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Preface

Introduction: The Uniform Fire Code (UFC) is the United States' premier model fire code. Since its initiation in 1971, the code has become internationally recognized for its role in setting the pace of fire prevention, fire protection and public safety.

Fire codes represent one of today's most rapidly changing regulatory arenas. New challenges presented by hazardous materials, flammable and combustible liquids, explosives, high-piled combustible storage, aerosol product storage and building operations are among the many issues shaping the future of fire prevention, fire protection and public safety. In addition, fire codes have evolved far beyond their traditional roles as maintenance codes, now addressing many issues related to new construction and special hazards in buildings. As a model code developed through a consensus code development process, the *Uniform Fire Code* provides jurisdictions with an opportunity to adopt a fire code which is comprehensive, up-to-date and consistent with codes of other jurisdictions. Adoption of the *Uniform Fire Code* also relieves jurisdictions from the burdensome process of independently developing regulations.

History: The 1997 edition is the tenth edition of the *Uniform Fire Code*. Now published by the International Fire Code Institute, the code was initially published as a model code document in 1971 through a cooperative effort of the Western Fire Chiefs Association and the International Conference of Building Officials. The Code was updated in 1973 and has since been published on a three-year schedule. Editions include 1971, 1973, 1976, 1979, 1982, 1985, 1988, 1991, 1994 and 1997.

Two-Volume Set: Provisions of the Uniform Fire Code and the Uniform Fire Code Standards have been redesignated as a twovolume set of the Uniform Fire Code. Volume 1 contains the provisions previously contained in the Uniform Fire Code and Volume 2 contains provisions previously contained in the Uniform Fire Code Standards. This redesignation emphasized that both books are truly part of the Uniform Fire Code when the code is adopted.

Metrication: The Uniform Fire Code was metricated for the 1994 edition. Metric equivalents are provided in parentheses following English units. Formulas are also provided with metric equivalents. Metric equivalent formulas immediately follow English formulas and are denoted by "For **SI:**" preceding the metric equivalent. Some formulas do not use dimensions and, thus, are not provided with metric equivalents. Tables are provided with multiplying conversion factors in subheadings for each tabulated unit of measurement.

Metric equivalents included in the code represent approximate conversions from English units. Where metric units are shown in parentheses adjacent to English units, the English units shall be the exact code requirement, and the metric equivalent shall be considered as an approximation.

It is recognized that some of the selected units for metric conversions, such as the use of millimeters for most dimensions of length, may be nonstandard; however, unit selections were based on those used by the *Uniform Building Code* at the request of the General Services Administration, an agency of the United States Government.

How the Code is Revised: The Uniform Fire Code is updated on an annual basis. At the conclusion of each update cycle, an annual supplement to the current edition is published, except for every third year when all approved code changes are consolidated into a new edition of the code. Updating is accomplished through a consensus code development process administered by the International Fire Code Institute that allows anyone to submit proposals to revise the code and comment on the proposals of others through regular public hearings. Participants in the code development process represent a wide cross-section of fire officials, building officials, design professionals, manufacturers, developers, insurance organizations, researchers, industry associations and other interested parties.

For additional information about the process of revising the code or to submit a code change proposal, contact the International Fire Code Institute.

Marking of Revisions as Compared to the 1994 Edition: Solid vertical lines in the margins within the body of the code indicate a technical or major editorial change from the 1994 edition. The revision may be a new code provision, a revised provision or a provision that has been relocated from elsewhere in the code.

The letter **B** repeating in line vertically in the margin indicates that the provision is maintained under the code change procedures of the International Conference of Building Officials and that the provision is based on requirements of the Uniform Building Code.

The letter **M** repeating in line vertically in the margin indicates that the provision is maintained under the code change procedures of the International Conference of Building Officials and that the provision is based on requirements of the *Uniform Mechanical* $Code^{TM}$.

Deletion indicators (ϕ) are provided in the margin where a paragraph or item listing has been deleted or relocated to another portion of the code.

Minor revisions, such as rewording or resequencing changes, have not been marked in the margin.

About the International Fire Code Institute

The International Fire Code Institute (IFCI) is a not-for-profit public service benefit corporation dedicated to public safety. The Institute is a membership association representing fire officials, building officials, design professionals, manufacturers, developers, insurance organizations, researchers, industry associations and other interested parties. Cosponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) and the Western Fire Chiefs Association (WFCA), the institute was formed to act as an advocate for fire officials and as publishers of the *Uniform Fire Code*TM (UFC) to promote the continued success of the UFC. The Institute began operations in October 1991, and together with IFCI's sister organizations, ICBO and WFCA, IFCI has nearly 70 years experience developing and promulgating model codes, including more than 20 years developing and promulgating the *Uniform Fire Code*.

The Institute occupies a unique niche among fire-safety organizations as the first organization in the United States to focus on model fire codes, and it has quickly become a leading fire-safety organization. The most well-known function of IFCI is the organization's role in administration of the *Uniform Fire Code* and ancillary programs.

The Institute has four major organizational objectives:

- 1. To promote international uniformity of fire prevention, hazardous material and building construction regulations;
- 2. To provide a forum in which persons interested in the prevention, control and suppression of fires, explosions and hazardous materials incidents can exchange methods of improved safety and ideas;
- 3. To continue publishing, developing and promoting the Uniform Fire Code; and
- 4. To provide education and support services for the Uniform Fire Code.

The Institute has already had a dramatic impact on the fire prevention profession. New programs and projects offered by IFCI include publication of the *IFCI Fire Code Journal*, the nation's first magazine to focus on fire code related issues. The *IFCI Fire Code Journal* is also unique in that it covers activities of interest in all of the model code organizations, not just those in the Uniform Codes, so that IFCI's members can keep abreast of major fire- and life-safety issues affecting codes throughout the United States. The Institute also offers numerous professional development seminars for fire code enforcers and users, nationally recognized certification programs for fire inspectors and underground storage tank installers and inspectors, and computer-assisted tools for using the UFC. Several additional projects to support fire code users are also under development.

Membership is currently available to individuals and organizations with an interest in fire codes, and membership benefits include receiving copies of each new edition of the *Uniform Fire Code* and annual supplements; the *IFCI Fire Code Journal* magazine; all proposed revisions to the *Uniform Fire Code*, code application and enforcement assistance by a staff of engineers, and discounts on publications, educational offerings and video training programs.

For further information on the International Fire Code Institute, please call IFCI's office at (562) 699-0124, fax (562) 699-4522.

CODES AND RELATED PUBLICATIONS

The International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) publishes a family of codes, each correlated with the *Uniform Building* $Code^{M}$ to provide jurisdictions with a complete set of building-related regulations for adoption. Some of these codes are published in affiliation with other organizations such as the International Fire Code Institute (IFCI) and the International Code Council (ICC). Reference materials and related codes also are available to improve knowledge of code enforcement and administration of building inspection programs. Publications and products are continually being added, so inquiries should be directed to Conference headquarters for a listing of available products. Many codes and references are also available on CD-ROM or floppy disk. These are denoted by (*). The following publications and products are available from ICBO:

CODES

***Uniform Building Code**, Volumes 1, 2 and 3. The most widely adopted model building code in the United States, the performance-based *Uniform Building Code* is a proven document, meeting the needs of government units charged with the enforcement of building regulations. Volume 1 contains administrative, fire- and life-safety and field inspection provisions; Volume 2 contains structural engineering design provisions; and Volume 3 contains material, testing and installation standards.

*Uniform Mechanical Code[™]. Provides a complete set of requirements for the design, construction, installation and maintenance of heating, ventilating, cooling and refrigeration systems; incinerators and other heat-producing appliances.

International Plumbing Code[™]. Provides consistent and technically advanced requirements that can be used across the country to provide comprehensive regulations of modern plumbing systems. Setting minimum regulations for plumbing facilities in terms of performance objectives, the IPC provides for the acceptance of new and innovative products, materials and systems.

International Private Sewage Disposal Code [™]. Provides flexibility in the development of safety and sanitary individual sewage disposal systems and includes detailed provisions for all aspects of design, installation and inspection of private sewage disposal systems.

International Mechanical Code^m. Establishes minimum regulations for mechanical systems using prescriptive and performancerelated provisions. It is founded on broad-based principles that make possible the use of new materials and new mechanical designs.

Uniform Zoning Code [™]. This code is dedicated to intelligent community development and to the benefit of the public welfare by providing a means of promoting uniformity in zoning laws and enforcement.

*Uniform Fire Code $^{\text{M}}$, Volumes 1 and 2. The premier model fire code in the United States, the *Uniform Fire Code* sets forth provisions necessary for fire prevention and fire protection. Published by the International Fire Code Institute, the *Uniform Fire Code* is endorsed by the Western Fire Chiefs Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs and ICBO. Volume 1 contains code provisions compatible with the *Uniform Building Code*, and Volume 2 contains standards referenced from the code provisions.

*Urban-Wildland Interface Code [™]. Promulgated by IFCI, this code regulates both land use and the built environment in designated urban-wildland interface areas. This newly developed code is the only model code that bases construction requirements on the fire-hazard severity exposed to the structure. Developed under a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, this code is the direct result of hazard mitigation meetings held after devastating wildfires.

Uniform Housing Code $^{\text{m}}$. Provides complete requirements affecting conservation and rehabilitation of housing. Its regulations are compatible with the *Uniform Building Code*.

Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings[™]. A code compatible with the *Uniform Building Code* and the *Uniform Housing Code* which provides equitable remedies consistent with other laws for the repair, vacation or demolition of dangerous buildings.

Uniform Sign Code[™]. Dedicated to the development of better sign regulation, its requirements pertain to all signs and sign construction attached to buildings.

Uniform Administrative Code $^{\text{\tiny M}}$. This code covers administrative areas in connection with adoption of the Uniform Building Code,

Uniform Mechanical Code and related codes. It contains provisions which relate to site preparation, construction, alteration, moving, repair and use and occupancies of buildings or structures and building service equipment, including plumbing, electrical and mechanical regulations. The code is compatible with the administrative provisions of all codes published by the Conference.

Uniform Building Security Code[™]. This code establishes minimum standards to make dwelling units resistant to unlawful entry. It regulates swinging doors, sliding doors, windows and hardware in connection with dwelling units of apartment houses or one- and two-family dwellings. The code gives consideration to the concerns of police, fire and building officials in establishing requirements for resistance to burglary which are compatible with fire and life safety.

Uniform Code for Building Conservation $\[mathbb{M}]$. A building conservation guideline presented in code format which will provide a community with the means to preserve its existing buildings while achieving appropriate levels of safety. It is formatted in the same manner as the *Uniform Building Code*, is compatible with other Uniform Codes, and may be adopted as a code or used as a guideline.

Dwelling Construction under the Uniform Building Code^M. Designed primarily for use in home building and apprentice training, this book contains requirements applicable to the construction of oneand two-story dwellings based on the requirements of the *Uniform Building Code*. Available in English or Spanish.

Dwelling Construction under the Uniform Mechanical Code^M. This publication is for the convenience of the homeowner or contractor interested in installing mechanical equipment in a one- or two-family dwelling in conformance with the *Uniform Mechanical Code*.

Supplements to UBC and related codes. Published in the years between editions, the Supplements contain all approved changes, plus an analysis of those changes.

Uniform Building Code—**1927 Edition.** A special 60th anniversary printing of the first published *Uniform Building Code*.

One and Two Family Dwelling Code. Promulgated by ICC, this code eliminates conflicts and duplications among the model codes to achieve national uniformity. Covers mechanical and plumbing requirements as well as construction and occupancy.

Application and Commentary on the One and Two Family Dwelling Code. An interpretative commentary on the One and Two Family Dwelling Code intended to enhance uniformity of interpretation and application of the code nationwide. Developed by the three model code organizations, this document includes numerous illustrations of code requirements and the rationale for individual provisions.

Model Energy Code. This code includes minimum requirements for effective use of energy in the design of new buildings and structures and additions to existing buildings. It is based on American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers Standard 90A-1980 and was originally developed jointly by ICBO, BOCA, SBCCI and the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards under a contract funded by the United States Department of Energy. The code is now maintained by ICC and is adopted by reference in the *Uniform Building Code*.

National Electrical Code[®]. The electrical code used throughout the United States. Published by the National Fire Protection Association, it is an indispensable aid to every electrician, contractor, architect, builder, inspector and anyone who must specify or certify electrical installations.

TECHNICAL REFERENCES AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Analysis of Revisions to the Uniform Codes[™]. An analysis of changes between the previous and new editions of the Uniform Codes is provided. Changes between code editions are noted either at the beginning of chapters or in the margins of the code text.

***Handbook to the Uniform Building Code.** The handbook is a completely detailed and illustrated commentary on the *Uniform Building Code*, tracing historical background and rationale of the codes through the current edition. Also included are numerous drawings and figures clarifying the application and intent of the code provisions. Also available in electronic format.

***Handbook to the Uniform Mechanical Code.** An indispensable tool for understanding the provisions of the current UMC, the handbook traces the historical background and rationale behind the UMC provisions, includes 160 figures which clarify the intent and application of the code, and provides a chapter-by-chapter analysis of the UMC.

***Uniform Building Code Application Manual.** This manual discusses sections of the *Uniform Building Code* with a question-and-answer format, providing a comprehensive analysis of the intent of the code sections. Most sections include illustrative examples. The manual is in loose-leaf format so that code applications published in *Building Standards* magazine may be inserted. Also available in electronic format.

***Uniform Mechanical Code Application Manual.** As a companion document to the *Uniform Mechanical Code*, this manual provides a comprehensive analysis of the intent of a number of code sections in an easy-to-use question-and-answer format. The manual is available in a loose-leaf format and includes illustrative examples for many code sections.

***Uniform Fire Code Applications Manual.** This newly developed manual provides questions and answers regarding UFC provisions. A comprehensive analysis of the intent of numerous code sections, the manual is in a loose-leaf format for easy insertion of code applications published in IFCI's *Fire Code Journal*.

Quick-Reference Guide to the Occupancy Requirements of the 1997 UBC. Code requirements are compiled in this publication by occupancy groups for quick access. These tabulations assemble requirements for each occupancy classification in the code. Provisions, such as fire-resistive ratings for occupancy separations in Table 3-B, exterior wall and opening protection requirements in Table 5-A-1, and fire-resistive ratings for types of construction in Table 6-A, are tabulated for quick reference and comparison.

Plan Review Manual. A practical text that will assist and guide both the field inspector and plan reviewer in applying the code requirements. This manual covers the nonstructural and basic structural aspects of plan review.

Field Inspection Manual. An important fundamental text for courses of study at the community college and trade or technical school level. It is an effective text for those studying building construction or architecture and includes sample forms and checklists for use in the field.

Building Department Administration. An excellent guide for improvement of skills in departmental management and in the enforcement and application of the Building Code and other regulations administered by a building inspection department. This textbook will also be a valuable aid to instructors, students and those in related professional fields.

Building Department Guide to Disaster Mitigation. This new, expanded guide is designed to assist building departments in developing or updating disaster mitigation plans. Subjects covered include guidelines for damage mitigation, disaster-response management, immediate response, mutual aid and inspections, working with the media, repair and recovery policies, and public information bulletins. This publication is a must for those involved in preparing for and responding to disaster.

Building Official Management Manual. This manual addresses the unique nature of code administration and the managerial duties of the building official. A supplementary insert addresses the budgetary and financial aspects of a building department. It is also an ideal resource for those preparing for the management module of the CABO Building Official Certification Examination.

Legal Aspects of Code Administration. A manual developed by the three model code organizations to inform the building official on the legal aspects of the profession. The text is written in a logical sequence with explanation of legal terminology. It is designed to serve as a refresher for those preparing to take the legal module of the CABO Building Official Certification Examination.

Illustrated Guide to Conventional Construction Provisions of the UBC. This comprehensive guide and commentary provides detailed explanations of the conventional construction provisions in the UBC, including descriptive discussions and illustrated drawings to convey the prescriptive provisions related to wood-frame construction.

Introduction to the Uniform Building Code. A workbook that provides an overview of the basics of the UBC.

Uniform Building Code Update Workbook. This manual addresses many of the changes to the administrative, fire- and life-safety, and inspection provisions appearing in the UBC.

UMC Workbook. Designed for independent study or use with instructor-led programs based on the *Uniform Mechanical Code*, this comprehensive study guide consists of 16 learning sessions, with the first two sessions reviewing the purpose, scope, definitions and administrative provisions and the remaining 14 sessions progressively exploring the requirements for installing, inspecting and maintaining heating, ventilating, cooling and refrigeration systems.

UBC Field Inspection Workbook. A comprehensive workbook for studying the provisions of the UBC. Divided into 12 sessions, this workbook focuses on the UBC combustible construction requirements for the inspection of wood-framed construction.

Concrete Manual. A publication for individuals seeking an understanding of the fundamentals of concrete field technology and inspection practices. Of particular interest to concrete construction inspectors, it will also benefit employees of concrete producers, contractors, testing and inspection laboratories and material suppliers.

Reinforced Concrete Masonry Construction Inspector's Handbook. A comprehensive information source written especially for masonry inspection covering terminology, technology, materials, quality control, inspection and standards. Published jointly by ICBO and the Masonry Institute of America.

You Can Build It! Sponsored by ICBO in cooperation with CABO, this booklet contains information and advice to aid "do-it-yourselfers" with building projects. Provides guidance in necessary procedures such as permit requirements, codes, plans, cost estimation, etc.

Guidelines for Manufactured Housing Installations. A guideline in code form implementing the *Uniform Building Code* and its companion code documents to regulate the permanent installation of a manufactured home on a privately owned, nonrental site. A commentary is included to explain specific provisions, and codes applying to each component part are defined.

Accessibility Reference Guide. This guide is a valuable resource for architects, interior designers, plan reviewers and others who design and enforce accessibility provisions. Features include accessibility requirements, along with detailed commentary and graphics to clarify the provisions; cross-references to other applicable sections of the UBC and the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines; a checklist of UBC provisions on access and usability requirements; and many other useful references.

Educational and Technical Reference Materials. The Conference has been a leader in the development of texts and course material to assist in the educational process. These materials include vital information necessary for the building official and subordinates in carrying out their responsibilities and have proven to be excellent references in connection with community college curricula and higher-level courses in the field of building construction technology and inspection and in the administration of building departments. Included are plan review checklists for structural, nonstructural, mechanical and fire-safety provisions and a full line of videotapes and automated products.

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An ordinance adopting the *Uniform Fire Code* prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, hazardous materials or explosion; providing for the issuance of permits for hazardous uses or operations; and establishing a bureau of fire prevention and providing officers therefor and defining their powers and duties

Be it ordained by the	[Jurisdiction Name].	
Sec. 1. ADOPTION OF UNIFORM FIRE CODE.		

There is hereby adopted by the [Legislative Body and Jurisdiction Name] for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, hazardous materials or

explosion, that certain Code known as the Uniform Fire Code, including Appendix Chapters ______ and Appendix Standards [insert appropriate appendices. See Uniform Fire Code Sections 101.8 and 9001.1.], published by the International

Fire Code Institute, being particularly the 1997 edition thereof and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended by Section 8 of this ordinance, three (3) copies of which have been and are now filed in the office of the [Jurisdiction's Clerk] and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the provision thereof shall be

controlling within the limits of the ______ [Jurisdiction Name].

Sec. 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES OF BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION.

2.1 The Uniform Fire Code as adopted and amended herein shall be enforced by the bureau of fire prevention (or other designated agency) in the fire department of the [Jurisdiction Name] which is hereby established and which shall be operated under the supervision of the chief of the fire department.

2.2 The chief (or fire marshal) in charge of the bureau of fire prevention (or other designated agency) shall be appointed by

[Name of Appointing Authority] on the basis of examination to determine his or

her qualifications.

2.3 The chief of the fire department shall recommend to the ______ [Name of the Proper Administrative Authority Should Be Inserted in the Blank Space] the employment of technical inspectors, who, when such authorization is made, shall be selected through an examination to determine their fitness for the position. The examination shall be open to members and nonmembers of the fire department, and appointments made after examination shall be for an indefinite term with removal only for cause.

Sec. 3. DEFINITIONS.

3.1 Wherever the word "jurisdiction" is used in the *Uniform Fire Code*, it is ______ [Name of the State, County, City or Town, or Fire District].

3.2 Where the party responsible for the enforcement of the *Uniform Fire Code* is given the title of "fire marshal," add the following definition:

FIRE MARSHAL is the chief of the bureau of fire prevention.

Sec. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITS OF DISTRICTS IN WHICH STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE LIQ-UIDS IN OUTSIDE ABOVEGROUND TANKS IS PROHIBITED.

The limits referred to in Sections 7902.2.2.1 and 7904.2.5.4.2 of the *Uniform Fire Code* in which the storage of flammable or combustible liquids is restricted are hereby established as follows:

[These limits should include heavily populated and congested commercial areas. These limits should be detailed unless such limits are established by other regulations. It may be desirable in some jurisdictions to establish limitations based on quantities or classes of liquids or both.].

Sec. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITS IN WHICH STORAGE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES IS PROHIBITED.

The limits referred to in Section 8204.2 of the *Uniform Fire Code*, in which storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby established as follows:

[These limits should include the heavily populated and the congested commercial areas. These limits should be detailed unless such limits are established by other regulations.].

Sec. 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITS OF DISTRICTS IN WHICH STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS IS TO BE PROHIBITED.

The limits referred to in Section 7701.7.2 of the *Uniform Fire Code*, in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby established as follows:

[These limits should include the heavily populated and the congested commercial areas. These limits should be detailed unless such limits are established by other regulations.].

Sec. 7. ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITS OF DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE STORAGE OF COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS IS TO BE PROHIBITED.

The limits referred to in Section 5204.5.2 of the *Uniform Fire Code* in which the storage of compressed natural gas storage is prohibited, are hereby established as follows:

[These limits should include the heavily populated and the congested commercial areas. These limits should be detailed unless such limits are established by other regulations.].

Sec. 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITS OF DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE STORAGE OF STATIONARY TANKS OF FLAM-MABLE CRYOGENIC FLUIDS ARE TO BE PROHIBITED.

The limits referred to in Section 3-1.5 of *Uniform Fire Code* Standard 80-3 in which the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers is prohibited are hereby established as follows:

[These limits should include the heavily populated and congested commercial areas. These limits should be detailed unless such limits are established by other regulations.]

Sec. 9. ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITS OF DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IS TO BE PROHIBITED OR LIMITED.

The limits referred to in Section 8001.1.1 of the *Uniform Fire Code* in which the storage of hazardous materials is prohibited or limited is hereby established as follows:

[These limits should include the heavily populated and the congested commercial areas. These limits should be detailed unless such limits are established by other regulations.]

Sec. 10. AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE.

The Uniform Fire Code is amended and changed in the following respects: Section _____, paragraphs _____, paragraphs _____, and _____, are amended as follows:

NOTE: Amendments deemed necessary should be inserted. Sections in the code dealing with subjects covered adequately by existing local or state laws may be cited as deleted.

Sec. 11. APPEALS.

Whenever the chief disapproves an application or refuses to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the chief to _____ [Fill]

in body to which appeal should be made. See Uniform Fire Code Section 103.1.4.] within 30 days from the date of the decision appealed.

Sec. 12. NEW MATERIALS, PROCESSES OR OCCUPANCIES WHICH MAY REQUIRE PERMITS.

The _____ [Administrator], the chief and the chief of the bureau of fire prevention shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies for which permits are required in addition to those now enumerated in the *Uniform Fire Code*. The chief of the bureau of fire prevention shall post such list in a conspicuous place at the bureau of fire prevention and distribute copies thereof to interested persons.

Sec. 13. PENALTIES.

13.1 Any person who violates any of the provisions of the *Uniform Fire Code* as adopted and amended herein or fails to comply therewith, or who violates or fails to comply with any order made thereunder, or who builds in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who fails to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the ______ [Fill in body to which appeal should be made. See *Uniform Fire Code* Section 103.1.4.] or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the required time, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance, respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$______ or by imprisonment for not less than ______ days nor more than

days or by both such fine and imprisonment. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

13.2 The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

Sec. 14. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance or of the *Uniform Fire Code* as adopted and amended herein are hereby repealed.

NOTE: In some jurisdictions, reference to specific laws that are amended or repealed is preferred or may be required.

Sec. 15. VALIDITY.

The _____ [Legislative Body] hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this ordinance or of the *Uniform Fire Code* as adopted and amended herein be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of ______ that it would have passed all other portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination herefrom of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

Sec. 16. DATE OF EFFECT.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

PART I

GENERAL ARTICLE 1 — ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 101 — GENERAL

101.1 Title. This code shall be known as the UNIFORM FIRE CODE, may be cited as such, and will be referred to herein as "this code."

101.2 Scope. This code prescribes regulations consistent with nationally recognized good practice for the safeguarding to a reasonable degree of life and property from the hazards of fire explosion, and dangerous conditions arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises and provisions to assist emergency response personnel.

The provisions of this code shall supplement any and all laws relating to firesafety and shall apply to all persons without restriction, unless specifically exempted.

The provisions of this code do not apply to off-site transportation of hazardous materials in accordance with DOT requirements.

101.3 Subjects Not Specifically Regulated by this Code. Where no applicable standards or requirements are set forth in this code, or contained within other laws, codes, regulations, ordinances or bylaws adopted by the jurisdiction, compliance with applicable standards of the National Fire Protection Association or other nationally recognized firesafety standards as are approved shall be deemed as prima facie evidence of compliance with the intent of this code. See also Section 9001.2.

Nothing herein shall derogate from the power of the chief to determine compliance with codes or standards for those activities or installations within the chief's jurisdiction or responsibility.

101.4 Supplemental Rules and Regulations. The chief is authorized to render interpretations of this code and to make and enforce rules and supplemental regulations in order to carry out the application and intent of its provisions. Such interpretations, rules and regulations shall be in conformance with the intent and purpose of this code and shall be available to the public during normal business hours.

101.5 Liability. The chief and other individuals charged by the chief with the control or extinguishment of any fire, the enforcement of this code or any other official duties, acting in good faith and without malice in the discharge of their duties, shall not thereby be rendered personally liable for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act or by reason of any act or omission in the discharge of their duties. Any suit brought against the chief or such individuals because of such act or omission performed in the enforcement of any provision of such codes or other pertinent laws or ordinances implemented through the enforcement of this code or enforced by the code enforcement agency shall be defended by this jurisdiction until final termination of such proceedings, and any judgment resulting therefrom shall be assumed by this jurisdiction.

This code shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility of any person owning, operating or controlling any building or structure for any damages to persons or property caused by defects, nor shall the code enforcement agency or its parent jurisdiction be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspections authorized by this code or any permits or certificates issued under this code.

See also Section 103.3.2.1.

101.6 Conflicting Provisions. Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall be applicable.

101.7 Severability. If any provision of this code or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the code and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

101.8 References to Appendix. When this code references the appendix, the provisions in the appendix shall not apply unless specifically adopted.

101.9 Amendments. When reference is made to a portion of this code or other applicable laws or ordinances, the reference applies to all amendments and additions now or hereafter made.

SECTION 102 — RETROACTIVE APPLICATION TO EXISTING CONDITIONS

102.1 Existing Conditions. The provisions of this code shall apply to conditions arising after the adoption thereof, conditions not legally in existence at the adoption of this code, and to conditions which, in the opinion of the chief, constitute a distinct hazard to life or property. See also Appendices I-A and I-B.

SECTION 103 — INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

103.1 General.

103.1.1 Technical assistance. To determine the acceptability of technologies, processes, products, facilities, materials and uses attending the design, operation or use of a building or premises subject to the inspection of the department, the chief is authorized to require the owner or the person in possession or control of the building or premises to provide, without charge to the jurisdiction, a technical opinion and report. The opinion and report shall be prepared by a qualified engineer, specialist, laboratory or firesafety specialty organization acceptable to the chief and the owner and shall analyze the fire-safety properties of the design, operation or use of the building or premises and the facilities and appurtenances situated thereon, to recommend necessary changes.

The chief is authorized to require design submittals to bear the stamp of a professional engineer.

103.1.2 Alternate materials and methods. The chief is authorized to approve alternate materials or methods provided that the chief finds that the proposed design, use or operation satisfactorily complies with the intent of this code and that the method of work performed or operation is, for the purpose intended, at least equivalent to that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety. Approvals under the authority herein contained shall be subject to the approval of the