

RESOLUTION #2020-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, TOGETHER WITH APPENDIX CHAPTERS A THROUGH N, THE FIRE CODE FOR THE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Verde Valley Fire District adopted a fire code (the International Fire Code 2018 Edition with amendments) on September 24, 2019, Resolution #2019-13 ; and

WHEREAS, Verde Valley Fire District wishes to make revisions to the adopted Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, Verde Valley Fire District is authorized, pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-805 to adopt a nationally recognized fire code and to amend or revise the adopted code; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Fire Code adoption and amendments have been approved by state fire marshal, notice has been given to the public, and a public hearing has been held pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-805; and

WHEREAS, ARS 48-805 subsection B, 6 states that to "Amend or revise the adopted fire code, including replacement of the adopted fire code with an alternative nationally recognized fire code, with the approval of the office of the state fire marshal and after a hearing held pursuant to posted and published notice as prescribed by section 48-805.02, subsection A. The district shall keep three copies of the adopted code, amendments and revisions on file for public inspection;" and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held after notice was published on the Verde Valley Fire District website at least 20 days prior to the public hearing per ARS 48-805.02 and three copies of the proposed Fire Code with appendices and amendments are on file and have been available to public inspection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Verde Valley Fire District hereby adopts the following revisions to the Fire Code (the 2018 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendix Chapters A through N):

Section 202 definitions are hereby amended by adding the following definition:

Fire Risk Analysis: An analytical process or review conducted by the fire code official in accordance with nationally recognized standards; such as NFPA 101; 101A; 550; 551; or 1142; ICC IUEWIC; and ISO evaluation criteria to determine minimum levels of fire protection requirements based upon the risk associated with the subject matter, where not specifically detailed in this code or when an application requesting a reduction or modification to this code is received.

The fire code official shall take into consideration fire scenarios and their probability of occurrence and or potential consequences. Items to consider in the fire risk analysis process or review may include; distances to fire stations; available fire apparatus and first responders; fire protection systems; wildland interface; building and occupancy types; hazardous materials; water

supplies; and other pertinent information detailing the subject matter being considered for modification or reduction of fire code prescriptions.

Section 507.3 fire flow is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 507.3: Fire Flow. Fire flow requirements for buildings or portions of buildings and facilities shall be determined by an approved method, Appendix B, and/or a Fire Risk Analysis.

Section 1103.5.1: Group A-2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1103.5.1: Group A-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 throughout existing buildings or portions thereof used as Group A-2 occupancies with an occupant load of 300 or more.

Section 1103.5.5: Group A-2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1103.5.5: Building Addition. A sprinkler system is required throughout the building when any addition results in any one of the following conditions to exist: Exception: R-3 Occupancies.

1. The fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464 m²).
2. The fire area has an occupant load of 100 or more.
3. The fire area is located on a floor other than a level of exit discharge serving such occupancies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the rules, regulations, provisions, amendments, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Verde Valley Fire District, Cottonwood, Arizona on this 25th day of August, 2020.



Ken Bishop, Board Chairman

ATTEST:



Don Peck, Board Clerk