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STATE FIRE CODE UP-DATED

The State of NH adopts the State Fire Code and references a number of national codes to develop a set of requirements for fire safety that are the minimum standard throughout the state. This summary is to announce that the State Fire Code has been updated, for details see published code. Listed below is a summary of the codes adopted:

NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code 2003 edition

Sections that have been removed:

- (1) Section 1-10 Board of Appeals;
- (2) Section 1-13 Certificates of Fitness;
- (3) Section 65.2 Fireworks Displays;
- (4) Section 65.5 Fireworks Manufacturing;
- (5) Section 65.9 Explosives; and
- (6) Section 65.11.3 Permit Requirements.

Sections modified:

- (1) Section 65.11.5.1 is modified to require automatic sprinkler systems in retail fireworks stores
- (2) Section 65.11.5.3 is modified to require a fire alarm system shall be provided in all permissible fireworks retail sales facilities.

NFPA 101 Life Safety Code 2003 edition

Sections modified:

- (1) Sections 12.2.5.4.1 and 13.2.5.4.1 are modified to prohibit festival seating in assembly occupancies over 250 people without an approved life safety evaluation.
- (2) Sections 12.7.5.1, 12.7.5.2, 13.7.5.1 and 13.7.5.2 are modified to require trained crowd control managers at a ratio of 1 for every 250 people. Exceptions are places of worship and others with approval of the AHJ.
- (3) Section 12.3.5.1 and 13.3.5.1 are modified (also renumbered) to require automatic sprinkler protection in assembly occupancies that are of the nightclub type use. The threshold of 50 for new occupancies and 100 for existing.
- (4) Section 12.7.1.1 and 13.7.1.1 are modified to require the operator to inspect exits prior to opening for business and keep a written record of the inspection.
- (5) Section 14.7.2.2 and Section 15.7.2.2 are modified to allow the use of up to two fire drills as all hazard drills with approval of the local fire chief and NH Emergency management.

Height and Area Limitation Tables

The State Building Code amended table is adopted (Former BOCA).

NFPA 909 Standard for the Protection of Cultural Resources Including Museums, Libraries, Places of Worship, and Historic Properties, 2001 edition.

NFPA 914 Code for Fire Protection of Historic Structures, 2001 edition.

NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code, 2002 edition.

NFPA 30A, Code for Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages, 2000 edition

Modified to prohibit unattended cash sales and requiring fire suppression for unattended locations.

NFPA 31, Standard for the Installation of Oil Burning Equipment, 2001 edition

Modified to require permits for installations

NFPA 52, "Standard for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicular Fuel Systems", 2002 edition.

NFPA 70, National Electrical Code edition as adopted by the Building Code Review Board

NFPA 211, 2003 edition, Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents and Solid Fuel Burning Appliances

NFPA 780, Lightning Protection Code, 2000 edition

NFPA 1126, "Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience", 2001 edition