal shall be distinctive from other bells or horns.

12. Add a new paragraph 15.3.5.6 to read as follows:

15.3.5.6 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in educational occupancies, including mobile or portable classrooms, in accordance with 9.9.

15.3.5.6.1 In lieu of locating portable fire extinguishers in corridors and normal paths of travel as specified in NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, portable fire extinguishers may be located in rooms that open directly onto such corridors and normal paths of travel provided all of the following are met:

- (a) The room in which such portable fire extinguishers are placed are located in close proximity to that portion of the corridor where a fire extinguisher would otherwise be placed in accordance with NFPA 10; Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers,
- (b) A sign which states in white letters at least one inch in height on a red background, "**PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER LOCATED IN THIS ROOM**", is placed on the corridor wall immediately adjacent to the entrance way of each such room so that it can be clearly seen at all times;

- (c) The rooms in which such portable fire extinguishers are placed shall be constantly supervised during school hours; and
- (d) Those rooms cannot be subject to being locked at any time the building is occupied.

13. Add a new item (6) to subsection 15.3.6 to read as follows:

- (6) Door closing devices are not required on doors in corridor wall openings other than those serving exits or required enclosures of hazardous areas.

14. Add new paragraph 15.5.2.3 to read as follows:

- 15.5.2.3 Portable electric and liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fuel fired space heating devices designed to be portable are prohibited in all portions of educational buildings.

15. Delete 15.7.1.1 in its entirety and replace with the following:

- 15.7.1.1 Emergency action plans shall be provided in accordance with Sections 4.8 and 4.9.

16. Delete Section 15.7.2. in its entirety and replace it with the following:

15.7.2 Emergency Drills.

- 15.7.1 Emergency drills shall be conducted in accordance with Sections 4.7 and 15.7.2.

- 15.7.2 By October 1 of each school year, every public school shall conduct an intruder alert drill for students, school administrators, teachers, and other school personnel pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [20-2-1185\(e\)\(2\)](#).

(n) Modifications to Chapter 16:

1. Add a new 16.1.1.2.1 to read as follows:

- 16.1.1.2.1 Pursuant to O.C.G.A. [25-2-13\(b\)\(1\)\(I\)](#), the term Group Day-Care Home applies to day-care facilities where at least seven (7) but not more than twelve (12) children receive care. Further, the term Day Care Center applies where more than twelve (12) children receive care. Where such facilities are required to be licensed or commissioned as set forth by O.C.G.A. [25-2-13\(b\)\(1\)\(I\)](#), the facilities are also required to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner and to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy pursuant to O.C.G.A. [25-2-14\(c\)](#).

2. Add a new subparagraph 16.1.3.1.1 to paragraph 16.1.3.1 to read as follows:

- 16.1.3.1.1 The provisions of 6.1.14 shall not apply to one- and two-family dwellings.

3. Add a new paragraph 16.1.6.3 to read as follows:

- 16.1.6.3 Day-Care Facilities Located Below the LED. The story below the level of exit discharge shall be permitted to be used in buildings of any construction type, other than Type II(000), Type III(200) and Type

V(000) provided, the building is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system.

4. Add a new subparagraph 16.1.6.3.1 to read as follows:
 - 16.1.6.3.1 Where the story below the level of exit discharge is occupied as a day-care center, both of the following shall apply:
 - (1) One means of egress shall be an outside or interior stair in accordance with 7.2.2. An interior stair, if used, shall only serve the story below the level of exit discharge. The interior stair shall be permitted to communicate with the level of exit discharge; however, the required exit route from the level of exit discharge shall not pass through the stair enclosure.
 - (2) The second means of egress shall be permitted to be via an unenclosed stairway separated from the level of exit discharge in accordance with 8.6.5. The path of egress travel on the level of exit discharge shall be protected in accordance with 7.1.3.1.
5. Add a new subparagraph 16.2.2.3.1 to read as follows:
 - 16.2.2.3.1 Handrails in accordance with A. 7.2.2.4.5.4 shall be required.
6. Add a new item (6) to 16.2.9 to read as follows:
 - (6) All spaces normally occupied by children.
7. Add an item (4) to paragraph 16.3.2.1 to read as follows:
 - (4) In areas where documentation is provided indicating an unreliable water source, the authority having jurisdiction may accept separation of these areas from the remainder of the building by fire barriers having not less than a 2-hour fire-resistance rating.
8. Add new subparagraph 16.3.2.5.1 to read as follows:
 - 16.3.2.5.1 The requirements of 9.2.3.1 shall apply.
9. Delete subparagraphs 16.3.5.1 and 16.3.5.2 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:
 - 16.3.5.1. Required sprinkler systems shall be installed in accordance with 9.7.1.1 (1) or (3) and supervised in accordance with Section 9.7, unless otherwise permitted by Subparagraph 16.1.6.1.1.
10. Add a new paragraph 16.3.5.1 to read as follows:
 - 16.3.5.1 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in all daycare occupancies in accordance with 9.9.
11. Add new paragraph 16.5.2.4 to read as follows:
 - 16.5.2.4 Portable electric and liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fuel fire space heating devices designed to be portable are prohibited in all portions of day-care facilities.
 - 16.5.2.4.1 In emergency conditions when approved by the authority having jurisdiction, equipment designed to be portable may be used for a specified time provided such equipment is properly protected and separated from

combustibles as specified by the manufacturer's instructions and the authority having jurisdiction.

12. Delete paragraph 16.6.1.6 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 16.6.1.6 Minimum Construction Requirements. The minimum construction requirements for new day-care homes shall be limited to the types of building construction permitted by the IBC as specified in 8.2.1. Clients of a group day-care home in a multi-story building shall be restricted to the level of exit discharge, unless the provisions of 16.1.6 are met.
13. Add a new paragraph 16.6.3.6 to read as follows:
 - 16.6.3.6 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in all daycare home occupancies in accordance with 9.9.
14. Delete subsections 16.7.1 and 16.7.2 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:
 - 16.7.1 Emergency Action Plans and Emergency Egress and Relocation Drills. Day-care occupancies (Group E and I-4) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, safety practices, and emergency egress and relocation drills for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9.

(o) Modifications to Chapter 17:

1. Delete paragraph 17.1.1.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 17.1.1.4 Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(b\)\(1\)\(I\)](#) the term Group Day-Care Home applies to daycare facilities where at least seven (7) but not more than twelve (12) children receive care. Further, the term Day Care Center applies where more than twelve (12) children receive care. Where such facilities are required to be licensed or commissioned as set forth by O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(b\)\(1\)\(I\)](#), the facilities are also required to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner and to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14\(c\)](#).
2. Delete paragraph 17.1.1.5 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 17.1.1.5 This section establishes life safety requirements for existing day-care occupancies, adult day-care facilities, and head start facilities in which more than 12 clients receive care, maintenance, and supervision by other than their relative(s) or legal guardian(s) for less than 24 hours per day. An existing day-care occupancy shall be allowed the option of meeting the requirements of Chapter 16 in lieu of Chapter 17. Any day-care occupancy that meets the requirements of Chapter 16 shall be judged to meet the requirements of Chapter 17.
3. Add a new subparagraph 17.1.3.1.1 to read as follows:
 - 17.1.3.1.1 The provisions of 6.1.14 shall not apply to one- and two-family dwellings.
4. Add a new subparagraph 17.1.4.1.1 to read as follows:
 - 17.1.4.1.1 Existing day-care centers that include part-day preschools, head-start programs, kindergartens, and other schools whose purpose involves education primarily for a group of children may continue to meet the

requirements of this section or may be allowed the option of meeting the requirements of Chapter 15.

5. Add new subparagraph 17.1.6.1.1

17.1.6.1.1 For centers existing prior to April 12, 1985, where direct access to the outside of the building is not possible from interior rooms, and such interior rooms are normally subject to occupancy by children, the interior room may continue to be used provided there are two remote exits from the rooms that provide access to two separate and distinct exits to the outside.

6. Add (11) to 17.2.2.2.6.1 to read as follows:

(11) The two releasing motions allowed by 17.2.2.2.6.1 (3) shall be approved by the Fire Chief of the local responding fire department.

7. Add a new subparagraph 17.2.2.3.1 to read as follows:

17.2.2.3.1 Where existing stairs or handrails are replaced handrails in accordance with A. 7.2.2.4.5.4 shall be required.

8. Add(6) to 17.2.9 to read as follows:

(6) All spaces normally occupied by children.

9. Delete paragraph 17.3.2.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

17.3.2.3 Where domestic cooking equipment is used for food warming or limited cooking, a listed self-contained residential fire suppression system may be installed in a residential hood to cover the cooking surface, with the exhaust hood vented directly to the outside. Required use of automatic disconnects of the fuel source or power source is subject to the authority having jurisdiction. Upon receipt of a sworn affidavit, no protection is required for existing domestic cooking equipment used for limited cooking or warming of foods with no frying producing grease laden vapors.

17.3.2.3.1 Subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction, where domestic cooking equipment is used for food warming or limited cooking with no frying producing grease laden vapors, the requirements for a residential fire suppression system may be waived if the room is protected by approved automatic sprinkler protection. The provisions of 9.7.1.2 may be permitted. Where automatic sprinkler protection is used to protect the cooking equipment a sprinkler head shall be located to protect the cooking equipment. The exhaust hood is still required to be vented to the outside unless the ceiling is covered in accordance with 16.3.2.3 (3).

17.3.2.3.2 When existing domestic cooking equipment is replaced the requirements of 16.3.2.3 shall apply.

10. Add a new paragraph 17.3.5.3.1 to read as follows:

17.3.5.3.1 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in all day-care occupancies in accordance with 9.9.

11. Delete subsection 17.4.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 17.4.1 Windowless or Underground Buildings. Windowless or underground buildings or structures shall comply with the applicable provisions of Section 11.7. All such buildings and structures housing a day-care occupancy shall be protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system.
 - 17.4.1.1 Buildings or structures existing prior to January 28, 1993, and housing day-care occupancies with an occupant load not greater than 100 may remain in use without being protected throughout by an automatic sprinkler system.
12. Add a new paragraph 17.5.2.4 to read as follows:
 - 17.5.2.4 Portable electric and liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fuel fire space heating devices designed to be portable are prohibited in all portions of day-care facilities.
 - 17.5.2.4.1 In emergency conditions when approved by the authority having jurisdiction, equipment designed to be portable may be used for a specified time provided such equipment is properly protected and separated from combustibles as specified by the manufactures instructions and the authority having jurisdiction.
13. Delete subparagraph 17.6.1.4.1.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 17.6.1.4.1.2 This section establishes life safety requirements for group day-care homes, adult daycare homes and head start facilities in which at least seven but not more than 12 clients receive care, maintenance, and supervision by other than their relative(s) or legal guardian(s) for less than 24 hours per day (generally within a dwelling unit). An existing day-care home shall be allowed the option of meeting the requirements of Section 16.6 in lieu of Section 17.2. Any day-care home that meets the requirements of Chapter 16 shall be judged to meet the requirements of Chapter 17.
14. Add an exception to subsection 17.6.1.4.1 to read as follows:
 - 17.6.1.4.1 Existing day-care homes that include part-day preschools, head-start programs, kindergartens, and other schools whose purpose involves education primarily for a group of children may continue to meet the requirements of this section or may be allowed the option of meeting the requirements of Chapter 15.
15. Delete paragraph 17.6.1.6 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 17.6.1.6 Clients of a group day-care home in a multi-story building shall be restricted to the level of exit discharge, unless the provisions of 17.1.6.1 are met.
16. Add a new paragraph 17.6.3.6 to read as follows:
 - 17.6.3.6 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in all daycare home occupancies in accordance with 9.9.

17. Delete subsections 17.7.1 and 17.7.2 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:

17.7.1 Emergency Action Plans and Emergency Egress and Relocation Drills. Day-care occupancies (Group E and I-4) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, safety practices, and emergency egress and relocation drills for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9.

(p) Modifications to Chapter 18:

1. Delete subsection 18.1.1.1.8 in its entirety and in its place substitute the following:

18.1.1.1.8 Buildings, or sections of buildings, that house older persons and that provide activities that foster continued independence but that do not include services distinctive to health care occupancies (see 18.1.4.2), as defined in 3.3.196.7, shall be permitted to comply with the requirements of other chapters of this Code, such as Chapters 30, 32 or 34 based upon appropriate licensing if required.

2. Add a new subparagraph 18.1.1.4.3.4.1 to read as follows:

18.1.1.4.3.4.1 Minor renovations, alterations, modernizations or repairs as used in 18.1.1.4.3.4 shall mean that construction is less than 40% of the floor area within a smoke compartment.

3. Add the following to the list of hazardous areas in Subparagraph 18.3.2.1.2 to read as follows:

(8) Soiled utility rooms also used for combustible storage - 1 hour.

(q) Modifications to Chapter 19:

1. Delete subsection 19.1.1.1.8 in its entirety and in its place substitute the following:

19.1.1.1.8 Buildings, or sections of buildings, that house older persons and that provide activities that foster continued independence but do not include services distinctive to health care occupancies (see 19.1.4.2), as defined in 3.3.196.7, shall be permitted to comply with the requirements of other chapters of this Code, such as Chapters 31, 33 or 35 based upon appropriate licensing if required.

2. Add the following to the list of hazardous areas in subparagraph 19.3.2.1.5 to read as follows:

(9) Soiled utility rooms used for combustible storage.

3. Add subparagraphs 19.3.2.5.2.1 to read as follows:

19.3.2.5.2.1 Where residential stove cooking is used for food warming, limited cooking, or rehabilitation training, a residential style hood system ducted to the outside and equipped with a listed self-contained residential fire suppression system shall be installed to cover each cooking surface. Required use of automatic disconnects of fuel source or power source is subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

19.3.2.5.2.1.1 Other installations acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction shall be acceptable.

4. Add a new subparagraph 19.3.4.3.1.1 to read as follows:
19.3.4.3.1.1 A Zoned, coded systems shall be permitted.

(r) Modifications to Chapter 22:

1. Add new subparagraphs 22.2.11.1.2.1, 22.2.11.1.2.2 and 22.2.11.1.2.3 to read as follows:
 - 22.2.11.1.2.1 Padlocks or similar locking devices are not permitted on housing unit doors or any other door located in the interior means of egress.
 - 22.2.11.1.2.2 Padlocks or similar locking devices are permitted on gates and doors located on exterior fencing, and in exterior walls, which are not part of the building, from areas of refuge located outside the building.
 - 22.2.11.1.2.3 Keys used to unlock locks allowed by 22.2.11.1.2.1 and 22.2.11.1.2.2 shall be identifiable by both sight and touch.
2. Delete the words 'fuel fired' from Table 22.3.2.1.
3. Add a note to Table 22.3.2.1 to read as follows:

Note: Areas incidental to resident housing will mean any areas that exceed 10% of the resident housing area. This includes sleeping areas, dayrooms, group activity space, or other common spaces for customary access of residents.
4. Delete subsection 22.7.1 and substitute in its place the following:
 - 22.7.1 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Detention and correctional facilities (Group I-3 occupancies) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9.

(s) Modifications to Chapter 23:

1. Add new subparagraphs 23.2.11.1.2.1, 23.2.11.1.2.2 and 23.2.11.1.2.3 to read as follows:
 - 23.2.11.1.2.1 Padlocks are not permitted on housing unit doors or any other door located in the means of egress.
 - 23.2.11.1.2.2 Padlocks are permitted on gates and doors located on exterior fencing and walls from areas of refuge located outside the building.
 - 23.2.11.1.2.3 Keys used to unlock locks allowed by 23.2.11.1.2.1 and 23.2.11.1.2.2 shall be identifiable by both sight and touch.
2. Delete the words 'fuel fired' from Table 23.3.2.1.
3. Add a note to Table 23.3.2.1 to read as follows:

Note: Areas incidental to resident housing will mean any areas that exceed 10% of the resident housing area. This includes sleeping areas, dayrooms, group activity space, or other common spaces for customary access of residents.
4. Delete subsection 23.7.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 23.7.1 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Detention and correctional facilities (Group I-3 occupancies) shall develop policies, procedures, plans,

staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.7, 4.8 and 4.8.

(t) **Modifications to Chapter 24:**

1. Delete the Title of Chapter 24 and retitle it to read as follows:

Chapter 24 One and Two-Family Dwellings or Community Living Arrangements

2. Add a new subparagraph 24.1.1.1.1 to read as follows:

24.1.1.1.1 In addition, this chapter establishes life safety requirements for facilities licensed by the State of Georgia as a 'Community Living Arrangement' for one to four individuals not related to the owner or administrator by blood or marriage whether the facility is operated for profit or not. Community Living Arrangements for five or more residents shall comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter 32.

3. Add a new paragraph 24.1.1.6 to read as follows:

24.1.1.6 The use of a one- and two-family dwelling for the purposes of a Community Living Arrangement as licensed by the State, for one to four residents, shall constitute a change of occupancy sub-classification. The new sub-classification shall meet the requirements established in this Chapter for the One- and Two-Family Dwelling and the additional requirements specified under Section 24.4.

4. Add a new subparagraph 24.1.1.6.1 to read as follows:

24.1.1.6.1 The use of a one- and two-family dwelling for the purposes of a Community Living Arrangement as licensed by the State, for one to four residents shall not require automatic sprinkler protection.

5. Delete 24.2.2.1.2 (2) in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

(2) The dwelling unit is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 24.3.5. This sprinkler provision shall not apply to a community living arrangement.

6. Add a new subparagraph to 24.2.4.1.1 to read as follows:

24.2.4.1.1 Doors in the path of travel of a means of escape in Community Living Arrangement facilities shall be not less than 32 in. (81 cm) wide.

7. Add a new subparagraph 24.3.4.1.3.1 to read as follows:

24.3.4.1.3.1 The provisions of 9.6.2.10.8.1 and 9.6.2.10.8.2 shall apply.

8. Delete Section 24.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

24.4 Community Living Arrangements.

24.4.1 General. The following shall be provided in addition to the requirements of this Chapter for facilities subject to being licensed as a Community Living Arrangement. Where there are conflicts in requirements specified elsewhere in this Chapter, the requirements specified under Section 24.4 shall prevail.

24.4.2 Address identification. New and Existing Community Living Arrangement structures shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in accordance with the provisions of the International Fire Code.

24.4.3 Means of Egress.

24.4.3.1 A Community Living Arrangement serving a resident dependent upon a wheelchair or other mechanical device for mobility shall provide at least two (2) exits from the Community Living Arrangement, remote from each other, and that are accessible to the residents.

24.4.3.2 Bedrooms for residents shall be separated from halls, corridors and other rooms by floor to ceiling walls, capable of resisting fire for not less than 1/2-hour, which is considered to be achieved if the partitioning is finished on both sides with lath and plaster or materials providing a 15-minute thermal barrier. Sleeping room doors shall be substantial doors, such as those of 1 ³/₄ in. (4.4-cm) thick, solid-bonded wood core construction or other construction of equal or greater stability and fire integrity. Any vision panels shall be fixed fire window assemblies in accordance with 8.3.3 or shall be wired glass not exceeding 1296 sq. in (0.84 m²) each in area and installed in approved frames.

24.4.3.3 A room shall not be used as a bedroom where more than one-half the room height is below ground level.

24.4.3.4 Bedrooms which are partially below ground level shall have adequate natural light and ventilation and be provided with two useful means of egress.

24.4.3.5 Bedrooms occupied by residents shall have doors that can be closed. Doors shall be not less than 32 in. (81 cm) wide.

24.4.3.6 Any door in the path of travel of a means of means of egress or escape shall be not less than 32 in. (81 cm) wide.

24.4.3.7 Residents who need assistance with ambulation shall be provided bedrooms that have access to a ground-level exit to the outside or be provided bedrooms above ground level that have access to exits with easily negotiable ramps or easily accessible lifts.

24.4.3.8 **Locks.**

24.4.3.8.1 Bedrooms may have locks on doors provided both the occupant and staff are provided with keys to ensure easy entry. Double-cylinder locks (locks requiring a key on both sides) are prohibited to be used on the bedroom door of a resident.

24.4.3.8.2 Exterior doors shall be equipped with locks that do not require keys to open the door from the inside.

24.4.4 **Detection and Alarm Systems.**

24.4.4.1 A fire alarm system meeting the minimum requirements for Single- and Multiple Station Alarms and Household Fire Alarm Systems per NFPA 72 shall be installed.

24.4.4.2 **Smoke Detection.**

24.4.4.2.1 Smoke alarms shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of 9.6.2.10 of this Code. Any additional detection/alarm devices shall be as established by O.C.G.A. § [25-2-40](#).

24.4.4.2.2 Smoke alarms shall be installed on all levels, including basements but excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attics.

24.4.4.2.3 Additional smoke alarms shall be installed for all living areas as defined in 3.3.22.5 of this Code.

24.4.4.2.4 Strobe alarms shall be used when required by the needs of the resident, e.g., for hearing impaired persons.

24.4.4.3 **Carbon Monoxide Detectors.**

24.4.4.3.1 Carbon monoxide detectors shall be provided in the residence where natural gas, LP gas or heating oil is used to heat the residence.

24.4.4.3.2 Carbon monoxide detectors shall be provided in the residence if a solid fuel-burning fireplace or fixed heating device is installed the residence.

24.4.5 **Protection.**

24.4.5.1 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers in accordance with Section 9.9 shall be provided near hazardous areas.

24.4.5.1.1 At least one 5 lb. 2A rated multipurpose ABC portable fire extinguisher shall be

provided on each occupied floor, and, where applicable, in the basement. The extinguishers shall be installed so as to be readily accessible in accordance with NFPA 10.

24.4.5.1.2 Required portable fire extinguishers shall be inspected and maintained annually by a State licensed fire extinguisher technician in accordance with NFPA 10.

24.4.5.1.3 Monthly quick check inspections shall be conducted by the staff of the Community Living Arrangement to ensure they are charged and in operable condition.

24.4.6 **Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning.**

24.4.6.1 Portable space heaters shall not be used. The use of heating devices and equipment shall be regulated by the International Fire Code, as adopted by the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

24.4.6.2 Fire screens and protective devices shall be used with fireplaces, stoves, and fixed heaters.

24.4.6.3 A water temperature monitor or a scald valve shall be installed where necessary to ensure the safety of the residents. Heated water provided for use of residents shall not exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit at the hot water fixture, unless a cooler temperature is required by the needs of the individual.

24.4.7 **Operating Features.**

24.4.7.1 **Staffing.** The Community Living Arrangement shall have as many qualified and trained employees on duty as shall be needed to safeguard properly the health, safety, and welfare of residents and ensure the provision of services the residents require to be delivered in the Community Living Arrangement.

24.4.7.1.1 Before working independently with residents, each staff member shall be trained and show continuing evidence of competence in fire safety and emergency evacuation procedures. A resident shall not be considered a staff person in the residence in which they live. Also, training of management and staff shall comply with Chapter 4 of the adopted International Fire Code.

24.4.7.2 **Evacuation Capabilities.** Community Living Arrangement shall maintain a staffing ratio sufficient to ensure that all residents can meet a prompt evacuation capability as defined in 120-3-3-.03 of Subject 120-3-3 Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. Residents who cannot meet the prompt evacuation

capability provision shall be provided with a minimum of one dedicated employee whose primary responsibility is to provide evacuation of the resident in the event of a fire or other emergency. The dedicated employee/employees shall be in close attendance at all times.

24.4.7.3 Drills. Fire drills shall be conducted at least quarterly on each shift at alternating times. At least two drills per calendar year shall be during sleeping hours. All fire drills shall be documented and include the names of staff involved. Also, refer to Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

24.4.7.4 Procedures. There shall be established procedures and mechanisms for alerting and caring for residents in case of emergencies and for evacuating them to safety. An evacuation plan with clear instructions shall be available within each residence. Also, refer to Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(u) Modifications to Chapter 26:

1. Add a new subparagraph 26.3.4.5.4 to read as follows:
26.3.4.5.4 The provisions of 9.6.2.10.8.1 and 9.6.2.10.8.2 shall also apply.
2. Add a new paragraph 26.3.6.2.7 to read as follows:
26.3.6.2.7 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in all lodging or rooming house occupancies in accordance with 9.9 of this Code.

(v) Modifications to Chapter 28:

1. Add new subparagraph 28.3.2.2.4 to read as follows:
28.3.2.2.4 Cooking Facilities In Guest Rooms. The requirements of 9.2.3.1 shall apply.
2. Add a new subparagraph 28.3.4.5.1 to read as follows:
28.3.4.5.1 Dormitory facilities shall be required to be provided with a corridor smoke detection system in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ [25-2-13\(d\)](#) and [25-2-40](#).
3. Delete subsections 28.7.1, 28.7.2, 28.7.3, and 28.7.5 in their entirety and substitute the following in their place:
28.7.1 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Hotels and dormitories (Group R-2 occupancies) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9.

(w) Modifications to Chapter 29:

1. Add a new subparagraph 29.3.4.5.3 to read as follows:
29.3.4.5.3 The provisions of 9.6.2.10.8.1 and 9.6.2.10.8.2 shall also apply.
2. Add a new subparagraph 29.3.4.5.4 to read as follows:
29.3.4.5.4 A corridor smoke detection system in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ [25-2-13\(d\)](#) and [25-2-40](#) shall be provided in all interior corridors, halls and passageways.
 - 29.3.4.5.4.1 The provisions of 29.3.4.5.4 do not apply in hotels and motels protected throughout by an approved supervised automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with 28.3.5.
 - 29.3.4.5.4.2 Dormitory facilities shall be required to provide a corridor smoke detection system in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ [25-2-13\(d\)](#) and [25-2-40](#).
3. Delete subsections 29.7.1, 29.7.2, 29.7.3, and 29.7.5 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:
29.7.1 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Hotels and dormitories (Group R-2 occupancies) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9.

(x) Modifications to Chapter 30:

1. Delete paragraph 30.2.1.3 in its entirety and replace with the following new 30.2.1.3 to read as follows:
30.2.1.3 Bathtub, Bathtub-Shower Combinations and Shower Grab Bars.
 - 30.2.1.3.1 Where bathtubs, bathtub-shower combinations, or showers are present in apartments marketed as senior apartments or apartments designated as 55 or older communities, grab bars shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of 24.2.8.
 - 30.2.1.3.2 In apartments not marketed as senior apartments or apartments designated as 55 or older communities sufficient structural supporting shall be installed so that bathtubs, bathtub-shower combinations, or showers are adaptable to meet the provisions of 24.2.8.
 - 30.2.1.3.3 Where requested by a tenant, the apartment owner shall install grab bars in accordance with 24.2.8 at no cost to the tenant.
2. Delete item (2) of subsection 30.2.4.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
(2) The dwelling unit has direct access to an outside stair complying with 7.2.2 that serves a maximum of two units where both of which are located on the same floor. This does not preclude two stairs serving a floor level with a maximum of four units with an open breezeway connecting and allowing access to either exit stair.

3. Delete the words 'fuel fired' from Table 30.3.2.1.1.
4. Add subparagraph 30.3.2.1.3 to read as follows:
30.3.2.1.3 Cooking Facilities. The requirements of 9.2.3.1 shall apply.

(y) Modifications to Chapter 31:

1. Delete item (2) of subsection 31.2.4.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - (2) The dwelling unit has direct access to an outside stair complying with 7.2.2 that serves a maximum of two units where both units are located on the same floor. This does not preclude two stairs serving a floor level with a maximum of four units with an open breezeway connecting and allowing access to either exit stair.
2. Add a new subparagraph 31.3.4.5.2.1 to read as follows:
31.3.4.5.2.1 The provisions of 9.6.2.10.8.1 and 9.6.2.10.8.2 shall also apply.
3. Add a new subparagraph 31.3.4.5.4.1 to read as follows:
31.3.4.5.4.1 The provisions of 9.6.2.10.8.1 and 9.6.2.10.8.2 shall also apply.

(z) Modifications to Chapter 32:

1. Delete paragraph 32.1.1.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 32.1.1.1 General. The requirements of this chapter shall apply to new buildings or portions thereof used as residential board and care occupancies (See 3.3.205.12* and 3.3.223* and their Annex A notes). This designation shall include, but is not be limited to, a personal care home or community living arrangement, as defined in Rule 120-3-3-.03.
 - 32.1.1.1.1 Additions, Conversions, Modernizations, Renovations, and Construction Operations. Additions shall be separated from any existing structure not conforming to the provisions of Chapter 32 by a fire barrier having not less than a 2-hour fire resistance rating and constructed of materials as required for the addition. (See 4.6.5 and 4.6.7) Doors in fire barriers shall normally be kept closed, however, doors shall be permitted to be held open if they meet the requirements of 7.2.1.8.2, and such doors shall be released upon activation of the building fire alarm system.
 - 32.1.1.1.1.2. Conversion. For purposes of this chapter, exceptions for conversions shall apply only for a change of occupancy from an existing residential or health care occupancy.
 - 32.1.1.1.1.3 Change of Occupancy. A change from a licensed personal care home to an assisted living community or memory care unit shall be considered a change of occupancy or subclassification and would be required to meet the provisions of Chapter 35 for existing construction. Such changes in occupancy classification or subclassification are considered as proposed (new) buildings and shall be subject to the applicable administrative provisions of Section 103 of the International Fire Code, as adopted

by Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

- 32.1.1.1.4. Renovations, Alterations, and Modernizations. (See 4.6.7)
- 32.1.1.1.5. Construction, Repair, and Improvement Operations. (See 4.6.10)

2. Delete paragraph 32.1.1.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

32.1.1.4 Personal Care Homes and Community Living Arrangements with Five or More Residents. A personal care home or community living arrangement with five or more residents, as defined in Rule 120-3-3-.03 shall comply with the general provisions of 32.1 of this Chapter 32, and with the applicable provisions for residential board and care occupancies as defined in 3.3.205.12 of this Code. The provisions of Chapter 32 for large facilities are deemed to provide for the use of "defend in place" fire response strategies should self-preservation measures not be deemed successful.

32.1.1.4.1 Goals and Objectives. See paragraph 18.1.1.2 for goals and objectives.

32.1.1.4.2 Total Concept. All new personal care homes, and community living arrangements with five or more residents shall be constructed, maintained, and operated to minimize the possibility of a fire emergency requiring the evacuation of occupants. Subparagraphs 18.1.1.3.1 and 18.1.1.3.2 of this code also apply.

3. Delete paragraph 32.1.1.5 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

32.1.1.5 All new facilities classified as residential board and care occupancies shall conform to the requirements of this chapter. This chapter is divided into six sections as follows:

(1) Section 32.1 - General Requirements.

(2) Section 32.2 - Small Facilities (Sleeping accommodations for not more than six residents. Includes Personal Care Homes and Community Living Arrangements for five or six residents)

(3) Section 32.3 - Large Facilities (Sleeping accommodations for seven or more residents. This includes Personal Care Homes, as defined in section 120-3-3-.03 of Chapter 120-3-3, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. It also includes Community Living Arrangements with seven or more residents.)

(4) Section 32.4 - Additional minimum requirements for an Apartment Building Housing a Board and Care Occupancy.

(5) Section 32.5 - Community Living Arrangement Facilities (small and large) As defined in 120-3-3-.03 of Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

(6) Section 32.7 - Operating Features.

4. Delete subsection 32.1.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

32.1.2 Classification of Occupancy. See 6.1.9 and provisions of this Chapter 32, and the applicable definitions in Rule 120-3-3-.03.

5. Delete subparagraph 32.2.1.1.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

32.2.1.1.1 Scope. This section applies to a community living arrangement with five to six residents and to residential board and care occupancies, including a personal care home, providing sleeping accommodations for not more than six residents. Where there are sleeping accommodations for more than six residents of a residential board and care occupancy, including a personal care home or community living arrangement, the occupancy shall be classed as a large facility. The requirements for large facilities are found in Section 32.3. The provisions of 32.5 also apply to community living arrangements. (Also see 3.3.205/12.)

6. Add a new paragraph 32.1.8 to read as follows:

32.1.8 Classification of Hazards of Contents. Contents of Residential Board and Care occupancies shall be classified in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.2.

7. Add a new subparagraph 32.2.3.2.6 to read as follows:

32.2.3.2.6 Residential cooking appliances such as stoves (a maximum of four surface burners or cooking elements) and griddles shall be protected by a listed self-contained residential fire suppression systems located in residential hoods over each cooking surface, with the exhaust hood vented directly to the outside. Automatic disconnects of the fuel source or power source shall be provided. Commercial cooking appliances including fryers shall be protected in accordance with 9.2.3 and shall not be required to have openings protected between food preparation areas and dining areas.

32.2.3.2.6.1 Subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction, the protection of residential cooking equipment shall not be required in buildings protected by an automatic sprinkler system as provided in 32.2.3.5 with a sprinkler head positioned to cover the cooking appliance. The protection authorized by 32.2.3.5.5 is acceptable for purposes of this section, provided, however, exhaust hood shall still be required to be vented to the outside.

8. Add new subparagraph 32.2.3.4.5.5 to read as follows:

32.2.3.4.5.5 Strobe alarms shall be used when required by the needs of the resident, e.g., for hearing impaired persons.

9. Delete subparagraph 32.2.3.5.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

32.2.3.5.2 In conversions, sprinklers shall not be required in small board and care homes, including personal care homes and community living arrangements serving six or fewer residents when all occupants have the ability as a group to move reliably to a point of safety within three minutes.

10. Delete (3) from sub-subparagraph 32.2.3.5.3.2 without substitution.
11. Add a new subsection 32.2.3.5.9 to read as follows:
 - 32.2.3.5.9 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in all residential board and care occupancies, personal care home or community living arrangement facility in accordance with 9.9.
12. Add (4) to subparagraph 32.2.3.6.1 to read as follows:
 - (4) Corridor walls may terminate at a ceiling which has a minimum 1/2-hour fire resistant rating
13. Add new subparagraph 32.2.5.2.4 to read as follows:
 - 32.2.5.2.4 Portable electric and liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fuel fired space heating devices designed to be portable are prohibited in all portions of small residential board and care occupancies, including personal care homes and community living arrangements.
 - 32.2.5.2.4.1 In emergency conditions when approved by the authority having jurisdiction, equipment designed to be portable may be used for a specified time provided such equipment is properly protected and separated from combustibles as specified by the manufacturer's instructions and the authority having jurisdiction. Extension cords or power strips shall not be used with portable electric heating devices.
14. Delete subparagraph 32.3.1.1.1 and 32.3.1.1.2 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:
 - 32.3.1.1.1 This section applies to residential board and care occupancies, including licensed personal care homes and community living arrangements with more than six residents, as defined in Rule 120-3-3-.03. Where there are sleeping accommodations for six or less residents, or a community living arrangement for five to six residents, the occupancy shall be classed as a small facility. The requirements for small facilities are found in Section 32.2.
 - 32.3.1.1.2 Assisted Living Communities and Memory Care Units. This chapter shall not apply to any building, or portion thereof, newly constructed, or substantially renovated, as defined in O.C.G.A. § [25-2-14\(d\)](#), so as to be designated and licensed by the Georgia Department of Community Health as an assisted living community or memory care unit, as defined in Rule 120-3-3-.03. Refer to Chapter 34 or 35 for the applicable requirements for such facilities.
15. Add 32.3.1.2 to read as follows:
 - 32.3.1.2 Requirements Based on Evacuation Capability. Definitions for the classifications of evacuation capability are defined in 120-3-3-.03 of Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. For purposes of Section 32.3, large facilities are assumed to have an impractical evacuation capability.
16. Add a new item 9 to subparagraph 32.3.2.2.2 to read as follows:

- (9) Doors to resident rooms may be subject to being locked by the occupant, if they can be unlocked from the opposite side and keys are carried by staff at all times. Additional keys must be available and accessible to the staff.

17. Add a new subparagraph 32.3.2.6.1 to read as follows:

32.3.2.6.1 Travel distance shall not exceed 35 feet (10.7 m) in any story below the level of exit discharge occupied for public purposes.

18. Add a new subparagraph 32.3.2.6.2 to read as follows:

32.3.2.6.2 Travel distance shall not exceed 75 feet (22.9 m) in any story below the level of exit discharge not occupied for public purposes.

19. Add a new subparagraph 32.3.2.6.3 to read as follows:

32.3.2.6.3 Any story below the level of exit discharge occupied for public purposes shall have at least two separate exits provided from each story with a maximum dead-end corridor of 20 feet (6.1 m). Any floor below the level of exit discharge not open to the public and used only for mechanical equipment, storage, and service operations (other than kitchens which are considered part of the residential board and care occupancies) shall have exits appropriate to its actual occupancy in accordance with other applicable sections of this Code.

20. Delete paragraph 32.3.2.9 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

32.3.2.9 Emergency lighting in accordance with Section 7.9 of this Code, and shall be provided in means of egress and common areas in all residential board and care occupancies, unless each sleeping room has a direct exit to the outside at finished ground level.

21. Add a new subparagraph 32.3.2.11.1 to read as follows:

32.3.2.11.1 Every stairwell door shall allow re-entry from the stairwell to the interior of the building or an automatic release shall be provided to unlock all stairwell doors to allow re-entry. Such automatic release shall be actuated with the initiation of the building fire alarm system or upon loss of power.

22. Add a new subparagraph 32.3.3.1.4 to read as follows:

32.3.3.1.4 Stairway enclosures shall not be required where a one-story stair connects two levels within a single dwelling unit, resident room or suite.

23. Add a new subparagraph 32.3.3.4.7.1 to read as follows:

32.3.3.4.7.1 Strobe alarms shall be used when required by the needs of the resident, such as for hearing impaired residents in personal care homes or Community Living Arrangements.

24. Add a new subparagraph 32.3.5.2.5 to read as follows:

32.3.5.2.5 Portable electric and liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fuel fired space heating devices designed to be portable are prohibited in all portions of large residential board and care occupancies.

32.3.5.2.1 In emergency conditions when approved by the authority having jurisdiction, equipment designed to be portable may be used for a

specified time provided such equipment is properly protected and separated from combustibles as specified by the manufactures instructions and the authority having jurisdiction. Extension cords or power strips shall not be used with portable electric heating devices.

25. Delete section 32.5 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

32.5 Community Living Arrangement Facilities.

32.5.1 General. The following shall be provided in addition to the requirements of this Chapter for facilities subject to being licensed as a Community Living Arrangement. Where there are conflicts in requirements specified elsewhere in this Chapter, the requirements specified under Section 32.5 shall prevail.

32.5.2 Address identification. Community Living Arrangement structures shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in accordance with the provisions of the International Fire Code.

32.5.3 Means of Egress.

32.5.3.1 Number of Means of Escape. In any dwelling or dwelling unit of two rooms or more, every sleeping room and every living area shall have not less than one primary means of escape and one secondary means of escape.

32.5.3.1.1 A secondary means of escape shall not be required where the bedroom or living area has a door leading directly to the outside of the building at or to grade level.

32.5.3.1.2 Subsection 24.4.3 of this code as modified in this Subject 120-3-3 shall apply to Community Living Arrangement facilities.

32.5.3.2 Locks.

32.5.3.2.1 Subparagraphs 24.4.3.8.1 and 24.4.3.8.2 of this code as modified in this Subject 120-3-3 shall apply to Community Living Arrangement facilities.

32.5.4 Detection and Alarm Systems.

32.5.4.1 Detection and alarm systems shall comply with paragraphs 24.4.4.1 and 24.4.4.2 of this code as modified in this chapter 120-3-3 shall apply to Community Living Arrangement facilities.

32.5.4.2 Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

32.5.4.2.1 Carbon monoxide detectors shall be provided in accordance with 32.3.3.4.9.

32.5.5 Protection.

32.5.5.1 Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided and maintained in Community Living Arrangement facilities in accordance with subsection 24.4.5 of this code as modified in this chapter 120-3-3.

32.5.6 Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning.

32.5.6.1 The requirements of subsection 24.4.6 of this code as modified in this chapter 120-3-3 shall apply to Community Living Arrangement facilities.

32.5.7 Operating Features.

32.5.7.1 Staffing. The Community Living Arrangement shall have as many qualified and trained employees on duty as shall be needed to safeguard properly the health, safety, and welfare of residents and ensure the provision of services the residents require to be delivered in the Community Living Arrangement.

32.5.7.1.1 Before working independently with residents, each staff member shall be trained and show continuing evidence of competence in fire safety and emergency evacuation procedures. A resident shall not be considered a staff person in the residence in which they live. (Refer to Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code regarding caregiver minimum training requirements.)

32.5.7.2 Evacuation Capabilities. Community Living Arrangement shall maintain a staffing ratio sufficient to ensure that all residents can successfully respond to a fire or other emergency using self-preservation or assisted preservation measures as defined by Rule 120-3-3-.03. Residents who cannot successfully respond shall be provided with a minimum of one dedicated employee whose primary responsibility is to provide evacuation of the resident in the event of a fire or other emergency. The dedicated employee or employees shall be in close attendance to the affected resident at all times.

32.5.7.3 Drills. Fire drills shall be conducted at least quarterly on each shift. At least two drills per calendar year shall be during sleeping hours. All fire drills shall be documented with staffing involved. (See Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code regarding fire and emergency evacuation drills.)

32.5.7.4 Procedures. There shall be established procedures and mechanisms for alerting and caring for residents in case of emergencies and for evacuating them to safety. An evacuation plan with clear instructions shall be available within each resident room. Each sleeping room shall have a secondary exit, which may be a door or a window usable for escape.

26. Delete subsections 32.7.1, 32.7.2, and 32.7.3 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:
 - 32.7.1 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Residential board and care facilities (Group I-1 and R-4 occupancies), including personal care homes and community living arrangements shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, safety practices, and emergency egress and relocation drills for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9.
27. Delete subsection 32.7.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 32.7.4 Smoking regulations shall be adopted in accordance with subsection 18.7.4 (1) (3) (4) (5) (6) of this Code.
28. Add a new paragraph 33.7.5.4 to read as follows:
 - 32.7.5.4 Wastebaskets and other waste containers shall be of noncombustible or other approved materials.

(aa) Modifications to Chapter 33:

1. Delete 3.1.1.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 33.1.1.1 General. The requirements of this chapter shall apply to existing buildings or portions thereof used as residential board and care occupancies (see 3.3.205.12 and 3.3.223 and their Annex notes). This designation shall include, but is not be limited to, a personal care home or community living arrangement, as defined in Rule 120-3-3-.03.
2. Add a new subparagraph 33.1.1.4.1 and 33.1.1.4.2 to read as follows:
 - 33.1.1.4.1 Personal care Homes and Community Living Arrangements with Five or More Residents. A personal care home or community living arrangement with five or more residents, as defined in 120-3-3-.03 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, shall comply with the general requirements of 33.1 of this chapter, and with the applicable provisions of residential board and care occupancies as defined in 3.3.205.12 of this code. The provisions of Chapter 33 for large facilities are deemed to provide for the use of "defend in place" fire response strategies should self-preservation measures not be deemed successful.
 - 33.1.1.4.2 Existing large personal care homes with 25 or more residents desiring to be licensed as an Assisted Living Community or as a Memory Care Unit, both as defined in Rule 120-3-3-.03 shall meet the requirements for a conversion to a large residential board and care occupancy and the applicable provisions for assisted living communities or memory care units as set forth by Chapter 35 of this Code.
3. Delete paragraph 33.1.1.5 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 33.1.1.5 All existing facilities classified as residential board and care occupancies shall conform to the requirements of this chapter. This chapter is divided into six sections as follows:
 - (1) Section 33.1 - General Requirements.

- (2) Section 33.2 - Small Facilities sleeping accommodations for not more than six residents. (Includes small personal care homes it also includes community living arrangements for five or six residents.)
- (3) Section 33.3 - Large Facilities (sleeping accommodations for seven or more residents. This includes existing "personal care homes" as defined in section 120-3-3-.03 of Chapter 120-3-3, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, and not licensed as an "Assisted Living Community" or "Memory Care Unit" and also includes Community living arrangements with seven or more residents.)
- (4) Section 33.4 - Additional minimum requirements for an Apartment Building Housing a Board and Care Occupancy.
- (5) Section 33.5 - Community Living Arrangement Facilities (small and large) as defined in Rule 120-3-3-.03.
- (6) Section 33.7 - Operating Features.

4. Add a new subsection 33.1 10 to read as follows:

33.1.10 Classification of Hazards of Contents. Contents of Residential Board and Care occupancies shall be classified in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.2.

5. Delete paragraph 33.2.1.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

33.2.1.1 Scope. This section applies to residential board and care occupancies, including community living arrangements with five to six residents and personal care homes providing sleeping accommodations for not more than six residents. Where there are sleeping accommodations for more than six residents of a residential board and care occupancy or a community living arrangement more than six, the occupancy shall be classed as a large facility. The requirements for large facilities are found in Section 33.3.

6. Add a new subparagraph 33.2.3.2.6 to read as follows:

33.2.3.2.6 Residential cooking appliances such as stoves and griddles shall be protected by listed self-contained residential fire suppression systems located in residential hoods over each cooking surface, with the exhaust hood vented directly to the outside. Automatic disconnects of the fuel source or power source shall be provided. Commercial cooking appliances including fryers shall be protected in accordance with 9.2.3 and shall not be required to have openings protected between food preparation areas and dining areas.

33.2.3.2.6.1 Subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction, the protection of residential cooking equipment shall not be required in buildings protected by an automatic sprinkler system as provided in 33.2.3.5. The exhaust hood is still required to be vented to the outside.

33.2.3.2.6.2 No protection is required over residential cooking appliances such as grills and stoves in facilities which have prompt evacuation capability and have a

licensed capacity as determined by the Department of Community Health of six or less residents.

7. Add new subparagraph 33.2.3.4.3.1 to read as follows:
 - 33.2.3.4.3.1 Strobe alarms shall be used when required by the needs of the resident, e.g., for hearing impaired persons.
8. Add a new subparagraph 33.2.3.4.3.1 to read as follows:
 - 33.2.3.4.3.1 The provisions of 9.6.2.10.8.1 and 9.6.2.10.8.2 shall also apply.
9. Add a new subparagraph 33.2.3.4.5 to read as follows.
 - 33.2.3.4.5 Carbon monoxide detectors shall be provided in accordance with subparagraph 32.3.3.4.9 of this code.
10. Delete subparagraph 33.2.3.5.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 33.2.3.5.2 Impractical and Slow Evacuation Capability. All slow and impractical evacuation capability facilities shall be protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with 33.2.3.5.3.
11. Delete (3) from 32.2.3.5.3.2 without substitution.
12. Add new subparagraph 33.2.5.2.4 to read as follows:
 - 33.2.5.2.4 Portable electric and liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fuel-fired space heating devices designed to be portable are prohibited in all portions of small residential board and care occupancies, including personal care homes and community living arrangements.
 - 33.2.5.2.4.1 In emergency conditions when approved by the authority having jurisdiction, equipment designed to be portable may be used for a specified time provided such equipment is properly protected and separated from combustibles as specified by the manufactures instructions and the authority having jurisdiction. Extension cords or power strips shall not be used with portable electric heating devices.
13. Add a new subsection 33.2.6 to read as follows:
 - 33.2.6 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in all residential board and care occupancies, personal care homes or community living arrangement facility in accordance with 9.9.
14. Delete paragraph 33.3.1.1.1 and 33.3.1.1.2 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:
 - 33.3.1.1.1 Scope. This section applies to residential board and care occupancies, including personal care homes and community living arrangements providing sleeping accommodations for 7 or more residents. Where there are sleeping accommodations for six or less residents or a community living arrangement for five to six residents, the occupancy shall be classed as a small facility. The requirements for small facilities are found in Section 33.2.

15. Delete 33.3.1.2.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 33.3.1.2.2 Impractical. Large facilities classified as impractical evacuation capability shall meet the requirements of 33.3 for impractical evacuation capability, or the requirements for new large facilities in Chapter 32, unless the authority having jurisdiction has determined equivalent safety is provided in accordance with Section 1.4.

16. Add a new subparagraph 33.3.3.1.1.4 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.3.1.1.4 Enclosure of stairs, smoke proof towers and exit passageways in buildings existing prior to April 15, 1986, shall be fire barriers of at least 20-minute fire-resistance rating with all openings protected in accordance with paragraph 8.3.3 of this Code in buildings less than three stories in height. In buildings existing prior to April 15, 1986, more than three stories in height, the enclosure shall not be less than a 1-hour fire-resistance rating with all openings protected in accordance with paragraph 8.3.4.4 of this Code.

17. Add a new exception to subparagraph 33.3.2.2.2 (10) to read as follows:
 - 33.3.2.2.2 (10) Doors to resident rooms may be subject to being locked by the occupant, if they can be unlocked from the opposite side and keys are carried by staff at all times. Additional keys must be available to and accessible by the staff.

18. Delete subparagraph 33.3.2.5.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 33.3.2.5.4 No dead-end corridor shall exceed 35 feet (10.7 m).

19. Delete subparagraph 33.3.2.6.3.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 33.3.2.6.3.3 Travel distance to exits shall not exceed 150 feet (45.7 m) if the exit access and any portion of the building that is tributary to the exit access are protected throughout by approved automatic sprinkler systems. In addition, the portion of the building in which the 150 feet (45.7 m) travel distance is permitted shall be separated from the remainder of the building by construction having not less than a 1-hour fire-resistance rating for buildings not greater than three stories in height and 2-hour for buildings greater than three stories in height.

20. Add a new subparagraph 3 3.3.2.6.3.4 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.2.6.3.4 No residents shall be located on floors below the level of exit discharge.
 - 33.3.2.6.3.4.1 In facilities existing prior to April 15, 1986, any floor below the level of exit discharge occupied for public purposes shall have exits arranged such that it will not be necessary to travel more than 100 feet (30.5 m) from the door of any room to reach the nearest exit.

21. Add a new subparagraph 33.3.2.6.4 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.2.6.4 Any floor below the level of exit discharge not open to the public and used only for mechanical equipment, storage, and service operations

(other than kitchens which are considered part of the residential board and care occupancies) shall have exits appropriate to its actual occupancy in accordance with other applicable sections of this Code.

22. Add a new subparagraph 33.3.2.7.1 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.2.7.1 At least half of the required exit capacity of upper floors, exclusive of horizontal exits, shall lead directly to the street or through a yard, court, or passageway with protected openings and separated from all parts of the interior of the building.
23. Delete paragraph 33.3.2.9 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 33.3.2.9 Emergency Lighting. Emergency lighting in accordance with Section 7.9 of the Code shall be provided in means of egress and common areas in all residential board and care occupancies. unless each sleeping room has a direct exit to the outside at finished ground level.
24. Delete 33.3.2.11.1 and insert a new subparagraph 33.3.2.11.1 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.2.11.1 Every stairwell door shall allow re-entry from the stairwell to the interior of the building or an automatic release shall be provided to unlock all stairwell doors to allow re-entry. Such automatic release shall be actuated with the initiation of the building fire alarm system or upon loss of power.
25. Add a new subparagraph 33.3.2.11.3 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.2.11.3 Stairway enclosures shall not be required where a one-story stair connects two levels within a single dwelling unit, resident room or suite.
26. Add a new subparagraph 33.3.3.1.4 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.3.1.4 Any required exit stair which is so located such that it is necessary to pass through the lobby or other open space to reach the outside of the building shall be continuously enclosed down to the lobby level, or to a mezzanine within the lobby.
 - 33.3.3.1.4.1 In existing two-story buildings only, the second floor level may be fire stopped with a fire barrier having at least a 1-hour fire-resistance rating. Vision panels not exceeding 1,296 square inches (8361 cu cm) and installed in steel frames shall be provided in the doors of the fire barrier.
27. Add a new subparagraph 33.3.3.2.2.1 to read as follows.
 - 33.3.3.2.2.1 The provisions of 33.3.3.2.2 shall not apply in existing residential board and care occupancies constructed prior to April 15, 1986, with regard to the location of the equipment only.
28. Delete section 33.3.3.8 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.3.8.1 A personal care home having a licensed capacity as determined by the Department of Community Health of 16 or less residents shall have residential cooking appliances such as stoves and griddles protected by a listed self-contained residential fire suppression system located in residential hood over each cooking surface, with

the exhaust hood vented directly to the outside. Automatic disconnects of the fuel source or power source shall be provided. Commercial cooking appliances including fryers shall be protected in accordance with 9.2.3 and shall not be required to have openings protected between food preparation areas and dining areas.

- 33.3.3.8.2 A personal care home constructed prior to January 28, 1993, and having a licensed capacity as determined by the Department of Community Health of 16 or less residents may have food preparation facilities in accordance with NFPA 91, Standard for Exhaust Systems for Conveying of Vapors, Gases, Mists, and Noncombustible Particulate Solids, 1983 edition.
- 33.3.3.8.3 A personal care home constructed prior to January 28, 1993, and having a licensed capacity as determined by the Department of Community Health of 16 residents or less may have food preparation facilities which have a ventilating hood meeting the provisions of NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code, as specified in Chapters 120-3-14 and 120-3-16, of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, and NFPA 91, Standard for Exhaust Systems for Conveying of Vapors, Gases, Mists, and Noncombustible Particulate Solids, as specified in Chapter 120-3-3, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
- 33.3.3.8.4 Subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction, the protection of residential cooking equipment shall not be required in buildings protected by an automatic sprinkler system as provided in 32.2.3.5. The exhaust hood is still required to be vented to the outside.

29. Add a new subparagraph 33.3.3.4.7.1.1 to read as follows:

33.3.3.4.7.1.1 Strobe alarms shall be used when required by the needs of the resident, e.g., for hearing impaired persons located in Community Living Arrangements.

30. Delete subparagraph 33.3.3.4.7.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

33.3.3.4.7.2 The provisions of 9.6.2.10.8.1 and 9.6.2.10.8.2 shall also apply.

31. Delete subparagraphs 33.3.3.4.8.1 and 33.3.3.4.8.2 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:

33.3.3.4.8 Smoke Detection Systems. All corridors and common spaces shall be provided with smoke detectors in accordance with NFPA 72, as adopted by Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, arranged to initiate the fire alarm such that it is audible in all sleeping areas. Detectors shall be located in corridors or hallway so there is a detector within 15 feet (4.6 m) of the wall and at least every 30 feet (9.1 m) thereafter. Where a building has more than one floor level, a detector shall be located at the top of each stair and inside each enclosure.

33.3.3.4.8.2 Smoke detection systems may be excluded from crawl spaces beneath the building and unused and unfinished attics.

32. Delete subparagraph 33.3.3.5.1.3 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 33.3.3.5.1.3.3 Automatic sprinklers installed in accordance with NFPA 13D, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes, 1991 edition, as modified by Chapter 120-3-3, Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, which were in effect shall be acceptable as a complying sprinkler system.
33. Add a new subparagraph 33.3.3.5.1.4 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.3.5.1.4 Automatic sprinkler systems installed in existing facilities prior to November 1, 1987, may be continued in use subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction as defined in paragraph 3.2.2 of the Code.
34. Add new subparagraph 33.3.3.4.9 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.3.4.9 Carbon Monoxide Detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be provided in all residential board and care occupancies in accordance with 32.3.3.4.9.
35. Add a new sub-subparagraph 33.3.3.6.3.4 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.3.6.3.4 The provisions of 33.3.3.6.3 shall not apply where the resident room has a door providing direct exiting at grade or to an open air balcony leading to exiting at grade.
36. Add new subparagraph 33.3.5.2.4 to read as follows:
 - 33.3.5.2.4 Portable electric and liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fuel fire space heating devices designed to be portable are prohibited in all portions of large residential board and care occupancies.
 - 33.3.5.2.4.1 In emergency conditions when approved by the authority having jurisdiction, equipment designed to be portable may be used for a specified time provided such equipment is properly protected and separated from combustibles as specified by the manufacturer's instructions and the authority having jurisdiction. Extension cords and power strips shall not be used with portable electric heating devices.
37. Delete subsection 33.5 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - 33.5 Community Living Arrangement Facilities.
 - 33.5.1 General. The following shall be provided in addition to the requirements of this Chapter for facilities subject to being licensed as a Community Living Arrangement. Where there are conflicts in requirements specified elsewhere in this Chapter, the requirements specified under Section 33.5 shall prevail.
 - 33.5.2 Address identification. Community Living Arrangement structures shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in accordance with the provisions of the International Fire Code.
 - 33.5.3 Means of Egress.

33.5.3.1 Subsection 24.4.3 of this code as modified in this chapter 120-3-3 shall apply to Community Living Arrangement facilities.

33.5.3.2 Locks.

33.5.3.2.1 Subparagraphs 24.4.3.8.1 and 24.4.3.8.2 of this code as modified in this Subject 120-3-3 shall apply to Community Living Arrangement facilities.

33.5.3.3 Number of Means of Escape. In any dwelling or dwelling unit of two rooms or more, every sleeping room and every living area shall have not less than one primary means of escape and one secondary means of escape.

33.5.3.3.1 A secondary means of escape shall not be required where the bedroom or living area has a door leading directly to the outside of the building at or to grade level.

33.5.4 Detection and Alarm Systems

33.5.4.1 Detection and alarm systems shall comply with paragraphs 24.4.4.1 and 24.4.4.2 of this code as modified in this chapter 120-3-3.

33.5.4.2 Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

33.5.4.2.1 Carbon monoxide detectors shall be provided in accordance with 32.3.3.4.9.

33.5.5 Protection.

33.5.5.1 Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided and maintained in Community Living Arrangement facilities in accordance with subsection 24.4.5 of this code as modified in this chapter 120-3-3.

33.5.6 Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning.

33.5.6.1 The requirements of subsection 24.4.6 of this code as modified in this Subject 120-3-3 shall apply to Community Living Arrangement facilities.

33.5.7 Operating Features.

33.5.7.1 Staffing. The Community Living Arrangement shall have as many qualified and trained employees on duty as shall be needed to safeguard properly the health, safety, and welfare of residents and ensure the provision of services the residents require to be delivered in the Community Living Arrangement.

33.5.7.1.1 Before working independently with residents, each staff member shall be

trained and show continuing evidence of competence in fire safety and emergency evacuation procedures. A resident shall not be considered a staff person in the residence in which they live. (See Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code, as adopted by Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.)

33.5.7.2 Evacuation Capabilities. Community Living Arrangement shall maintain a staffing ratio sufficient to ensure that all residents can meet a prompt evacuation capability as defined in 120-3-3-.03 of Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. Residents who cannot meet a prompt evacuation capability classification shall be provided with a minimum of one dedicated employee whose primary responsibility is to provide evacuation of the resident in the event of a fire or other emergency. The dedicated employee/employees shall be in close attendance at all times.

33.5.7.3 Drills. Fire drills shall be conducted at least quarterly on each shift. At least two drills per calendar year shall be during sleeping hours. All fire drills shall be documented with staffing involved. (See Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code).

33.5.7.4 Procedures. There shall be established procedures and mechanisms for alerting and caring for residents in case of emergencies and for evacuating them to safety. An evacuation plan with clear instructions shall be available within each residence. Each sleeping room shall have a secondary exit, which may be a door or a window useable for escape.

38. Delete subsections 33.7.1, 33.7.2, and 33.7.3 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:

33.7.1 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Residential board and care facilities (Group I1 and R-4 occupancies), including community living arrangements and personal care homes, shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, safety practices, and emergency egress and relocation drills for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9.

39. Delete subsection 33.7.4 in its entirety and substitute in their place the following:

33.7.4 Smoking regulations shall be adopted in accordance with subsection 19.7.4 (1) (3) (4) (5) (6) of this code.

40. Add a new paragraph 33.7.5.4 to read as follows:

33.7.5.4 Waste Containers. Wastebaskets and other waste containers shall be of noncombustible or other approved materials.

(bb) **Modifications to reserved Chapter 34:**

1. Insert a new Chapter 34 to read as follows:

Chapter 34 New Assisted Living Community Occupancies

34.1 **General Requirements.**

34.1.1 **Application.**

34.1.1.1 **General.**

34.1.1.1.1 The requirements of this chapter shall apply to new buildings or portions thereof used as assisted living community occupancies. New buildings or portions thereof used as assisted living community occupancies shall be permitted to meet all the requirements for a limited health care occupancy as prescribed in chapter 18 of this Code in lieu of this chapter. See 1.3.1.

34.1.1.1.2 **Administration.** The provisions of Chapter 1, Administration, shall apply.

34.1.1.1.3 **General.** The provisions of Chapter 4, General, shall apply.

34.1.1.1.4 Buildings, or sections of buildings, that primarily house residents who, in the opinion of the governing body of the facility and the governmental agency having jurisdiction, are capable of exercising judgment and appropriate physical action for self-preservation under emergency conditions shall be permitted to comply with the provisions of Chapter 32 provided they are separated by a fire barrier having not less than a 1-hour fire resistance rating and

constructed of materials as required for the addition.

34.1.1.1.5 It shall be recognized that, in buildings providing care for certain types of residents or having a security section, it might be necessary to lock doors and bar windows to confine and protect building inhabitants. In such instances, the authority having jurisdiction shall require appropriate modifications to those sections of this Code that would otherwise require means of egress to be kept unlocked.

34.1.1.1.6 The requirements of this chapter shall apply based on the assumption that staff is available in all resident-occupied areas to perform certain fire safety functions as required in other paragraphs of this chapter.

34.1.1.2 **Goals and Objectives.** The goals and objectives of Sections 4.1 and 4.2 shall be met with due consideration for functional requirements, which are accomplished by limiting the development and spread of a fire to the room of fire origin and reducing the need for occupant evacuation, except from the room of fire origin.

34.1.1.3 **Total Concept.**

34.1.1.3.1 All assisted living community facilities shall be designed, constructed, maintained, and operated to minimize the possibility of a fire emergency requiring the evacuation of occupants.

34.1.1.3.2 Because the safety of assisted living community occupants cannot be ensured adequately by dependence on evacuation of the building, their protection from fire shall

be provided by appropriate arrangement of facilities; adequate, trained staff; and development of operating and maintenance procedures composed of the following:

- (1) Design, construction, and compartmentation;
- (2) Provision for detection, alarm, and extinguishment;
- (3) Fire prevention and planning, training, and drilling programs for the isolation of fire, transfer of occupants to areas of refuge, or evacuation of the building.

34.1.1.4 Additions, Conversions, Modernization, Renovation, and Construction Operations.

34.1.1.4.1 Additions.

34.1.1.4.1.1 Additions shall be separated from any existing structure not conforming to the provisions within Chapter 34 by a fire barrier having not less than a 2-hour fire resistance rating and constructed of materials as required for the addition. (See 4.6.5 and 4.6.7.)

34.1.1.4.1.2 Doors in barriers required by 34.1.1.4.1.1 shall normally be kept closed, unless otherwise permitted by 34.1.1.4.1.3.

34.1.1.4.1.3 Doors shall be permitted to be held open if they meet the requirements of 34.2.2.4.

34.1.1.4.2 **Conversion.** For the purposes of this chapter, exceptions for conversions shall apply only for a change of occupancy from an existing health care occupancy to an assisted living community occupancy.

34.1.1.4.3 **Changes of Occupancy.** A change from a personal care home to an assisted living community occupancy shall be considered a change in occupancy or occupancy sub-classification and would be required to meet the provisions of this Chapter for new construction.

34.1.1.4.4 **Renovations, Alterations, and Modernizations.** See 4.6.7.

34.1.1.4.5 **Construction, Repair, and Improvement Operations.** See 4.6.10.

34.1.2 **Classification of Occupancy.** See Rules 120-3-3.03(4), (14), and 34.1.4.2.

34.1.3 **Multiple Occupancies.**

34.1.3.1 Multiple occupancies shall comply with 6.1.14 in buildings other than those meeting the requirement of 34.1.3.2.

34.1.3.2 Sections of assisted living community facilities shall be permitted to be classified as other occupancies, provided that they meet both of the following conditions:

(1) They are not intended to serve assisted living community occupants or have customary access by assisted living community residents who are incapable of self-preservation.

(2) They are separated from areas of assisted living community occupancies by construction having a minimum 2-hour fire resistance rating.

34.1.3.3 The requirement of 34.1.3.1 shall not apply to apartment buildings housing assisted living community occupancies in conformance with Section 34.4. In such facilities, any safeguards required by Section 34.4 that are more restrictive than those for other housed occupancies shall apply only to the extent prescribed by Section 34.4.

34.1.3.4 No assisted living community occupancy shall be located above a nonresidential or non-health care occupancy, unless the assisted living community occupancy and exits therefrom are separated from the nonresidential or non-health care occupancy by construction having a minimum 2-hour fire resistance rating.

34.1.3.5 Any area with a hazard of contents classified higher than that of the assisted living community occupancy and located in the same building shall be protected as required in 34.2.

34.1.3.6 Non-residential-related occupancies classified as containing high hazard contents shall not be permitted in buildings housing assisted living community occupancies.

34.1.4 **Definitions.**

34.1.4.1 General. For definitions, see Chapter 3, Definitions.

34.1.4.2 Special Definitions. A list of special terms used in this chapter is as follows:

- (1) Point of Safety. See 3.3.211 of this Code.
- (2) Thermal Barrier. See 3.3.31.3 of this Code.

34.1.5 **Classification of Hazard of Contents.** The classification of hazard of contents shall be as defined in Section 6.2.

34.1.6 **Minimum Construction Requirements.** Assisted living community facilities shall be limited to the building construction types specified in Table 34.1.6 (see 8.2.1), based on the number of stories in height as defined in 4.6.3.

Table 34.1.6	Number of Stories - See Note b					
	Construction Type	Sprinklered See Note a	1	2	3	4-12
Type I(442) a c d	YES	X	X	X	X	X
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type I(332) a c d	YES	X	X	X	X	X
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type II(222) a c d	YES	X	X	X	X	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type II(111) a c d	YES	X	X	X	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type II(000) a	YES	X	X	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type III(211) a	YES	X	X	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type III(200) a	YES	X	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type IV(2HH) a	YES	X	X	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.

	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type V(111) <i>a</i>	YES	X	X	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type V(000) <i>a</i>	YES	X	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.

X = Permitted if sprinklered as required by 32.3.3.5.

NP = Not permitted.

a Building shall be protected throughout by an approved supervised automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with 9.7.1.1(1) and provided with quick response or residential sprinklers throughout. (See requirements of 34.3.5).

b See requirements of 4.6.3.

c See requirements of 34.1.6.2.1.

d See requirements of 34.1.6.2.2.

34.1.6.1 Fire Resistance-Rated

Assemblies. Fire resistance-rated assemblies shall comply with Section 8.3.

34.1.6.2 Construction Type Limitations.

34.1.6.2.1 Any building of Type I(442), Type I(332), Type II(222), or Type II(111) construction shall be permitted to include roofing systems involving combustible supports, decking, or roofing, provided that all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) The roof covering shall meet Class A requirements in accordance with ASTM E 108, Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Roof Coverings, or ANSI/UL 790, Test Methods for Fire Tests of Roof Coverings.
- (2) The roof shall be separated from all

occupied portions of the building by a noncombustible floor assembly having not less than a 2-hour fire resistance rating that includes not less than 2 1/2 in. (63 mm) of concrete or gypsum fill.

- (3) The structural elements supporting the 2-hour fire resistance-rated floor assembly specified in 34.1.6.2(2) shall be required to have only the fire resistance rating required of the building.

34.1.6.2.2 Any building of Type I(442), Type I(332), Type II(222), or Type II(111) construction shall be permitted to include roofing systems involving combustible supports, decking, or roofing, provided that all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) The roof covering shall meet Class A requirements in accordance with ASTM E 108, Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Roof Coverings, or ANSI/UL 790, Test Methods for Fire Tests of Roof Coverings.
- (2) The roof/ceiling assembly shall be constructed with fire-retardant-treated wood meeting the requirements of NFPA 220, Standard

on Types of Building Construction.

- (3) The roof/ceiling assembly shall have the required fire resistance rating for the type of construction.

34.1.6.2.3 Any level below the level of exit discharge shall be separated from the level of exit discharge by not less than Type II(111), Type III(211), or Type V(111) construction (see 8.2.1), unless both of the following criteria are met:

- (1) Such levels are under the control of the assisted living community facility.
- (2) Any hazardous spaces are protected in accordance with Section 8.7.

34.1.6.3 All buildings with more than one level below the level of exit discharge shall have all such lower levels separated from the level of exit discharge by not less than Type II(111) construction.

34.1.6.4 Interior nonbearing walls in buildings of Type I or Type II construction shall be constructed of noncombustible or limited-combustible materials, unless otherwise permitted by 20.1.6.4.

34.1.6.5 Interior nonbearing walls required to have a minimum 2-hour fire resistance rating shall be permitted to be fire-retardant-treated wood enclosed within noncombustible or limited-combustible materials, provided that such walls are not used as shaft enclosures.

34.1.6.6 Fire-retardant-treated wood that serves as supports for the installation of fixtures and equipment shall be permitted to be installed behind noncombustible or limited-combustible sheathing.

34.1.7 Occupant Load. The occupant load, in number of persons for whom means of egress and other provisions are required, shall be determined on the basis of the occupant load factors of Table 7.3.1.2 that are characteristic of the use of the space, or shall be determined as the maximum probable population of the space under consideration, whichever is greater.

34.2 Means of Egress Requirements.

34.2.1 General.

- 34.2.1.1** Means of egress from resident rooms and resident dwelling units to the outside of the building shall be in accordance with Chapter 7 and this chapter.
- 34.2.1.2** Means of escape within the resident room or resident dwelling unit shall comply with Section 24.2 for one- and two-family dwellings.
- 34.2.1.3** No means of escape or means of egress shall be considered as complying with the minimum criteria for acceptance, unless emergency evacuation drills are regularly conducted using that route in accordance with the requirements of 34.7.3.
- 34.2.1.4** No assisted living community occupancy shall have its sole means of egress or means of escape pass through any nonresidential or non-health care occupancy in the same building.
- 34.2.1.5** All means of egress from assisted living community occupancies that traverse non-assisted living community spaces shall conform to the requirements of this Code for assisted living community occupancies, unless otherwise permitted by 34.2.1.6.
- 34.2.1.6** Exit through a horizontal exit into other contiguous occupancies that does not conform to assisted living community egress provisions but do comply with requirements set forth in the appropriate occupancy chapter of this Code shall be permitted, provided that the occupancy does not contain high hazard contents.
- 34.2.1.7** Egress provisions for areas of assisted living community facilities that

correspond to other occupancies shall meet the corresponding requirements of this Code for such occupancies, and, where the clinical needs of the residents necessitate the locking of means of egress, staff shall be present for the supervised release of occupants during all times of use.

34.2.2 Means of Egress Components.

34.2.2.1 Components Permitted. Components of means of egress shall be limited to the types described in 34.2.2.2 through 34.2.2.10.

34.2.2.2 Doors. Doors in means of egress shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Doors complying with 7.2.1 shall be permitted.
- (2) Doors within individual rooms and suites of rooms shall be permitted to be swinging or sliding.
- (3) No door in any means of egress, other than those meeting the requirement of 34.2.2.2.1 or 34.2.2.2.2, shall be equipped with a lock or latch that requires the use of a tool or key from the egress side.

34.2.2.2.1 Delayed-egress locks in accordance with 7.2.1.6.1 shall be permitted.

34.2.2.2.2 Access-controlled egress doors in accordance with 7.2.1.6.2 shall be permitted.

34.2.2.2.3 Doors that are located in the means of egress from individual resident bedrooms or private living units shall be permitted to have locks where the clinical needs of a resident require specialized protective security measures provided that staff can readily unlock doors at all times in accordance with 34.2.2.2.4.

34.2.2.2.4 Doors that are located in the means of egress and are permitted to be locked under other provisions of 34.2.2.2.3 shall comply with both of the following:

(1) Provisions shall be made for the rapid removal of occupants by means of one of the following:

(a) Remote control of locks from within the locked smoke compartment

(b) Keying of all locks to keys carried by staff at all times

(c) Other such reliable means available to the staff at all times

(2) Only one locking device shall be permitted on each door.

34.2.2.2.5 Doors located in the means of egress that are permitted to be locked under other provisions of Chapter 34, other than those meeting the requirement of 34.2.2.2.1 or 34.2.2.2.2, shall have adequate provisions made for the rapid removal of occupants by means such as remote control of locks, keying of all locks to keys carried by staff at all times, or other such reliable means available to staff at all times.

34.2.2.2.6 Only one such locking device, as described in 34.2.2.2.5, shall be permitted on each door.

34.2.2.3 **Stairs.** Stairs complying with 7.2.2 shall be permitted.

34.2.2.4 Smokeproof enclosures complying with 7.2.3 shall be permitted.

34.2.2.5 Horizontal exits complying with 7.2.4 shall be permitted.

34.2.2.6 Ramps complying with 7.2.5 shall be permitted.

34.2.2.7 Exit passageways complying with 7.2.6 shall be permitted.

34.2.2.8 Fire escape ladders complying with 7.2.9 shall be permitted.

34.2.2.9 Alternating Tread Devices. Alternating tread devices complying with 7.2.11 shall be permitted.

34.2.2.10 Areas of Refuge. Areas of refuge complying with 7.2.12 shall be permitted.

34.2.3 **Capacity of Means of Egress.**

34.2.3.1 The capacity of means of egress shall be in accordance with Section 7.3.

34.2.3.2 Street floor exits shall be sufficient for the occupant load of the street floor plus the required capacity of stairs and ramps discharging onto the street floor.

34.2.3.3 The width of corridors shall be sufficient for the occupant load served but shall be not less than 60 in. (1525 mm).

34.2.4 **Number of Means of Egress.**

34.2.4.1 Means of egress shall comply with the following, except as otherwise permitted by 34.2.4.2:

- (1) The number of means of egress shall be in accordance with Section 7.4.
- (2) Not less than two separate exits shall be provided on every story.
- (3) Not less than two separate exits shall be accessible from every part of every story.

34.2.4.2 Exit access, as required by 34.2.4.1(3), shall be permitted to include a single exit access path for the distances permitted as common paths of travel by 34.2.5.2.

34.2.5 **Arrangement of Means of Egress.**

34.2.5.1 **General.** Access to all required exits shall be in accordance with Section 7.5.

34.2.5.2 **Dead-end Corridors.** Dead-end corridors shall not exceed 30 ft. (9.1 mm).

34.2.5.3 **Common Path.** Common paths of travel shall not exceed 75 ft. (23 m).

34.2.6 **Travel Distance to Exits.**

34.2.6.1 Travel distance from any point within a room, suite, or living unit to a corridor door shall not exceed 125 ft. (38 m) in buildings protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 34.3.5.

34.2.6.2 Travel distance from the corridor door of any room to the nearest exit shall be in accordance with 34.26.2.1 or 34.2.6.2.2.

34.2.6.3 Travel distance from the corridor door of any room to the nearest exit shall be in accordance with 34.2.6.3.1 or 34.2.6.3.2.

34.2.6.3.1 Travel distance from the corridor door of any room

to the nearest exit, measured in accordance with Section 7.6, shall not exceed 150ft. (45.72m).

34.2.6.3.2 Travel distance to exits shall not exceed 200 ft. (61 m) for exterior ways of exit access arranged in accordance with 7.5.3.

34.2.7 **Discharge from Exits.** Exit discharge shall comply with Section 7.7.

34.2.8 Means of egress shall be illuminated in accordance with Section 7.8.

34.2.9 Emergency lighting in accordance with Section 7.9 shall be provided.

34.2.10 Means of egress shall be marked in accordance with Section 7.10.

34.2.11 **Special Means of Egress Features.**

34.2.11.1 Lockups in residential assisted living community occupancies shall comply with the requirements of 22.4.5.

34.3 Protection.

34.3.1 Protection of Vertical Openings.

34.3.1.1 Vertical openings shall be enclosed or protected in accordance with Section 8.6.

34.3.1.2 Unenclosed vertical openings in accordance with 8.6.9.1 shall be permitted.

34.3.1.3 No floor below the level of exit discharge used only for storage, heating equipment, or purposes other than residential occupancy shall have unprotected openings to floors used for residential occupancy.

34.3.2 Protection from Hazards.

34.3.2.1 Rooms containing high-pressure boilers, refrigerating machinery, transformers, or other service equipment subject to possible explosion shall not be located directly under or adjacent to exits, and such rooms shall be effectively separated from other

parts of the building as specified in Section 8.7.

34.3.2.2 Hazardous areas, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following, shall be separated from other parts of the building by construction having a minimum 1-hour fire resistance rating, with communicating openings protected by approved self-closing fire doors and be equipped with automatic fire-extinguishing systems:

- (1) Boiler and heater rooms
- (2) Laundries
- (3) Repair shops
- (4) Rooms or spaces used for storage of combustible supplies and equipment in quantities deemed hazardous by the authority having jurisdiction

Exception to (1): Rooms enclosing air handling equipment, compressor equipment, furnaces or other heating equipment with a total aggregate input rating less than 200,000 BTU input. Such rooms shall not be used for any combustible storage. A minimum of 30 inches (0.76 m) unobstructed access shall be provided and maintained to equipment and electrical or emergency control panels or devices for emergency response purposes.

34.3.3 Interior Finish.

34.3.3.1 **General.** Interior finish shall be in accordance with Section 10.2.

34.3.3.2 **Interior Wall and Ceiling Finish.** Interior wall and ceiling finish materials complying with Section 10.2 shall be in accordance with the following:

- (1) Exit enclosures - Class A
- (2) Lobbies and corridors - Class B
- (3) Rooms and enclosed spaces - Class B

34.3.3.3 **Interior Floor Finish.**

34.3.3.3.1 Interior floor finish shall comply with Section 10.2.

34.3.3.3.2 Interior floor finish in exit enclosures and exit access corridors and spaces not separated from them by walls complying with 34.3.6 shall be not less than Class II.

34.3.3.3.3 Interior floor finish shall comply with 10.2.7.1 or 10.2.7.2, as applicable.

34.3.4 **Detection, Alarm, and Communications Systems.**

34.3.4.1 **General.** A fire alarm system shall be provided in accordance with Section 9.6.

34.3.4.2 **Initiation.** The required fire alarm system shall be initiated by each of the following:

- (1) Manual means in accordance with 9.6.2;
- (2) Manual fire alarm box located at a convenient central control point under continuous supervision of responsible employees;
- (3) Required automatic sprinkler system;
- (4) Required detection system.

34.3.4.3 **Annunciator Panel.** An annunciator panel, connected to the fire alarm system, shall be provided at a location readily accessible from the primary point of entry for emergency response personnel.

34.3.4.4 **Notification.**

34.3.4.4.1 **Occupant Notification.** Occupant notification shall be provided automatically, without delay, by internal audible alarm in accordance with 9.6.3.

34.3.4.4.2 High-Rise Buildings.
High-rise buildings shall be provided with an approved emergency voice communication/alarm system in accordance with 11.8.4.

34.3.4.5 **Emergency Forces Notification.** Emergency forces notification shall be accomplished in accordance with 9.6.4.

34.3.4.6 **Detection.**

34.3.4.6.1 **Smoke Alarms.** Approved smoke alarms shall be installed in accordance with 9.6.2.10 inside every sleeping room, outside every sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms, and on all levels within a resident unit.

34.3.4.7 **Smoke Detection Systems.**

34.3.4.7.1 Corridors, spaces open to the corridors, and other spaces outside every sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms other than those meeting the requirement of 34.3.4.7.2, shall be provided with smoke detectors that comply with NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, and are arranged to initiate an alarm that is audible in all sleeping areas.

34.3.4.7.2 Smoke detection systems shall not be required in unenclosed corridors, passageways, balconies, colonnades, or other arrangements with one or more sides along the long dimension fully or extensively open to the exterior at all times.

34.3.5 **Extinguishment Requirements.**

34.3.5.1 **General.** All buildings shall be protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with 9.7.1.1(1) and provided with quick-response or residential sprinklers throughout.

34.3.5.2 **Supervision.** Automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided with electrical supervision in accordance with 9.7.2.

34.3.5.3 **Portable Fire Extinguishers.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with 9.9.

34.3.6 **Corridors and Separation of Sleeping Rooms.**

34.3.6.1 Access shall be provided from every resident use area to at least one means of egress that is separated from all sleeping rooms by walls complying with 34.3.6.3 through 34.3.6.6.

34.3.6.1.1 Sleeping rooms shall be separated from corridors, living areas, and kitchens by walls complying with 34.3.6.2 through 34.3.6.6.

34.3.6.2 Walls required by 34.3.6.1 or 34.3.6.1.1 shall be smoke partitions in accordance with Section 8.4 having a minimum 1/2-hour fire resistance rating.

34.3.6.3 Hazardous areas shall be separated from corridors in accordance with 34.3.2.

34.3.6.4 Doors protecting corridor openings other than from resident sleeping rooms and hazardous areas shall not be required to have a fire protection rating, but shall be constructed to resist the passage of smoke.

34.3.6.4.1 Doors protecting resident sleeping rooms shall have a minimum 20-minute fire protection rating.

34.3.6.5 Door-closing devices shall not be required on doors in corridor wall openings, other than those serving exit enclosures, smoke barriers, enclosures

of vertical openings, and hazardous areas.

34.3.6.6 No louvers, transfer grilles, operable transoms, or other air passages, other than properly installed heating and utility installations, shall penetrate the walls or doors specified in 34.3.6.

34.3.7 **Subdivision of Building Spaces.** Buildings shall be subdivided by smoke barriers in accordance with 34.3.7.1 through 34.3.7.21.

34.3.7.1 Every story shall be divided into not less than two smoke compartments, unless it meets the requirement of 34.3.7.4.

34.3.7.2 Each smoke compartment shall have an area not exceeding 22,500 ft² (2100 m²).

34.3.7.3 The travel distance from any point to reach a door in the required smoke barrier shall be limited to a distance of 200 ft. (61 m).

34.3.7.3.1 Additional smoke barriers shall be provided such that the travel distance from a sleeping room corridor door to a smoke barrier shall not exceed 150 ft. (46 m).

34.3.7.4 Smoke barriers shall not be required on stories that do not contain an assisted living community occupancy located above the assisted living community occupancy.

34.3.7.5 Smoke barriers shall not be required in areas that do not contain an assisted living community occupancy and that are separated from the assisted living community occupancy by a fire barrier complying with Section 8.3.

34.3.7.6 Smoke barriers shall not be required on stories that do not contain an assisted living community occupancy and that are more than one story below the assisted living community occupancy.

34.3.7.7 Smoke barriers shall not be required in open parking structures protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 34.3.5.

- 34.3.7.8 Smoke barriers shall be constructed in accordance with Section 8.5 and shall have a minimum 1-hour fire resistance rating, unless they meet the requirement of 34.3.7.9 or 34.3.7.10.
- 34.3.7.9 Where an atrium is used, smoke barriers shall be permitted to terminate at an atrium wall constructed in accordance with 8.6.7(1)(c), in which case not less than two separate smoke compartments shall be provided on each floor.
- 34.3.7.10 Dampers shall not be required in duct penetrations of smoke barriers in fully ducted heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems.
- 34.3.7.11 Not less than 15 net ft² (1.4 net m²) per resident shall be provided within the aggregate area of corridors, lounge or dining areas, and other low hazard areas on each side of the smoke barrier.
- 34.3.7.12 On stories not housing residents, not less than 6 net ft² (0.56 net m²) per occupant shall be provided on each side of the smoke barrier for the total number of occupants in adjoining compartments.
- 34.3.7.13 Doors in smoke barriers shall be substantial doors, such as 1 ¾ in. (44 mm) thick, solid-bonded wood-core doors, or shall be of construction that resists fire for a minimum of 20 minutes.
- 34.3.7.14 Nonrated factory or field-applied protective plates extending not more than 48 in. (1220 mm) above the bottom of the door shall be permitted.
- 34.3.7.15 Cross-corridor openings in smoke barriers shall be protected by a pair of swinging doors or a horizontal-sliding door complying with 7.2.1.14.
- 34.3.7.16 Swinging doors shall be arranged so that each door swings in a direction opposite from the other.
- 34.3.7.17 Doors in smoke barriers shall comply with 8.5.4 and all of the following requirements:

- (1) The doors shall be self-closing or automatic-closing in accordance with 7.2.1.8;
- (2) Stops shall be installed at the head and sides of door frames;
- (3) Rabbets, bevels, or astragals shall be installed at the meeting edges of pairs of doors; and
- (4) Center mullins shall be prohibited.

Provided however that positive latching hardware shall not be required

34.3.7.18 Vision panels consisting of fire-rated glazing or wired glass panels in approved frames shall be provided in each cross-corridor swinging door and in each cross-corridor horizontal-sliding door in a smoke barrier.

34.3.8 **Cooking Facilities.** Cooking facilities, other than those within individual residential units, shall be protected in accordance with 9.2.3.

34.3.9 **Standpipes.**

34.3.9.1 **General.** Where required, standpipe and hose systems shall be installed and maintained in accordance with 9.10.

34.3.9.2 **In High-Rise Buildings.** Class I standpipe systems shall be installed throughout all high-rise buildings.

34.3.9.3 **Roof Outlets.** Roof outlets shall not be required on roofs having a slope of 3 in 12 or greater.

34.4 **Special Provisions.**

34.4.1 **High-Rise Buildings.** High-rise buildings shall comply with Section 11.8.

34.5 **Suitability of an Apartment Building to House an Assisted living community Occupancy.**

34.5.1 **General.**

34.5.1.1 **Scope.**

34.5.1.1.1 Section 34.5 shall apply to apartment buildings that have one or more individual apartments used as an assisted living

community occupancy.
(See 34.1.3.2.)

34.5.1.1.2 The provisions of Section 34.5 shall be used to determine the suitability of apartment buildings, other than those complying with 34.5.1.1.4, to house an assisted living community facility.

34.5.1.1.3 The suitability of apartment buildings not used for assisted living community occupancies shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 30.

34.5.1.1.4 When a new assisted living community occupancy is created in an existing apartment building, the suitability of such a building for apartments not used for assisted living community occupancies shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 31.

34.5.1.2 **Requirements for Individual Apartments.** Requirements for individual apartments used as residential assisted living community occupancies shall be as specified in Section 34.2. Egress from the apartment into the common building corridor shall be considered acceptable egress from the assisted living community facility.

34.5.1.3 **Additional Requirements.** Apartment buildings housing assisted living community facilities shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 30 and the additional requirements of Section 34.5, unless the authority having jurisdiction has determined that equivalent safety for housing an assisted living community facility is provided in accordance with Section 1.4.

34.5.1.4 **Minimum Construction Requirements.**

34.5.1.4.1 In addition to the requirements of Chapter 30, apartment buildings, other than those complying with 34.5.1.4.2, housing assisted living community facilities shall meet the construction requirements of 34.1.3.

34.5.1.4.2 When a new assisted living community occupancy is created in an existing apartment building, the construction requirements of 19.1.6 shall apply.

34.5.2 **Means of Egress.**

34.5.2.1 The requirements of Section 30.2 shall apply only to the parts of means of egress serving the apartment(s) used as an assisted living community occupancy, as modified by 34.5.2.2.

34.5.2.2 When a new assisted living community occupancy is created in an existing apartment building, the requirements of Section 31.2 shall apply to the parts of the means of egress serving the apartment(s) used as an assisted living community occupancy.

34.5.3 **Protection.**

34.5.3.1 Interior Finish.

34.5.3.1.1 The requirements of 30.3.3 shall apply only to the parts of means of egress serving the apartment(s) used as an assisted living community occupancy, as modified by 34.5.3.1.2.

34.4.3.1.2 When a new assisted living community occupancy is created in an existing apartment building, the requirements of 31.3.3 shall apply to the parts of the means of egress serving the apartment(s) used as an assisted living community occupancy.

34.5.3.2 Construction of Corridor Walls.

34.5.3.2.1 The requirements of 30.3.6 shall apply only to corridors serving the assisted living community facility, including that portion of the corridor wall separating the assisted living community facility from the common corridor, as modified by 34.5.3.2.2.

34.5.3.2.2 If a new assisted living community occupancy is created in an existing apartment building, the requirements of 31.3.6 shall apply to the corridor serving the residential assisted living community facility.

34.6 Building Services.

34.6.1 Utilities shall comply with Section 9.1.

34.6.1.1 Heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning equipment shall comply with Section 9.2.

34.6.1.2 No stove or combustion heater shall be located such that it blocks escape in case of fire caused by the malfunction of the stove or heater.

34.6.1.3 Unvented fuel-fired heaters shall not be used in any assisted living community occupancy.

34.6.2 Elevators, dumbwaiters, and vertical conveyors shall comply with Section 9.4.

34.6.2.1 In high-rise buildings, one elevator shall be provided with a protected power supply and shall be available for use by the fire department in case of emergency.

34.6.4 Rubbish chutes, incinerators, and laundry chutes shall comply with Section 9.5.

34.7 **Operating Features.**

34.7.1 **Emergency Planning and Preparedness.** Assisted living community facilities shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, safety practices, and during an emergency egress to relocation drills for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition as required by Sections 4.7 through 4.9.

34.7.2 **Resident Training.**

34.7.2.1 All residents participating in the emergency plan shall be trained in the proper actions to be taken in the event of fire.

34.7.2.2 The training required by 34.7.3.1 shall include actions to be taken if the primary escape route is blocked.

34.7.2.3 If a resident is given rehabilitation or habilitation training, training in fire prevention and the actions to be taken in the event of a fire shall be a part of the training program.

34.7.2.4 Residents shall be trained to assist each other in case of fire to the extent that their physical and mental abilities permit them to do so without additional personal risk.

34.7.3 **Emergency Egress and Relocation**

Drills. Emergency egress and relocation drills shall be conducted in accordance with 34.7.4.1 through 34.7.4.6.

34.7.3.1 Emergency egress and relocation drills shall be conducted not less than once per quarter on each shift at alternating times. It is intended that staff and residents be trained and drilled based

on fire and other emergencies that may occur during the periods of lowest staffing levels. This may require more than one drill per quarter on shifts with the lowest staffing levels.

34.7.3.2 The emergency drills shall be permitted to be announced to the residents in advance.

34.7.3.3 The drills shall involve the training of residents for the eventual actual evacuation of all residents to an assembly point, as specified in the emergency plan, and shall provide residents with experience in egressing through all exits and means of escape required by the Code.

34.7.3.3.1. The assembly point shall be a place outside of the building and shall be located a safe distance from the building being evacuated so as to avoid interference with fire department operations. A refuge area within a smoke compartment in buildings separated by smoke barriers shall be considered a temporary assembly point as part of a staged evacuation.

34.7.3.3.2. Buildings with smoke compartments shall be allowed to train residents to temporarily escape in a staged evacuation to another smoke compartment separated by smoke barriers. Residents shall be allowed to complete the training exercise on the other side of an adjacent smoke barrier. Residents shall still be trained to eventually complete building evacuation during an actual emergency evacuation. Residents shall be required to participate in one emergency egress and relocation drill per year where they continue to an assembly

point outside of the building.

34.7.3.3.3. Residents, as a group, shall be required to complete the evacuation drill to an exit or across a smoke barrier in less than 13 minutes or shall be required to change its group evacuation capability and comply with Section 35.1.8.

34.7.3.4 Exits and means of escape not used in any drill shall not be credited in meeting the requirements of this Code for assisted living community facilities.

34.7.3.5 Actual exiting from windows shall not be required to comply with 34.7.4; opening the window and signaling for help shall be an acceptable alternative.

34.7.3.6 Residents who cannot meaningfully assist in their own evacuation or who have special health problems shall not be required to actively participate in the drill.

34.7.4 **Smoking.**

34.7.4.1 Smoking regulations shall be adopted by the administration of assisted living community occupancies.

34.7.4.2 Where smoking is permitted, noncombustible safety-type ashtrays or receptacles shall be provided in convenient locations.

34.7.5 **Furnishings, Mattresses, and Decorations.**

34.7.5.1. New draperies, curtains, and other similar loosely hanging furnishings and decorations in assisted living community facilities shall be in accordance with the provisions of 10.3.1.

34.7.5.2 New upholstered furniture within assisted living community facilities shall comply with 34.7.6.2.1 or 34.7.6.2.2.

34.7.5.2.1 New upholstered furniture shall be tested in accordance with the provisions of 10.3.2.1(1) and 10.3.3.

34.7.5.2.2 Upholstered furniture belonging to residents in sleeping rooms shall not be required to be tested, provided that a smoke alarm is installed in such rooms; battery-powered single-station smoke alarms shall be permitted in such rooms.

34.7.5.3 Newly introduced mattresses within assisted living community facilities shall comply with 34.7.5.3.1 or 34.7.5.3.2.

34.7.5.3.1 Newly introduced mattresses shall be tested in accordance with the provisions of 10.3.2.2 and 10.3.4.

34.7.5.3.2 Mattresses belonging to residents in sleeping rooms shall not be required to be tested, provided that a smoke alarm is installed in such rooms; battery-powered single-station smoke alarms shall be permitted in such rooms.

34.7.6 **Staff.** Staff shall be on duty and in the facility at all times when residents requiring evacuation assistance are present.

34.7.7 **Inspection of Door Openings.** Door assemblies for which the door leaf is required to swing in the direction of egress travel shall be inspected and tested not less than annually in accordance with 7.2.1.15.

(cc) **Modifications to Chapter 35:**

1. Insert a new Chapter 35 to read as follows:

Chapter 35 Existing Assisted Living Community Occupancies

35.1 General Requirements.

35.1.1 Application.

35.1.1.1 General.

35.1.1.1.1 The requirements of this chapter shall apply to existing buildings or portions thereof used as assisted living community

occupancies or with limited applicability for a conversion as further specific specified in Section 35.1.1.4.3 entitled Change of Occupancy.

- 35.1.1.1.2 **Administration.** The provisions of Chapter 1 regarding Administration shall apply.
- 35.1.1.1.3 **General.** The provisions of Chapter 4 regarding General matters shall apply.
- 35.1.1.1.4 Buildings, or sections of buildings, that primarily house residents who, in the opinion of the governing body of the facility and the governmental agency having jurisdiction, are capable of exercising judgment and appropriate physical action for self-preservation under emergency conditions shall be permitted to comply with the provisions of Chapter 33 provided they are separated by a fire barrier having not less than a 1-hour fire resistance rating and constructed of materials as required for the addition.
- 35.1.1.1.5 It shall be recognized that, in buildings providing care for certain types of residents or having a security section, it might be necessary to lock doors and bar windows to confine and protect building inhabitants. In such instances, the authority having jurisdiction shall require appropriate modifications to those sections of this Code that would otherwise require means of egress to be kept unlocked.
- 35.1.1.1.6 The requirements of this chapter shall apply based on the assumption that staff is available in all resident-occupied areas to perform

certain fire safety functions as required in other paragraphs of this chapter.

35.1.1.2 Goals and Objectives. The goals and objectives of Sections 4.1 and 4.2 shall be met with due consideration for functional requirements, which are accomplished by limiting the development and spread of a fire to the room of fire origin and reducing the need for occupant evacuation, except from the room of fire origin.

35.1.1.3 Total Concept.

35.1.1.3.1 All assisted living community facilities shall be designed, constructed, maintained, and operated to minimize the possibility of a fire emergency requiring the evacuation of occupants.

35.1.1.3.2 Because the safety of assisted living community occupants cannot be ensured adequately by dependence on evacuation of the building, their protection from fire shall be provided by appropriate arrangement of facilities; adequate, trained staff; and development of operating and maintenance procedures composed of the following:

- (1) Design, construction, and compartmentation.
- (2) Provision for detection, alarm, and extinguishment.
- (3) Fire prevention and planning, training, and drilling programs for the isolation of fire, transfer of occupants to areas of refuge, or evacuation of the building.

35.1.1.4 Additions, Conversions, Modernization, Renovation, and Construction Operations.

35.1.1.4.1 **Additions.**

35.1.1.4.1.1 Additions shall be separated from any existing structure not conforming to the provisions within Chapter 35 by a fire barrier having not less than a 2-hour fire resistance rating and constructed of materials as required for the addition. (See 4.6.5 and 4.6.7.)

35.1.1.4.1.2 Doors in barriers required by 35.1.1.4.1.1 shall normally be kept closed, unless otherwise permitted by 35.1.1.4.1.3.

35.1.1.4.1.3 Doors shall be permitted to be held open if they meet the requirements of 35.2.2.4.

35.1.1.6 **Conversion.** For the purposes of this chapter, exceptions for conversions shall apply only for a change of occupancy from an existing personal care home occupancy or health care occupancy to an assisted living community occupancy.

35.1.1.4.3 **Changes of Occupancy.** A change from a personal care

home, assisted living, or assisted living facility to an assisted living community occupancy shall be considered a change in occupancy or occupancy sub-classification. The requirements of this chapter shall be limited to only apply to a change of occupancy to an assisted living community from an existing personal care home, assisted living, or assisted living facility first occupied as such with a certificate of occupancy issued prior to March 31, 2013. Such facility may be permitted to meet all the requirements for a limited health care occupancy as prescribed in chapter 19 of this Code in lieu of this chapter.

35.1.1.4.3.1 An existing personal care home, assisted living, or assisted living facility with a certificate of occupancy dated after March 31, 2013, that is applying for a change of occupancy to an assisted living community or any other change of occupancy classification, sub-classification, shall meet the provisions of Chapter 34 New Assisted Living Community Occupancies.

35.1.1.4.4 Renovations, Alterations, and Modernizations. See 4.6.7.

35.1.1.4.5 Construction, Repair, and Improvement Operations. See 4.6.10.

35.1.2 Classification of Occupancy. See 120-3-3.03(4), (14), and 35.1.4.2.

35.1.3 Multiple Occupancies.

35.1.3.1 Multiple occupancies shall comply with 6.1.14 in buildings other than those meeting the requirement of 35.1.3.2.

35.1.3.2 *Sections of assisted living community facilities shall be permitted to be classified as other occupancies, provided that they meet both of the following conditions:

(1) They are not intended to serve assisted living community occupants or have customary access by assisted living community residents who are incapable of self-preservation.

(2) They are separated from areas of assisted living community occupancies by construction having a minimum 2-hour fire resistance rating.

35.1.3.3 The requirement of 35.1.3.1 shall not apply to apartment buildings housing assisted living community occupancies in conformance with Section 35.4. In such facilities, any safeguards required by Section 35.4 that are more restrictive than those for other housed occupancies shall apply only to the extent prescribed by Section 35.4.

35.1.3.4 No assisted living community occupancy shall be located above a non-residential or non-health care occupancy, unless one following conditions is met:

(1) The assisted living community occupancy and exits therefrom are separated from the non-residential or non-health care occupancy by construction having a minimum 2-hour fire resistance rating.

- (2) The assisted living community occupancy is protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.7 and is separated therefrom by construction having a minimum 1-hour fire resistance rating.

35.1.3.5 Any area with a hazard of contents classified higher than that of the assisted living community occupancy and located in the same building shall be protected as required in 35.3.2.

35.1.3.6 Non-residential-related occupancies classified as containing high hazard contents shall not be permitted in buildings housing assisted living community occupancies.

35.1.4 Definitions.

35.1.4.1 General. For definitions, see Chapter 3, Definitions.

35.1.4.2 Special Definitions. A list of special terms used in this chapter are as follows:

- (1) Assisted Living Community Occupancy. See Rule 120-3-3-.03(4).
- (2) Assisted self-preservation. See Rule 120-3-3-.03(5).
- (2) Evacuation Capability, Impractical. See Rule 120-3-3-.03(7).
- (3) Evacuation Capability, Prompt. See Rule 120-3-3-.03(8).
- (4) Evacuation Capability, Slow. See Rule 120-3-3-.03(9).
- (5) Personal Care Home. See Rule 120-3-3-.03(21).
- (6) Point of Safety. See 3.3.229 of this Code.
- (7) Thermal Barrier. See 3.3.32.3 of this Code.

35.1.5 Classification of Hazard of Contents. The classification of hazard of contents shall be as defined in Section 6.2.

35.1.6 Minimum Construction Requirements. Assisted living community facilities shall be limited to the building construction types specified in Table 35.1.6 (see 8.2.1), based on the number of stories in height as defined in 4.6.3.

Table 35.1.6	Number of Stories - See Note b						
	Sprinkled See Note a	1	2	3	4	5-6	>6- 12
Type I(442) c d	YES	X	X	X	X	X	X
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type I(332) c d	YES	X	X	X	X	X	X
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type II(222) c d	YES	N.P.	X	X	X	X	X
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type II(111) c d	YES	X	X	Xe	Xe	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type II(000) a	YES	X	X	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type III(211) a	YES	X	X	Xe	Xe	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type III(200) a	YES	X	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type IV(2HH) a	YES	X	X	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type V(111) See note a or e	YES	Xa	Xa	Xe	Xe	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
Type V(000) a	YES	Xa	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.
	NO	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.

X = Permitted if sprinklered as required by 33.3.3.5 unless otherwise noted.

NP = Not permitted.

- a) *Building shall be protected throughout by an approved supervised automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with 35.3.5, and the interior walls are covered with lath and plaster or materials providing a 15-minute thermal barrier. (See requirements of 35.3.5).*
- b) *See requirements of 4.6.3.*
- c) *See requirements of 35.1.6.2.1.*
- d) *See requirements of 35.1.6.2.2.*
- e) *See requirements of 35.1.6.5.*

35.1.6.1 Fire Resistance-Rated Assemblies. Fire resistance-rated assemblies shall comply with Section 8.3.

35.1.6.2 Construction Type Limitations.

35.1.6.2.1 Any building of Type I(442), Type I(332), Type II(222), or Type II(111) construction shall be permitted to include roofing systems involving combustible supports, decking, or roofing, provided that all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) The roof covering shall meet Class A requirements in accordance with ASTM E 108, Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Roof Coverings, or ANSI/UL 790, Test Methods for Fire Tests of Roof Coverings.
- (2) The roof shall be separated from all occupied portions of the building by a noncombustible floor assembly having not less than a 2-hour fire resistance rating that includes not less than 2 1/2 in. (63 mm) of concrete or gypsum fill.
- (3) The structural elements supporting the 2-hour fire resistance-rated floor assembly specified in

35.1.6.2(2) shall be required to have only the fire resistance rating required of the building.

35.1.6.2.2 Any building of Type I(442), Type I(332), Type II(222), or Type II(111) construction shall be permitted to include roofing systems involving combustible supports, decking, or roofing, provided that all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) The roof covering shall meet Class A requirements in accordance with ASTM E 108, Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Roof Coverings, or ANSI/UL 790, Test Methods for Fire Tests of Roof Coverings.
- (2) The roof/ceiling assembly shall be constructed with fire-retardant-treated wood meeting the requirements of NFPA 220, Standard on Types of Building Construction.
- (3) The roof/ceiling assembly shall have the required fire resistance rating for the type of construction.

35.1.6.2.3 Any level below the level of exit discharge shall be separated from the level of exit discharge by not less than Type II(111), Type III(211), or Type V(111) construction (see 8.2.1), unless both of the following criteria are met:

- (1) Such levels are under the control of the assisted living community facility.

- (2) Any hazardous spaces are protected in accordance with Section 8.7.

35.1.6.3 All buildings with more than one level below the level of exit discharge shall have all such lower levels separated from the level of exit discharge by not less than Type II (111) construction.

35.1.6.4 Interior nonbearing walls in buildings of Type I or Type II construction shall be constructed of noncombustible or limited-combustible materials, unless otherwise permitted by 20.1.6.4.

35.1.6.5 Any existing building of Type II(111), Type III(211), or Type V(111) construction shall be permitted however, occupants requiring assistance with evacuation from others shall be limited to occupancy on the first and second stories), unless one of the following criteria is met:

- (1) A horizontal exit in combination with a smoke barrier is provided on the third and fourth floor; or,
- (2) The building is protected throughout by an approved supervised automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with 9.7.1.1(1), and provided with quick response or residential sprinklers throughout.

35.1.6.6 Interior nonbearing walls required to have a minimum 2-hour fire resistance rating shall be permitted to be fire-retardant-treated wood enclosed within noncombustible or limited-combustible materials, provided that such walls are not used as shaft enclosures.

35.1.6.7 Fire-retardant-treated wood that serves as supports for the installation of fixtures and equipment shall be permitted to be installed behind noncombustible or limited-combustible sheathing.

35.1.6.8 **Changes in Group Evacuation Capability.** A change in evacuation capability to a slower level shall be permitted where the facility conforms to one of the following requirements:

- (1) The requirements of Chapter 34 applicable to new assisted living

community facilities.

- (2) The requirements of Chapter 35 applicable to existing assisted living community facilities for the new evacuation capability, provided that the building is protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system complying with 35.5 or an increase in staffing to achieve evacuation of all residents to a point of safety within 13 minutes.

35.1.6.9 Requirements Based on Evacuation Capability.

35.1.6.9.1 Prompt and Slow. Facilities classified as prompt or slow evacuation capability, other than those meeting the requirement of 35.1.6.9.1.1 or 35.1.6.9.1.2, shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 35, as indicated for the appropriate evacuation capability.

35.1.6.9.1.1 Facilities where the authority having jurisdiction has determined equivalent safety is provided in accordance with Section 1.4 shall not be required to comply with the requirements of Section 35, as indicated for the appropriate evacuation capability.

35.1.6.9.1.2 Facilities that were previously approved as complying with

35.1.6.9.2 shall not be required to comply with the requirements of Section 35, as indicated for the appropriate evacuation capability.

35.1.6.9.2 Impractical. Facilities classified as impractical evacuation capability shall meet the requirements of Chapter 35 for impractical evacuation capability, or the requirements for limited care facilities in Chapter 19, unless the authority having jurisdiction has determined equivalent safety is provided in accordance with Section 1.4.

35.1.6.9.3 Evacuation Capability Determination.

35.1.6.9.3.1 Facility management shall furnish to the authority having jurisdiction, upon request, an evacuation capability determination using a procedure acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

35.1.6.9.3.2 Where the documentation required by 35.1.6.9.3.1 is not furnished, the evacuation capability shall be classified as impractical.

35.1.7 Occupant Load. The occupant load, in number of persons for whom means of egress and other provisions are required, shall be determined on the basis of the occupant load factors of Table 7.3.1.2 that are characteristic of the use of the space, or shall be determined as the maximum probable population of the space under consideration, whichever is greater.

35.2 Means of Egress Requirements.

35.2.1 General.

- 35.2.1.1** Means of egress from resident rooms and resident dwelling units to the outside of the building shall be in accordance with Chapter 7 and this chapter.
- 35.2.1.2** Means of escape within the resident room or resident dwelling unit shall comply with Section 24.2 for one- and two-family dwellings.
- 35.2.1.3** No means of escape or means of egress shall be considered as complying with the minimum criteria for acceptance, unless emergency evacuation drills are regularly conducted using that route in accordance with the requirements of 35.6.3.
- 35.2.1.4** No assisted living community occupancy shall have its sole means of egress or means of escape pass through any non-residential or non-health care occupancy in the same building.
- 35.2.1.5** All means of egress from assisted living community occupancies that traverse non-assisted living community spaces shall conform to the requirements of this Code for assisted living community occupancies, unless otherwise permitted by 35.2.1.6.
- 35.2.1.6** Exit through a horizontal exit into other contiguous occupancies that does not conform to assisted living community egress provisions but do comply with requirements set forth in the appropriate occupancy chapter of this Code shall be permitted, provided that the occupancy does not contain high hazard contents.
- 35.2.1.7** Egress provisions for areas of assisted living community facilities that correspond to other occupancies shall meet the corresponding requirements of this Code for such occupancies, and, where the clinical needs of the residents

necessitate the locking of means of egress, staff shall be present for the supervised release of occupants during all times of use.

35.2.2 Means of Egress Components.

35.2.2.1 **Components Permitted.** Components of means of egress shall be limited to the types described in 35.2.2.2 through 35.2.2.10.

35.2.2.2 **Doors.** Doors in means of egress shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Doors complying with 7.2.1 shall be permitted.
- (2) Doors within individual rooms and suites of rooms shall be permitted to be swinging or sliding.
- (3) No door in any means of egress, other than those meeting the requirement of 35.2.2.2.1 or 35.2.2.2.2, shall be equipped with a lock or latch that requires the use of a tool or key from the egress side.

35.2.2.2.1 Delayed-egress locks in accordance with 7.2.1.6.1 shall be permitted.

35.2.2.2.2 Access-controlled egress doors in accordance with 7.2.1.6.2 shall be permitted.

35.2.2.2.3 Doors that are located in the means of egress from individual resident bedrooms or private living units shall be permitted to have locks where the clinical needs of a resident require specialized protective security measures provided that staff can readily unlock doors at all times in accordance with 35.2.2.2.4.

35.2.2.2.4 Doors that are located in the means of egress and are permitted to be locked under other provisions of 35.2.2.2.3 shall comply with both of the following:

- (1) Provisions shall be made for the rapid removal of occupants by means of one of the following:
 - (a) Remote control of locks from within the locked smoke compartment.
 - (b) Keying of all locks to keys carried by staff at all times.
 - (c) Other such reliable means available to the staff at all times.
- (2) Only one locking device shall be permitted on each door.

35.2.2.2.5 Doors located in the means of egress that are permitted to be locked under other provisions of Chapter 35, other than those meeting the requirement of 35.2.2.2.1 or 35.2.2.2.2, shall have adequate provisions made for the rapid removal of occupants by means such as remote control of locks, keying of all locks to keys carried by staff at all times, or other such reliable means available to staff at all times.

35.2.2.2.6 Only one such locking device, as described in 35.2.2.2.5, shall be permitted on each door.

35.2.2.3 Stairs complying with 7.2.2 shall be permitted.

35.2.2.4 Smokeproof enclosures complying with 7.2.3 shall be permitted.

- 35.2.2.5 Horizontal exits complying with 7.2.4 shall be permitted.
- 35.2.2.6 Ramps complying with 7.2.5 shall be permitted.
- 35.2.2.7 Exit passageways complying with 7.2.6 shall be permitted.
- 35.2.2.8 Fire escape ladders complying with 7.2.9 shall be permitted.
- 35.2.2.9 Alternating tread devices complying with 7.2.11 shall be permitted.
- 35.2.2.10 Areas of refuge complying with 7.2.12 shall be permitted.

35.2.3 **Capacity of Means of Egress.**

- 35.2.3.1 The capacity of means of egress shall be in accordance with Section 7.3.
- 35.2.3.2 Street floor exits shall be sufficient for the occupant load of the street floor plus the required capacity of stairs and ramps discharging onto the street floor.
- 35.2.3.3 The width of corridors serving an occupant load of 50 or more in facilities having prompt or slow evacuation capability, and all facilities having impractical evacuation capability, shall be sufficient for the occupant load served but shall be not less than 60 in. (1525 mm).
- 35.2.3.4 The width of corridors serving an occupant load of less than 50 in facilities having prompt or slow evacuation capability shall be not less than 44 in. (1120 mm).

35.2.4 **Number of Means of Egress.**

- 35.2.4.1 Means of egress shall comply with the following, except as otherwise permitted by 35.2.4.2:
 - (1) The number of means of egress shall be in accordance with 7.4.1.1 and 7.4.1.3 through 7.4.1.5.
 - (2) Not less than two separate exits shall be provided on every story.
 - (3) Not less than two separate exits shall be accessible from every part of every story.

35.2.4.2 Exit access, as required by 35.2.4.1(3), shall be permitted to include a single exit access path for the distances permitted as common paths of travel by 35.2.5.2 and 35.2.5.3.

35.2.5 Arrangement of Means of Egress.

35.2.5.1 **General.** Access to all required exits shall be in accordance with Section 7.5.

35.2.5.2 Dead-end corridors shall not exceed 35 ft. (15 m).

35.2.5.3 Common paths of travel shall not exceed 110 ft. (35.5 m).

35.2.6 Travel Distance to Exits.

35.2.6.1 Travel distance from the door within a room, suite, or living unit to a corridor door shall not exceed 75 ft. (23 m) in buildings not protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 35.3.5.

35.2.6.2 Travel distance from any point within a room, suite, or living unit to a corridor door shall not exceed 125 ft. (38 m) in buildings protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 35.3.5.

35.2.6.3 Travel distance from the corridor door of any room to the nearest exit shall be in accordance with 35.2.6.2.1 or 35.2.6.2.2.

35.2.6.3.1 Travel distance from the corridor door of any room to the nearest exit, measured in accordance with Section 7.6, shall not exceed 200 ft. (61 m).

35.2.6.3.2 Travel distance to exits shall not exceed 200 ft. (61 m) for exterior ways of exit access arranged in accordance with 7.5.3.

35.2.7 Exit discharge shall comply with Section 7.7.

35.2.8 Means of egress shall be illuminated in accordance with Section 7.8.

35.2.9 Emergency lighting in accordance with Section 7.9 shall be provided.

35.2.10 Means of egress shall be marked in accordance with Section 7.10

35.2.11 **Special Means of Egress Features.** Lockups in residential assisted living community occupancies shall comply with the requirements of 23.4.6.

35.3 Protection.

35.3.1 Protection of Vertical Openings.

35.3.1.1 Vertical openings shall be enclosed or protected in accordance with Section 8.6.

35.3.1.2 Unenclosed vertical openings in accordance with 8.6.9.1 shall be permitted.

35.3.1.3 No floor below the level of exit discharge and used only for storage, heating equipment, or purposes other than residential occupancy shall have unprotected openings to floors used for residential occupancy.

35.3.2 Protection from Hazards.

35.3.2.1 Rooms containing high-pressure boilers, refrigerating machinery, transformers, or other service equipment subject to possible explosion shall not be located directly under or adjacent to exits, and such rooms shall be effectively separated from other parts of the building as specified in Section 8.7.

35.3.2.2 Hazardous areas, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following, shall be separated from other parts of the building by construction having a minimum 1-hour fire resistance rating, with communicating openings protected by approved self-closing fire doors and be equipped with automatic fire-extinguishing systems:

- (1) Boiler and heater rooms
- (2) Laundries
- (3) Repair shops
- (4) Rooms or spaces used for storage of combustible supplies and equipment in quantities deemed hazardous by the authority having jurisdiction

Exception to (1): Rooms enclosing air handling equipment,

compressor equipment, furnaces or other heating equipment with a total aggregate input rating less than 200,000 BTU input. Such rooms shall not be used for any combustible storage. A minimum of 30 inches (0.76 m) unobstructed access shall be provided and maintained to equipment and electrical or emergency control panels or devices for emergency response purposes.

35.3.3 Interior Finish.

35.3.3.1 **General.** Interior finish shall be in accordance with Section 10.2.

35.3.3.2 Interior wall and ceiling finish materials complying with Section 10.2 shall be in accordance with the following:

- (1) Exit enclosures - Class A
- (2) Lobbies and corridors - Class B
- (3) Rooms and enclosed spaces - Class B

35.3.3.3 Interior Floor Finish.

35.3.3.3.1 Interior floor finish shall comply with Section 10.2.

35.3.3.3.2 Interior floor finish in exit enclosures and exit access corridors and spaces not separated from them by walls complying with 35.3.6 shall be not less than Class II.

35.3.3.3.3 Interior floor finish shall comply with 10.2.7.1 or 10.2.7.2, as applicable.

35.3.4 Detection, Alarm, and Communications Systems.

35.3.4.1 **General.** A fire alarm system shall be provided in accordance with Section 9.6.

34.3.4.2 **Initiation.** The required fire alarm system shall be initiated by each of the following:

- (1) Manual means in accordance with 9.6.2.

- (2) Manual fire alarm box located at a convenient central control point under continuous supervision of responsible employees.
- (3) Required automatic sprinkler system.
- (4) Required smoke and heat detection systems, other than sleeping room smoke alarms.

35.3.4.3 Annunciator Panel. An annunciator panel, connected to the fire alarm system, shall be provided at a location readily accessible from the primary point of entry for emergency response personnel.

35.3.4.4 Notification.

35.3.4.4.1 Occupant Notification. Occupant notification shall be provided automatically, without delay, by internal audible alarm in accordance with 9.6.3.

35.3.4.4.2 High-Rise Buildings. High-rise buildings shall be provided with an approved emergency voice communication/alarm system in accordance with 11.8.4.

35.3.4.5 Emergency Forces Notification.

35.3.4.5.1 Fire department notification shall be accomplished in accordance with 9.6.4.

35.3.4.5.2 Where the existing fire alarm system does not provide for automatic emergency forces notification in accordance with 9.6.4, provisions shall be made for the immediate notification of the public fire department by either telephone or other means.

35.3.4.5.3 Where a new fire alarm system is installed, or the existing fire alarm system is replaced, emergency

forces notification shall be provided in accordance with 9.6.4.

35.3.4.6 **Detection.**

35.3.4.6.1 **Smoke Alarms.** Smoke alarms shall be provided in accordance with 35.3.4.6.1.1, 35.3.4.6.1.2, or 35.3.4.6.1.3.

35.3.4.6.1.1 Each sleeping room shall be provided with an approved smoke alarm in accordance with 9.6.2.10 that is powered from the building electrical system.

35.3.4.6.1.2 Existing battery-powered smoke alarms, rather than building electrical service-powered smoke alarms, shall be accepted where, in the opinion of the authority having jurisdiction, the facility has demonstrated that testing, maintenance, and battery replacement programs ensure the reliability of power to the

smoke
alarms.

35.3.4.6.1.3 The provisions of 9.6.8.10.1 and 9.6.8.10.2.2 shall also apply.

35.3.4.7 **Smoke Detection Systems.**

35.3.4.7.1 All living areas, as defined in 3.3.24.5, and all corridors shall be provided with smoke detectors that comply with NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, and are arranged to initiate an alarm that is audible in all sleeping areas, as modified by 35.3.4.7.2.

35.3.4.7.2 Smoke detection systems shall not be required in unenclosed corridors, passageways, balconies, colonnades, or other arrangements with one or more sides along the long dimension fully or extensively open to the exterior at all times.

35.3.5 **Extinguishment Requirements.**

35.3.5.1 **General.** An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in accordance with Section 9.7, as modified by 35.3.5.1.1.

35.3.5.1.1 In buildings four or fewer stories above grade plane, systems in accordance with NFPA 13R, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies up to and Including Four Stories in Height, shall be permitted.

35.3.5.1.1.1 The exemptions found in NFPA 13R for the sprinkling all closets

and
bathrooms
regardless
of size or
construction
shall not be
applicable
to assisted
living
community
occupancies
under this
chapter.

35.3.5.2 Impractical Evacuation Capability. All facilities having impractical evacuation capability shall be protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 9.7.1.1(1) (full NFPA 13 System) or increase staffing to achieve evacuation of all residents to a point of safety within 13 minutes.

35.3.5.3 High-Rise Buildings. All high-rise buildings shall be protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 35.3.5. Such systems shall initiate the fire alarm system in accordance with Section 9.6.

35.3.5.4 Attics shall be protected in accordance with 35.3.5.4.1 or 35.3.5.4.2.

35.3.5.4.1 Attics or areas within attics used for living purposes, storage, or fuel-fired equipment shall be protected with automatic sprinklers that are part of the required, approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 9.7.1.1.

35.3.5.4.2 Attics not used for living purposes, storage, or fuel-fired equipment shall meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) Attics shall be protected throughout by a heat detection system arranged to activate the building fire alarm system in accordance with Section 9.6.

- (2) Attics shall be protected with automatic sprinklers that are part of the required, approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 9.7.1.1.

35.3.5.5 Automatic sprinkler systems shall be supervised in accordance with Section 9.7.

35.3.5.6 Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with 9.9.

35.3.6 Corridors and Separation of Sleeping Rooms.

35.3.6.1 Access shall be provided from every resident use area to not less than one means of egress that is separated from all other rooms or spaces by walls complying with 35.3.6.1.1, 35.3.6.1.3 or 35.3.6.1.4.

35.3.6.1.1 Sleeping rooms shall be separated from corridors, living areas, kitchens and all other areas by walls having a minimum 1/2-hour fire resistance rating.

35.3.6.1.2 Prompt evacuation capability facilities in buildings two or fewer stories in height, where not less than one required means of egress from each sleeping room provides a path of travel to the outside without traversing any corridor or other spaces exposed to unprotected vertical openings, living areas, and kitchens, shall not be required to comply with 35.3.6.1.1.

35.3.6.1.3 Rooms or spaces, other than sleeping rooms and hazardous areas, shall be separated from corridors by smoke partitions in accordance with Section 8.4, and the provisions of 8.4.3.5 shall not apply.

35.3.6.2 Except for Hazardous areas, in buildings protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 9.7.1.1(1), walls may be smoke partitions in accordance with Section 8.4, and the provisions of 8.4.3.5 shall not apply.

35.3.6.3 Hazardous areas shall be separated from corridors in accordance with 35.3.2.

35.3.6.4 Doors in walls required by 35.3.6.1 or 35.3.6.2 shall comply with 35.3.6.4.1 or 35.3.6.4.2.

35.3.6.4.1 Doors shall have a minimum 20-minute fire protection rating.

35.3.6.4.2 Solid-bonded wood-core doors of not less than 1 3/4 in. (44 mm) thickness shall be permitted to continue in use.

35.3.6.5 Doors in walls required by 35.3.6.1 and 35.3.6.2 shall comply with 35.3.6.5.1 and 35.3.6.6.

35.3.6.5.1 Door-closing devices shall not be required on doors in corridor wall openings, other than those serving exit enclosures, smoke barriers, enclosures of vertical openings, and hazardous areas.

35.3.6.6 No louvers, transfer grilles, operable transoms, or other air passages, other than properly installed heating and utility installations, shall penetrate the walls or doors specified in 34.3.6.

35.3.7 Subdivision of Building Spaces. The requirements of 35.3.7.1 through 35.3.7.6 shall be met for all sleeping floors, unless otherwise permitted by 35.3.7.7.

35.3.7.1 Every sleeping room floor shall be divided into not less than two smoke compartments of approximately the same size, with smoke barriers in accordance with Section 8.5, unless otherwise indicated in 35.3.7.4.

35.3.7.1.1 Smoke barriers shall not be required in buildings having prompt or slow evacuation

capability where each sleeping room is provided with exterior ways of exit access arranged in accordance with 7.5.3.

35.3.7.2 Each smoke compartment shall have an area not exceeding 22,500 ft² (2100 m²).

35.3.7.3 The travel distance from any point to reach a door in the required smoke barrier shall be limited to a distance of 200 ft. (61 m).

35.3.7.3.1 Additional smoke barriers shall be provided such that the travel distance from a sleeping room corridor door to a smoke barrier shall not exceed 150 ft. (46 m).

35.3.7.4 Smoke barrier subdivision requirements shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) Stories that do not contain an assisted living community occupancy located above the assisted living community occupancy.
- (2) Stories that do not contain an assisted living community occupancy and that are separated from the assisted living community occupancy by a 2-hour fire barrier complying with Section 8.3.
- (3) Stories that do not contain an assisted living community occupancy and that are more than one story below the assisted living community occupancy.
- (4) Open parking structures protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 9.7.1.1(1).

35.3.7.5 Smoke barriers shall be constructed in accordance with Section 8.5 and shall have a minimum 1-hour fire resistance rating, unless they meet the requirement of 35.3.7.9 or 35.3.7.10.

35.3.7.6 Where an atrium is used, smoke barriers shall be permitted to terminate at an atrium wall constructed in accordance with 8.6.7(1)(c), in which case not less

than two separate smoke compartments shall be provided on each floor.

- 35.3.7.7 Dampers shall not be required in duct penetrations of smoke barriers in fully ducted heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems.
- 35.3.7.8 Not less than 15 net ft² (1.4 net m²) per resident shall be provided within the aggregate area of corridors, lounge or dining areas, and other low hazard areas on each side of the smoke barrier.
- 35.3.7.9 On stories not housing residents, not less than 6 net ft² (0.56 net m²) per occupant shall be provided on each side of the smoke barrier for the total number of occupants in adjoining compartments.
- 35.3.7.10 Doors in smoke barriers shall be substantial doors, such as 1 3/4 in. (44 mm) thick, solid-bonded wood-core doors, or shall be of construction that resists fire for a minimum of 20 minutes, and shall meet all the following requirements:
 - (1) Nonrated factory- or field-applied protective plates, unlimited in height, shall be permitted.
 - (2) Cross-corridor openings in smoke barriers shall be protected by a pair of swinging doors or a horizontal-sliding door complying with 7.2.1.13.
 - (3) Swinging doors shall be arranged so that each door swings in a direction opposite from the other.
- 35.3.7.11 Doors in smoke barriers shall comply with 8.5.4 and all of the following:
 - (1) The doors shall be self-closing or automatic closing in accordance with 7.2.1.8.
 - (2) Positive latching hardware shall not be required.
 - (3) Stops shall be required at the head and sides of door frames in smoke barriers.
 - (4) Rabbets, bevels, or astragals shall be required at the meeting edges of pairs of doors.

- (5) Center mullions shall be prohibited.

35.3.7.12 Vision panels consisting of fire rated glazing or wired glass panels in approved frames shall be provided in each cross-corridor swinging door and in each cross-corridor horizontal-sliding door in a smoke barrier.

35.3.8 Cooking Facilities. Cooking facilities, other than those within individual residential units, shall be protected in accordance with 9.2.3.

35.3.9 **Standpipes.**

35.3.9.1 **General.** Where required, standpipe and hose systems shall be installed and maintained in accordance with 9.10.

35.4 **Special Provisions.**

35.4.1 **High-Rise Buildings.** High-rise buildings shall comply with Section 11.8.

35.5 **Building Services.**

35.5.1 Utilities shall comply with 9.1.

35.5.1.1 Existing installations shall be permitted to be continued in service, provided the system does not present a serious hazard to life.

35.5.1.2 Heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning equipment shall comply with Section 9.2.

35.5.1.3 No stove or combustion heater shall be located such that it blocks escape in case of fire caused by the malfunction of the stove or heater.

35.5.1.4 Unvented fuel-fired heaters shall not be used in any assisted living community occupancy.

35.5.2 Elevators, Dumbwaiters, and Vertical Conveyors. Elevators, dumbwaiters, and vertical conveyors shall comply with Section 9.4.

35.6.2.1 In high-rise buildings, one elevator shall be provided with a protected power supply and shall be available for use by the fire department in case of emergency.

35.5.3 Rubbish Chutes, Incinerators, and Laundry Chutes. Rubbish chutes, incinerators, and laundry chutes shall comply with Section 9.5.

35.7 Operating Features.

35.7.1 Emergency Planning and Preparedness and Emergency Egress and Relocation Drills. Assisted living community facilities shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, safety practices, and emergency egress and relocation drills for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition accordance with Sections 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9.

35.7.3 Resident Training.

35.7.3.1 All residents participating in the emergency plan shall be trained in the proper actions to be taken in the event of fire.

35.7.3.2 The training required by 35.7.3.1 shall include actions to be taken if the primary escape route is blocked.

35.7.3.3 If the resident is given rehabilitation or habilitation training, training in fire prevention and the actions to be taken in the event of a fire shall be a part of the training program.

35.7.3.4 Residents shall be trained to assist each other in case of fire to the extent that their physical and mental abilities permit them to do so without additional personal risk.

35.7.4 Emergency Egress and Relocation Drills. Emergency egress and relocation drills shall be conducted in accordance with 35.7.4.1 through 35.7.4.6.

35.7.4.1 Emergency egress and relocation drills shall be conducted not less than once per quarter on each shift at alternating times. It is intended that staff and residents be trained and drilled based on fire and other emergencies that may occur during the periods of lowest staffing levels. This may require more than one drill per quarter on shifts with the lowest staffing levels.

35.7.4.2 The emergency drills shall be permitted to be announced to the residents in advance.

35.7.4.3 The drills shall involve the training of residents for the eventual actual evacuation of all residents to an assembly point, as specified in the emergency plan, and shall provide residents with experience in egressing through all exits and means of escape required by this Code.

35.7.4.3.1. The assembly point shall be a place outside of the building and shall be located a safe distance from the building being evacuated so as to avoid interference with fire department operations. A refuge area within a smoke compartment in buildings separated by smoke barriers shall be considered a temporary assembly point as part of a staged evacuation.

35.7.4.3.2. Buildings with smoke compartments shall be allowed to train residents to temporarily escape in a staged evacuation to another smoke compartment separated by smoke barriers. Residents shall be allowed to complete the training exercise on the other side of an adjacent smoke barrier. Residents shall still be trained to eventually complete building evacuation during an actual emergency evacuation. Residents shall be required to participate in one emergency egress and relocation drill per year where they continue to an assembly point outside of the building.

35.7.4.3.3. Residents, as a group, shall be required to complete the evacuation drill to an exit or across a smoke barrier in less than 13 minutes or shall be required to change its group evacuation capability and comply with Section 35.1.6.8.

35.7.4.4 Exits and means of escape not used in any drill shall not be credited in meeting the requirements of this Code for assisted living community facilities.

35.7.4.5 Actual exiting from windows shall not be required to comply with 35.7.3; opening the window and signaling for help shall be an acceptable alternative.

35.7.4.6 If the assisted living community facility has an evacuation capability classification of impractical, those residents who cannot meaningfully assist in their own evacuation or who have special health problems shall not be required to actively participate in the drill, or be moved during the drill to safe areas or to the exterior of the building.

35.7.5 Smoking.

35.7.5.1 Smoking regulations shall be adopted by the administration of assisted living community occupancies.

35.7.5.2 Where smoking is permitted, noncombustible safety-type ashtrays or receptacles shall be provided in convenient locations.

35.7.6 Furnishings, Mattresses, and Decorations.

35.7.6.1 New draperies, curtains, and other similar loosely hanging furnishings and decorations in common areas of assisted living community facilities shall be in accordance with the provisions of 10.3.1.

35.7.6.2 New upholstered furniture within assisted living community facilities shall comply with 35.7.6.2.1 or 35.7.6.2.2.

35.7.6.2.1 New upholstered furniture shall be tested in accordance with the provisions of 10.3.2.1(1) and 10.3.3.

35.7.6.2.2 Upholstered furniture belonging to residents in sleeping rooms shall not be required to be tested, provided that a smoke alarm is installed in such rooms; battery-powered single-station smoke alarms shall be permitted in such rooms.

35.7.6.3 Newly introduced mattresses within assisted living community facilities shall comply with 35.7.6.3.1 or 35.7.6.3.2.

35.7.6.3.1 Newly introduced mattresses shall be tested in accordance with the provisions of 10.3.2.2 and 10.3.4.

35.7.6.3.2 Mattresses belonging to residents in sleeping rooms shall not be required to be tested, provided that a smoke alarm is installed in such rooms; battery-powered single-station smoke alarms shall be permitted in such rooms.

35.7.7 Staff. Staff shall be on duty and in the facility at all times when residents requiring evacuation assistance are present.

35.7.8 Inspection of Door Openings. Door assemblies for which the door leaf is required to swing in the direction of egress travel shall be inspected and tested not less than annually in accordance with 7.2.1.15.

(dd) **Modification to Chapter 36:**

1. Add a new subparagraph 36.3.5.1.1. to read as follows:

36.3.5.1.1 Individual tenant spaces located in covered mall buildings shall be provided with electrically supervised control valves. Such control valves shall be located off supply mains to control each individual tenant space.

36.3.5.1.1.1 Multiple tenant spaces shall be permitted to be controlled by one control valve provided the total area covered by the single valve does not exceed 7,500 square feet (696.8 sq. m).

2. Delete subparagraph 36.4.5.6 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

36.4.5.6 **Emergency Planning and Preparedness.** Bulk merchandising shall comply with Section 36.7.1.

4. Delete subsections 36.7.1 in its entirety and substitute in their place the following:

36.7.1 **Emergency Planning and Preparedness.** Mercantile occupancies (Group M) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.7, 4.8, and 4.9.

(ee) **Modification to Chapter 37:**

1. Delete Subsection 37.4.5.6 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

37.4.5.6 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Bulk merchandising retail buildings shall comply with 37.7.1.

2. Delete subsections 37.7.1 and 37.7.2, 37.7.3 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:

37.7.1 **Emergency Planning and Preparedness.** Mercantile occupancies (Group M) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with 4.7, 4.8, and 4.9.

(ff) **Modification to Chapter 38:**

1. Delete subparagraph 3 8.2.2.2.6 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

38.2.2.2.6 Delayed egress locks complying with 7.2.1.6.1 shall be permitted, provided, however, not more than one such device shall be permitted in the means of egress path involved.

2. Delete subsection 38.7.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

38.7.1 **Emergency Planning and Preparedness.** Business occupancies (Group B) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition. Such policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices shall be developed and implemented in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code.

(gg) **Modification to Chapter 39:**

1. Delete subsection 39.7.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

39.7.1 **Emergency Planning and Preparedness.** Business occupancies (Group B) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition. Such policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices shall be developed and implemented in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code.

(hh) **Modification to Chapter 40:**

1. Delete subsection 40.3.5 in its entirety and insert in its place the following:

40.3.5 **Extinguishment Requirements.**

40.3.5.1 **Portable Fire Extinguishers.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in all industrial occupancies classified as Group F or Group H occupancies as in the International Fire Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, on each floor in accordance with 9.9 of this Code.

40.3.5.2 **Automatic fire suppression systems.** Automatic fire suppression systems shall be installed in industrial occupancies as required by the International Building Code, adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, with regard to construction type, area and height requirements, and other features as set forth in Table 1.4.4, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE. In addition, automatic fire

suppression systems, or specialized automatic fire suppression systems, as required by the fire code authority having jurisdiction in accordance with the International Fire Code or other codes and standards adopted by the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner, shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the applicable codes and standards.

2. Add new section 40.8 to read as follows:

40.8 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Industrial occupancies otherwise classified under Group F or Group H in the International Fire Code, shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition. Such policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices shall be developed and implemented in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code, as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

40.8.1 Employee Training and Response Procedures. Employees in the occupancies listed in Section 404.2 of the International Fire Code as adopted by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, shall be trained in the fire emergency procedures described in their fire evacuation and life safety plans. Training shall be based on these plans and as described in Section 404.3 of the noted International Fire Code.

(ii) Modification to Chapter 42:

1. Delete subsection 42.3.5 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

42.3.5 Extinguishment Requirements.

42.3.5.1 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in all storage occupancies in accordance with 9.9.

42.3.5.2 Automatic fire suppression systems. Automatic fire suppression systems shall be installed in storage occupancies as required by the International Building Code, adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, with regard to construction type, area and height requirements, and other features as set forth in Table 1.4.4, CODES REFERENCE GUIDE. In addition, automatic fire suppression systems, or specialized automatic fire suppression systems, as required by the fire code authority having jurisdiction in accordance with the International Fire Code or other codes and standards adopted by the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner, shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the applicable codes and standards.

2. Add a new Section 42.10 to read as follows:

42.10 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Storage occupancies (Group S) and High Hazard occupancies (Group H) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency condition in accordance with Sections 4.7 through 4.9.

(jj) Modifications to Chapter 43:

1. Add a new subparagraph 43.1.4.5.1 to read as follows:

43.1.4.5.1 The provisions of 43.1.4.5 shall specifically apply to compliance with the International Fire Code (IFC) and other codes and standards promulgated and adopted with modifications by Subject 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. Accessibility issues shall be addressed in accordance with Subject 120-3-20 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. Where any of the provisions of this Code chapter require compliance with a building code, it shall be construed that compliance is required as applicable with the International Building Code (IBC), as adopted by the Georgia Board of Community Affairs.

2. Add a new paragraph 43.7.2.6 to read as follows:

43.7.2.6 The provisions of 43.7.2.4 and 43.7.2.5 shall be permitted to be modified by the authority having jurisdiction provided the intents and purposes of 102.3, 102.4, and 102.6 of the International Fire Code (IFC).

3. Delete subsections 43.10.1 and 43.10.2 in their entirety and substitute in their place the following:

43.10.1 General Requirements. Table 43.7.3 Hazard Categories and Classifications in 43.7.3 of this Code may be utilized as may be deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction in the evaluation of historic buildings.

43.10.2 Application. The provisions of Chapter 43 shall be deemed as advisory and may be applied to buildings designated as historic to the degree deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction, provided, however, the application of Chapter 43 and 43.10 provisions shall be coordinated as needed to ensure compliance with the requirements, intents, and purposes of 103.3, 102.4, and 102.6 of the International Fire Code (IFC) as adopted with modifications by Subject 120-3-3.

(kk) Modifications to Annex A:

1. Add a new (4) to A.3.3.196.7 to read as follows:

(4) Assisted Living Communities

2. Delete (5) from A.3.3.205.12 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

(5) Community Living Arrangements with five or more residents

3. Delete (1) from A.3.3.205.13 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - (1) One- and two-family dwellings and Community Living Arrangements with fewer than five residents (Chapter 24)
4. Add a new (4) to A.6.1.5.1 to read as follows:
 - (4) Assisted Living Communities
5. Delete (5) from A.6.1.9.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:
 - (5) Community Living Arrangements with five or more residents

(73) NFPA 101A, 2025 Edition, Guide on Alternative Approaches to Life Safety.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Add a new Section 1.4 to read as follows:
 - 1.4 This document is recognized strictly as a guide that may be used in evaluating systems or methods to determine equivalent compliance alternatives for buildings, structures and facilities which do not conform to the minimum requirements of the LSC adopted by this Chapter. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards including the IFC adopted by this Chapter.

(74) NFPA 102, 2021 Edition, Standard for Grandstands, Folding and Telescopic Seating, Tents, and Membrane Structures.

1. The 2016 edition of NFPA 102 is NOT adopted. The basic provisions of this standard have been incorporated into the 2018 Edition of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code as adopted by this Subject 120-3-3. The provisions of the adopted Life Safety Code shall apply, as appropriate, to new and existing bleachers, grandstands, folding and telescopic seating. The Life Safety Code in coordination with the applicable provisions of the adopted edition of the International Fire Code shall apply to tents and membrane structures.
2. The following apply to facilities constructed prior to the effective date of the current Chapter of 120-3-3 Rules and regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.
 - (a) Facilities constructed after April 1, 1968 but before January 1, 1991, shall be permitted to comply with the 1978 edition of NFPA 102, Standard for Grandstands, Folding, and Telescopic Seating, Tents, and Membrane Structures.
 - (b) Facilities constructed after January 1, 1991, but before January 28, 1993, shall be permitted to comply with the 1986 edition of NFPA 102, Standard for Grandstands, Folding, and Telescopic Seating, Tents, and Membrane Structures.
 - (c) Facilities constructed after January 28, 1993, but before March 09, 2010, shall be permitted to comply with the 1992 edition of NFPA 102, Standard for Grandstands, Folding, and Telescopic Seating, Tents, and Membrane Structures.
 - (d) Facilities constructed after March 09, 2010, but before January 1, 2014, shall be permitted to comply with the 2006 edition of NFPA 102, which had been previously adopted.

(75) NFPA 105, 2022 Edition, Smoke Door Assemblies and Other Opening Protectives.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Add a new subsection 1.6 to read as follows:

1.6 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice that may be used in evaluating the use of door assemblies in openings where the passage of smoke is to be governed. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

(76) NFPA 110, 2025 Edition, Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems.

No modifications.

(77) NFPA 111, 2025 Edition, Standard on Stored Electrical Energy Emergency and Standby Power Systems.

No modifications.

(78) NFPA 115, 2020 Edition, Recommended Practice on Laser Fire Protection.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.3 to read as follows:

1.1.3 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice that may be used in evaluating the minimum fire protection criteria for the design, manufacture, installation, and use of lasers and associated equipment. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

(79) NFPA 120, Standard for Coal Preparation Plants.

- (a)** Refer to Subject 120-3-24 for the application of this Standard and the adopted edition and any modifications.

(80) NFPA 122, 2023 Edition, Standard for Fire Prevention and Control in Metal / Nonmetal Mining and Metal Mineral Processing Facilities.

No modifications.

(81) NFPA 130, 2023 Edition, Standard for Fixed Guideway Transit and Passenger Rail Systems.

No modifications.

(82) NFPA 140, 2024 Edition, Standard for Motion Picture and Television Production Studio Soundstages and Approved Facilities.

No modifications.

(83) NFPA 150, 2022 Edition, Standard on Fire and Life Safety in Animal Housing Facilities.

No modifications.

(84) NFPA 160, 2021 Edition, Standard for Flame Effects Before an Audience.

No modifications.

(85) NFPA 170, 2024 Edition, Standard for Fire Safety Symbols.

No modifications.

(86) NFPA 204, 2024 Edition, Standard for Smoke and Heat Venting.

No modifications.

(87) NFPA 211, 2024 Edition, Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel Burning Appliances.

No modifications.

(88) NFPA 214, 2021 Edition, Standard on Water-Cooling Towers.

No modifications.

(89) NFPA 220, 2024 Edition, Standard on Types of Building Construction.

No modifications.

(90) NFPA 221, 2024 Edition, Standard for Fire Walls and Fire Barrier Walls.

No modifications.

(91) NFPA 232, 2022 Edition, Standard for the Protection of Records.

No modifications.

(92) NFPA 241, 2022 Edition, Standard for Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations.

No modifications.

(93) NFPA 252, 2022 Edition, Standard Methods of Fire Tests of Door Assemblies.

No modifications.

(94) NFPA 253, 2023 Edition, Standard Method of Test for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source.

No modifications.

(95) NFPA 257, 2022 Edition, Standard on Fire Test for Window and Glass Block Assemblies.

No modifications.

(96) NFPA 259, 2023 Edition, Standard Test Method for Potential Heat of Building Materials.

No modifications.

(97) NFPA 260, 2024 Edition, Standard Methods of Tests and Classification System for Cigarette Ignition Resistance of Components of Upholstered Furniture.

No modifications.

(98) NFPA 261, 2023 Edition, Standard Method of Test for Determining Resistance of Mock-Up Upholstered Furniture Material Assemblies to Ignition by Smoldering Cigarettes.

No modifications.

(99) NFPA 262, 2023 Edition, Standard Method of Test for Flame Travel and Smoke of Wires and Cables for Use in Air-Handling Spaces.

No modifications.

(100) NFPA 265, 2023 Edition, Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Evaluating Room Fire Growth Contribution of Textile Coverings on Full Height Panels and Walls.

No modifications.

(101) NFPA 268, 2022 Edition, Standard Test Method for Determining Ignitability of Exterior Wall Assemblies Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source.

No modifications.

- (102) **NFPA 269, 2022 Edition, Standard Test Method for Developing Toxic Potency Data for Use in Fire Hazard Modeling.**
- No modifications.
- (103) **NFPA 270, 2023 Edition, Standard Method of Test for Measurement of Smoke Obstruction Using a Conical Radiant Source in a Single Closed Chamber.**
- No modifications.
- (104) **NFPA 274, 2024 Edition, Standard Test Method to Evaluate Fire Performance Characteristics of Pipe Insulation.**
- No modifications.
- (105) **NFPA 275, 2022 Edition, Standard Test Method of Fire Tests for the Evaluation of Thermal Barriers Used Over Foam Plastic Insulation.**
- No modifications.
- (106) **NFPA 276, 2023 Edition, Standard Method of Fire Test for Determining the Heat Release Rate of Roofing Assemblies with Combustible Above-Deck Roofing Components.**
- No modifications.
- (107) **NFPA 285, 2023 Edition, Standard Method of Test for the Evaluation of Flammability Characteristics of Exterior Non-Load-Bearing Wall Assemblies Containing Combustible Components Using the Intermediate-Scale, Multistory Test Apparatus.**
- No modifications.
- (108) **NFPA 286, 2024 Edition, Standard Method of Fire Tests for Evaluating Contribution of Wall and Ceiling Interior Finish to Room Fire Growth.**
- No modifications.
- (109) **NFPA 287, 2022 Edition, Standard Methods for Measurement of Flammability of Materials in Cleanrooms Using a Fire Propagation Apparatus (FPA).**
- No modifications.
- (110) **NFPA 288, 2022 Edition, Standard Methods of Fire Tests of Floor Fire Door Assemblies Installed Horizontally in Fire Resistance-Rated Floor Systems.**
- No modifications.
- (111) **NFPA 289, 2023 Edition, Standard Method of Fire Test for Individual Fuel Packages.**
- No modifications.
- (112) **NFPA 291, 2025 Edition, Recommended Practice for Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants.**
- (a) Modifications to Chapter 1:**
1. Add a new subsection 1.1.1 to read as follows:
 - 1.1.1 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice that may be used in evaluating the design of facilities for the emergency venting of products of combustion. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.
- (113) **NFPA 302, 2025 Edition, Fire Protection Standard for Pleasure and Commercial Motor Craft.**
- No modifications.

- (114) **NFPA 303, 2021 Edition, Fire Protection Standard for Marinas and Boatyards.**
No modifications.
- (115) **NFPA 306, 2024 Edition, Standard for the Control of Gas Hazards on Vessels.**
No modifications.
- (116) **NFPA 307, 2021 Edition, Standard for the Construction and Fire Protection of Marine Terminals, Piers, and Wharves.**
No modifications.
- (117) **NFPA 312, 2021 Edition, Standard for Fire Protection of Vessels During Construction, Repair, and Lay-Up.**
No modifications.
- (118) **NFPA 318, 2022 Edition, Standard for the Protection of Semiconductor Fabrication Facilities.**
No modifications.
- (119) **NFPA 326, Standard for the Safeguarding of Tanks and Containers for Entry, Cleaning or Repair.**
(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for the adopted edition and any modifications.
- (120) **NFPA 329, Recommended Practice for Handling Releases of Flammable and Combustible Liquids and Gases.**
(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for adopted edition and any modifications.
- (121) **NFPA 385, Standard for Tank Vehicles for Flammable and Combustible Liquids.**
(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for the adopted edition and any modifications.
- (122) **NFPA 400, 2025 Edition, Hazardous Materials Code.**
No modifications.
- (123) **NFPA 407, Standard for Aircraft Fuel Servicing.**
(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-11 for the adopted edition and any modifications.
- (124) **NFPA 408, 2022 Edition, Standard for Aircraft Hand Portable Fire Extinguishers.**
No modifications.
- (125) **NFPA 409, 2022 Edition, Standard on Aircraft Hangars.**
No modifications.
- (126) **NFPA 410, 2020 Edition, Standard on Aircraft Maintenance.**
No modifications.
- (127) **NFPA 415, 2022 Edition, Standard on Airport Terminal Buildings, Fueling Ramp Drainage, and Loading Walkways.**
No modifications.
- (128) **NFPA 418, 2024 Edition, Standard for Heliports.**
No modifications.
- (129) **NFPA 423, 2022 Edition, Standard for Construction and Protection of Aircraft Engine Test Facilities.**
No modifications.
- (130) **NFPA 440, 2024 Edition, Guide for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Operations and Airport/Community Emergency Planning.**

(a) **Modifications:**

1. Delete Subsection 1.3(1) in its entirety without substitution.

(131) **NFPA 484, Standard for Combustible Metals.**

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-24 for the application of this standard and the adopted edition and any modifications.

(132) **NFPA 495, Explosive Materials Code.**

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-24 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(133) **NFPA 496, Standard for Purged and Pressurized Enclosures for Electrical Equipment.**

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-10 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(134) **NFPA 497, 2024 Edition, Recommended Practice for the Classification of Flammable Liquids, Gases, or Vapors and of Hazardous (Classified) Locations for Electrical Installations in Chemical Process Areas.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new paragraph 1.1.6 to read as follows:

1.1.6 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice for locations where flammable gases or vapors, flammable liquids, or combustible liquids are processed or handled and where their release into the atmosphere may result in their ignition by electrical systems or equipment. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

(135) **NFPA 498, Standard for Safe Havens and Interchange Lots for Vehicles Transporting Explosives.**

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-10 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(136) **NFPA 501A, 2021 Edition, Standard for Fire Safety Criteria for Manufactured Home Installations, Sites, and Communities.**

No modifications.

(137) **NFPA 502, 2023 Edition, Standard for Road Tunnels, Bridges, and Other Limited Access Highways.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.5 to read as follows:

1.1.5 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice for the evaluation of the design, construction, operation, maintenance, and fire protection of limited access highways, tunnels, bridges, elevated roadways, depressed roadways and air-right structures. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

- (138) **NFPA 505, 2024 Edition, Fire Safety Standard for Powered Industrial Trucks Including Type Designations, Areas of Use, Conversions, Maintenance, and Operations.**

No modifications.

- (139) **NFPA 520, 2021 Edition, Standard on Subterranean Spaces.**

No modifications.

- (140) **NFPA 551, 2021 Edition, Standard on Evaluation of Fire Risk Assessments.**

No modifications.

- (141) **NFPA 555, 2021 Edition, Guide on Methods for Evaluating Potential for Room Flashover.**

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Add a new paragraph 1.1.3 to read as follows:

1.1.3 This document is recognized strictly a guide for evaluating the potential for room flashover from fire involving the contents, furnishings, and the interior finish of a room. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

- (142) **NFPA 557, 2023 Edition, Standard for Determination of Fire Loads for Use in Structural Fire Protection Design.**

No modifications.

- (143) **NFPA 600, 2020 Edition, Standard on Industrial Fire Brigades.**

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Add a new Subsection 1.1.3 to read as follows:

1.1.3 This document is recognized as a recommended practice for the establishment of the minimum requirements for organizing, operating, training and equipping industrial fire brigades. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

- (144) **NFPA 652, Standard on Fundamentals of Combustible Dust.**

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-24 for the application of this Standard and the adopted edition and any modifications.

- (145) **NFPA 654, Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from Manufacturing, Processing, and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids.**

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-24 for the application of this Standard and the adopted edition and any modifications.

- (146) **NFPA 655, Standard for Prevention of Sulfur Fires and Explosions.**

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-24 for the application of this Standard and the adopted edition and any modifications.

- (147) **NFPA 664, Standard for the Prevention of Fires and Explosions in Wood Processing and Woodworking Facilities.**
- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-24 for the application of this Standard and the adopted edition and any modifications if Standard industry code is specified in paragraph 1(b) of Rule 120-3-24-.02. All other applications shall be as specified in the 2007 edition of this standard without modification.
- (148) **NFPA 701, 2023 Edition, Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films.**
- No modifications.
- (149) **NFPA 703, 2024 Edition, Standard for Fire-Retardant-Treated Impregnated Wood and Fire-Retardant Coatings for Building Materials.**
- No modifications.
- (150) **NFPA 704, 2022 Edition, Standard System for the Identification of the Hazards of Materials for Emergency Response.**
- No modifications.
- (151) **NFPA 705, 2023 Edition, Recommended Practice for a Field Flame Test for Textiles and Films.**
- No modifications.
- (152) **NFPA 715, 2023 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Fuel Gases Detection and Warning Equipment**
- No modifications.
- (153) **NFPA 750, 2023 Edition, Standard on Water Mist Fire Protection Systems.**
- No modifications.
- (154) **NFPA 770, 2021 Edition, Standard on Hybrid (Water and Inert Gas) Fire Extinguishing Systems.**
- No modifications.
- (155) **NFPA 780, 2023 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Lighting Protection Systems.**
- No modifications.
- (156) **NFPA 790, 2024 Edition, Standard for Competency of Third Party Field Evaluation Bodies.**
- No modifications.
- (157) **NFPA 791, 2024 Edition, Recommended Practice and Procedures for Unlabeled Electrical Equipment Evaluation.**
- No modifications.
- (158) **NFPA 801, 2025 Edition, Standard for Fire Protection for Facilities Handling Radioactive Materials.**
- No modifications.
- (159) **NFPA 804, 2020 Edition, Standard for Fire Protection for Advanced Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants.**
- No modifications.
- (160) **NFPA 805, 2020 Edition, Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants.**
- No modifications.
- (161) **NFPA 806, 2020 Edition, Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Advanced Nuclear Reactor Electric Generating Plants Change Process.**
- No modifications.

(162) **NFPA 820, 2024 Edition, Standard for Fire Protection in Wastewater Treatment and Collection Facilities.**

No modifications.

(163) **NFPA 850, 2020 Edition, Recommended Practice for Fire Protection for Electric Generating Plants and High Voltage Direct Current Converter Stations.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.1 to read as follows:

1.1.1 This document is recognized strictly a recommended practice for fire prevention and fire protection for electric generating plants and high voltage direct current converter stations except as specified in 1.1. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

(164) **NFPA 851, 2010 Edition, Recommended Practice for Fire Protection for Hydroelectric Generating Plants.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.1 to read as follows:

1.1.1 This document is recognized strictly a recommended practice for fire prevention and fire protection for hydroelectric generating plants. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is not in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards.

(165) **NFPA 853, 2020 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Fuel Cell Power Systems.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add new subsection 1.1.3 to read as follows:

1.1.3 Where the requirements of this standard are in conflict with the International Building Code as adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs or the International Fire Code as adopted and modified by this Chapter, the most restrictive requirements shall apply unless otherwise approved by the State Fire Marshal.

(166) **NFPA 855, 2023 Edition, Standard for Installation for Stationary Energy Storage Systems.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.1 to read as follows:

1.1.1 Where the requirements of this standard are in conflict with the International Building Code as adopted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs or the International Fire Code as adopted and modified by this Chapter, the most restrictive requirements shall apply unless otherwise approved by the State Fire Marshal.

(167) **NFPA 909, 2021 Edition, Code for the Protection of Cultural Resource Properties - Museums, Libraries, and Places of Worship.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.5 to read as follows:

1.1.5 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice for fire prevention and fire protection for various cultural resources. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it is not adopted as a minimum state code or standard. It may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards, or it may be adopted and enforced by a local jurisdiction under local ordinance.

(b) Modifications to Chapter 3:

1. Delete the definition 3.3.25 for Fire Hazard and substitute in its place the following:

3.3.25 "Fire Hazard" means for the intents and purposes of this Code, an activity, circumstance, condition, situation, combination of materials, material process, use or improper use of heat sources, or that on the basis of applicable documentation, data, or information sources deemed reliable by the authority having jurisdiction, can cause an unwanted fire, a fire out of control, an explosion, or a related condition, such as panic from a fear of smoke, fire, or explosion, that the authority having jurisdiction determines to be a risk to persons, to property, or to the health, safety, and or welfare of the jurisdiction.

(168) NFPA 914, 2023 Edition, Code for Fire Protection of Historic Structures.

(a) Modifications to Chapter 1:

1. Add a new subsection 1.1.3 to read as follows:

1.1.3 This document is recognized strictly as a recommended practice for fire prevention and fire protection of historic structures. Recommendations may be based on the document where deemed appropriate by the authority having jurisdiction. The document is in the form of a stand-alone enforceable code or standard, however, it is not adopted as a minimum state code or standard. It may be used in conjunction with and in the support of applicable provisions of other adopted codes or standards, or it may be adopted and enforced by a local jurisdiction under local ordinance.

(169) NFPA 1122, Code for Model Rocketry.

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-22 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(170) NFPA 1123, Code for Fireworks Display.

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-22 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(171) NFPA 1124, Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles.

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-22 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(172) NFPA 1125, Code for the Manufacture of Model Rocket and High Power Rocket Motors.

- (a) Refer to Subject 120-3-22 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(173) **NFPA 1126, Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience.**

(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-22 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(174) **NFPA 1127, Code for High-Power Rocketry.**

(a) Refer to Subject 120-3-22 for adopted edition and any modifications.

(175) **NFPA 1142, 2022 Edition, Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting.**

No modifications.

(176) **NFPA 1225, 2022 Edition, Standard for Emergency Services Communications.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Add a new subsection 1.3.1 to read as follows:

1.3.1 Chapters 1 through 3 and Chapter 18 shall be the standard for In-Building Emergency Responder Communications Enhancement Systems.

2. Add a new section 1.6 Enforcement Requirement:

1.6 Enforcement Requirement. Except for 1.3.1 it is intended that this standard shall be administered and enforced by the authority having jurisdiction designated by the local governing authority.

(b) **Modifications to Chapter 2:**

1. Add a new subsection 2.2.1 to read as follows:

2.2.1 Refer to Subject 120-3-3 for the NFPA publication editions that apply to Chapter 18.

(c) **Modifications to Chapter 18:**

1. Add a new paragraph 18.2.1.1 to read as follows:

18.2.1.1 Where buildings or facilities fall under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner as set forth in Title 25, Chapter 2, and for State owned facilities and State occupied facilities that are not provided with a facility fire department, it is intended that the provisions of chapter 18 and subsection 20.3.10 and subparagraph 20.3.10.1 be administered by the local Fire Chief or Fire Code Official responsible for providing fire or other emergency response to the buildings or facilities and the frequency license holder(s).

2. Delete subsection 18.8.3 in its entirety and replace with a new subsection 18.8.3 to read as follows:

18.8.3 Critical areas, including fire command centers complying with Section 508 of the International Fire Code as adopted in the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner Subject 120-3-3, fire pump rooms, exit stairs, exit passageways, elevators, elevator lobbies, standpipe cabinets, sprinkler sectional valve locations, and other areas deemed critical by the AHJ, shall be provided with 99 percent floor area radio coverage.

(177) **NFPA 1961, 2020 Edition, Standard on Fire Hose.**

No modifications.

(178) **NFPA 1962, 2018 Edition, Standard for the Inspection, Care, and Use of Fire Hose, Couplings, and Nozzles and the Service Testing of Fire Hose.**

No modifications.

(179) **NFPA 1963, 2019 Edition, Standard for Fire Hose Connections.**

No modifications.

(180) **NFPA 2001, 2022 Edition, Standard on Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 11:**

1. Delete subsection 11.1.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

11.1.2 All persons who could be expected to inspect, test, or maintain, fire extinguishing systems shall be licensed or permitted in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and thoroughly trained and kept thoroughly trained in the functions they are expected to perform.

2. Delete subsection 11.4 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

11.4 At least annually, all systems shall be thoroughly inspected and tested for proper operation by personnel qualified in the installation and testing of clean agent extinguishing systems and licensed or permitted in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Discharge tests shall not be required

(181) **NFPA 2010, 2020 Edition, Fixed Aerosol Fire Extinguishing Systems.**

No modifications.

(182) **International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC), 2012 Edition.**

(a) **Modifications to Chapter 1:**

1. Delete section 101.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

101.1 Title. The International Fire Code, 2012 edition, published by the International Code Council, shall be known as a Georgia State Wildland-Urban Interface Code, hereafter referred to as this Code.

2. Delete section 101.2 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

101.2 Scope. The provisions of this Code shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, repair, maintenance and use of any building, structure or premises within the wildland-urban interface areas designated by local jurisdictions by ordinance. See sample Ordinance on page xi of this Code for application and designated fire area. Buildings or conditions in existence at the time of the adoption of this Code are allowed to have their use or occupancy continued, if such condition, use or occupancy was legal at the time of the adoption of this Code, provided such continued use does not constitute a distinct danger to life or property. Buildings or structures moved into or within the jurisdiction shall comply with the provisions of this Code for new buildings or structures.

101.2.1 Appendices. Provisions in the appendices shall not apply unless specifically adopted by local ordinance.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person in any manner to obstruct the use of any fire hydrant or place any material or objects as to obstruct its access or view from the roadway, thoroughfare, or other approach.
- (2) Hydrant locks shall not be permitted on hydrant valves unless approved in writing by the Fire Chief of the fire department with fire suppression jurisdiction.
- (3) Fire hydrants shall be accessible to fire service personnel at all times. No person shall place or maintain any post, fence, vehicle, vegetation, growth, trash, or storage of any other materials that would obstruct the view of or access to a fire hydrant or otherwise hinder or prevent its immediate use by fire service personnel.
- (4) A minimum clearance of 36 inches to and around the requirements shall be maintained for the safe and efficient operation of the fire hydrant. The front of the hydrant shall be open to the roadway, thoroughfare, or approach and the minimum clearance in the rear of the hydrant from discharge nozzle to discharge nozzle shall be no less than three feet. The minimum clearance of three feet out from the hydrant shall be maintained out to the roadway or approach.
- (5) Any roadway in front of the hydrant shall be kept clear of vehicles for fifteen feet in either direction in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [40-6-203](#).
- (6) No person shall change the paint color of a fire hydrant from that established or set by the authority having fire suppression jurisdiction.
- (7) Existing non-movable obstructions such as a pre-existing buildings power poles or other non-movable obstructions located within three feet of the hydrant may remain if in existence prior to the implantation of this regulation. Such obstruction approval shall be documented and records kept on file by the local authority having fire suppression jurisdiction.

Rule 120-3-3-.06 Request for Modification of Specific Requirements

Upon receipt of a sworn affidavit stating all relevant facts and circumstances and such other information as may be required, the Commissioner may order or direct that specific requirements of this Subject and the codes and standards adopted herein be modified to allow alternative arrangements that will secure as nearly equivalent measures as practical for the prevention of injury to persons and property.

Rule 120-3-3-.07 Fire Safety Information to be Furnished in Hotels, Motels, Dormitories, Apartments, Community Living Arrangements and Personal Care Homes

- (1) This Rule shall apply to every new and existing hotel, motel and dormitory that comes within O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(b\)](#); and every apartment building three or more stories in height that comes within O.C.G.A. § [25-2-13\(b\)](#); and every personal care home licensed for seven or more persons. Provided, however, that nothing herein shall apply to condominiums or any individually owned residential unit within any of the aforesaid buildings.
 - (a) Every sleeping room located in any such hotel, motel, dormitory, apartment or personal care home shall contain the following fire safety information on a placard or decal language meeting the requirements of paragraph (2) herein, which shall be prominently affixed on the inside of every exit access door contained in any of the aforesaid rooms. When affixed, said placard or decal shall be unobstructed by curtains, shades or other materials.

Exception: Single story hotels and motels where each guestroom has a door opening directly outside at street or ground level.

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1. Never smoke in bed.
2. Locate fire exits on this floor. (Note: Do NOT consider elevators as exits.)
3. Count the number of doors to the nearest exit, and check for any possible obstructions.
4. When applicable: Locate fire alarm pull stations on this floor.
5. When applicable: Locate fire extinguishers on this floor.

6. Check any windows to see if they can be opened; if so determine how they open.
7. Keep your room key on a table next to your bed.
8. If you leave your room, keep door closed and take your key.
9. Write down the number for the local fire department and keep it next to the phone.

THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT NUMBER IS _____.

IN CASE OF FIRE DON'T PANIC; remain calm.

1. Report fire to front desk or fire department as appropriate.
2. If room is smoky, get on hands and knees (or stomach) and crawl to door.
3. Feel door knob; If **HOT**, do **NOT** open door; if cool, open slowly.
4. If hallway is smoky, stay next to wall and count the doors as you crawl to exit.
5. Do **NOT** use any elevators.
6. Do **NOT** prop open doors to exit staircase.
7. Hang on to handrail and **WALK DOWN** exit staircase.
8. When applicable: Pull fire alarm as you evacuate.

IF YOU CANNOT LEAVE THIS ROOM

1. Notify (or Call) front desk (or manager, fire department, or other appropriate person) and let them know where you are.
2. Wet sheets, towels or clothing and stuff them in all cracks around doors and vents.
3. When applicable: Turn on bathroom fan.
4. Check to see if there is smoke **OUTSIDE** window; if **NO** smoke and if any window can be opened, hang a sheet or light colored material outside.
5. When applicable: Fill bathtub (or sink) with cold water for firefighting.
6. Using ice bucket or other container, keep doors and walls wet.
7. If room is smoky, fold a wet towel in a triangle and tie over your nose and mouth; stay low.
8. Make yourself visible to rescue personnel through any window or balcony; **DO NOT JUMP!**
9. Keep fighting fire until help arrives; **DON'T GIVE UP!**

FOR YOUR SAFETY, THIS BUILDING HAS THE FOLLOWING:

(List all of the following and any additional items as applicable.)

1. Automatic sprinkler protection in every room.

2. Automatic sprinkler protection in every hallway.
3. Automatic smoke detectors in every room.
4. Automatic smoke detectors in every hallway.
5. Fire extinguishers on every floor.
6. Fire alarm pull stations at every exit.
7. Posted evacuation plans in every room.
8. Pressurized staircase with self-closing doors. (NOTE: In case of fire, do **NOT** prop doors open.)
9. Fire safety staircase with self-closing doors. (NOTE: In case of fire, do **NOT** prop doors open.)
10. Emergency lighting and exit lights.
11. Fire resistant drapery and bedding.
12. An alternative fire exit to the roof. **NOTE:** To be used **ONLY** if heavy smoke is encountered when walking **DOWN** the exit staircase.

(b) Every owner or manager of any such apartment building shall furnish to all tenants therein the fire safety information specified in subparagraph (a) herein on a placard or decal meeting requirements of paragraph

- (2) The information specified in subparagraph (a) of main paragraph (1) herein shall be contained on a placard or decal at least 8-1/2 inches by 14 inches (215.9 mm by 355.6 mm) in size. The text shall be legibly printed in a minimum of twelve-point bold type. The headings contained therein shall be legibly printed in a minimum of 48-point type and the wording shall be in the English language.

Exception No. 1: Fire safety information placards or decals are not required on resident sleeping room doors in personal care homes and apartments provided there are records, signed by the individual residents of the facility, which indicates that they have received the same information as required above in the facilities operations, policy or similar manual. Fire safety information shall be reviewed during Fire Drills performed in accordance with the appropriate occupancy chapter of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, as adopted by this Chapter.

Exception No. 2: Existing fire safety information placards or decals at least 8-1/2 inches by 14 inches (215. mm by 355.6 mm) in size with legibly printed text in a minimum of twelve-point leaded, one-point type and whose headings are legibly printed in a minimum of 48-point type in the English language.

Example of 48-point type:

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Example of 12-point type: Emergency lighting and exit lights.

- (3) The information specified in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) herein is intended to be a minimum list of fire safety tips and emergency procedures. The owner or manager of the building may modify the text of the information specified in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) herein as follows:
- (a) To correspond with the structural features of any such building, or any room located therein;
 - (b) To facilitate the communication of such information upon consideration of the age or primary language of the guests, residents or students occupying any such building; and
 - (c) To add other appropriate information to the extent deemed necessary by local fire safety personnel.

- (4) A placard or decal shall be affixed above the call button for every elevator located in any such hotel, motel, dormitory or apartment building which shall state in bold and conspicuous type: **IN THE EVENT OF FIRE, DO NOT USE THIS ELEVATOR.** In conjunction with such placard or decal, an evacuation route shall be posted with arrows indicating the direction of the nearest fire exit.

Rule 120-3-3-.08 Accessibility to and Use of Public Facilities by Persons with Disabilities

The requirements for accessibility to and use of public facilities shall be as provided in Chapter 3 of Title 30 and Subject 120-3-20.

Rule 120-3-3-.09 Parking Space Designation for Persons with Disabilities

The requirements for identifying parking spaces for persons with disabilities shall be as specified in O.C.G.A. Title 40, Chapter 6, Article 10, Part 2.

Rule 120-3-3-.10 Notes

- (1) The National Fire Protection Association Standards adopted in this Chapter are on file in the Office of the State Fire Marshal and are available for viewing.
- (2) Copies of the National Fire Protection Association Standards may be obtained from: National Fire Protection Association
1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02169-7471
Phone: 800-344-3555
Main 617-770-3000
www.nfpacatalog.org
- (3) Copies of the International Code Council Codes are on file in the Georgia Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire and are available for viewing. Copies may be obtained from:
International Code Council
1-888-ICC-SAFE
(422-7233) or
www.isafe.org
- (4) The editions of the codes and standards adopted under this Chapter 120-3-3 may not be the most currently available editions published by the National Fire Protection Association or the International Code Council. For the intents and purposes of O.C.G.A. § [25-2-4](#) and the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, it is not compliant, practical nor in the best interest of the citizens of Georgia to attempt to promulgate the most current editions of nationally recognized codes or standards when published without the required evaluation and public review. Based on various provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 25 and Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 25, local governing bodies of this State are authorized to enact ordinances, regulations, or codes that may be required in order for the jurisdiction to satisfy intents and purposes that are not required of the Commissioner under Chapter 4 of Title 25. Any local ordinances, regulations, or codes enacted by a local governing body shall not be less restrictive or protective than the state minimum fire safety standards promulgated in conformity with O.C.G.A. §§ [25-2-4](#), [33-2-9](#), [50-13-21](#) and other provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 25.

Rule 120-3-3-.11 Severability

If any rule or portion thereof contained in this chapter is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the rules herein and the applicability of such provisions to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.