STATE FIRE CODE AMENDMENTS
2014 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan
Senate Sponsor:
LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill amends the State Construction and Fire Codes Act.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
<ul> <li>adds an exception to the requirement that an automatic sprinkler system be installed</li> </ul>
in certain fire areas.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
This bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.
<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
AMENDS:
15A-5-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 199
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 15A-5-204 is amended to read:
15A-5-204. Amendments and additions to IFC related to fire protection systems.
For IFC, Fire Protection Systems:
(1) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 901.2, Construction Documents, is amended to add the
following at the end of the section: "The code official has the authority to request record



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drawings ("as builts") to verify any modifications to the previously approved construction documents."

- (2) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 901.4.6, Pump and Riser Room Size, is deleted and replaced with the following: "Pump and Riser Room Size. Fire pump and automatic sprinkler system riser rooms shall be designed with adequate space for all installed equipment necessary for the installation and to provide sufficient working space around the stationary equipment. Clearances around equipment shall be in accordance with manufacturer requirements and not less than the following minimum elements:
- 901.4.6.1 A minimum clear and unobstructed distance of 12 inches shall be provided from the installed equipment to the elements of permanent construction.
- 901.4.6.2 A minimum clear and unobstructed distance of 12 inches shall be provided between all other installed equipment and appliances.
- 901.4.6.3 A clear and unobstructed width of 36 inches shall be provided in front of all installed equipment and appliances, to allow for inspection, service, repair or replacement without removing such elements of permanent construction or disabling the function of a required fire-resistance-rated assembly.
- 901.4.6.4 Automatic sprinkler system riser rooms shall be provided with a clear and unobstructed passageway to the riser room of not less than 36 inches, and openings into the room shall be clear and unobstructed, with doors swinging in the outward direction from the room and the opening providing a clear width of not less than 34 inches and a clear height of the door opening shall not be less than 80 inches.
- 901.4.6.5 Fire pump rooms shall be provided with a clear and unobstructed passageway to the fire pump room of not less than 72 inches, and openings into the room shall be clear, unobstructed and large enough to allow for the removal of the largest piece of equipment, with doors swinging in the outward direction from the room and the opening providing a clear width of not less than 68 inches and a clear height of the door opening shall not be less than 80 inches."
- (3) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.1.2, Group A-2, is amended to add the following subsection: "4. An automatic fire sprinkler system shall be provided throughout Group A-2 occupancies where indoor pyrotechnics are used."
  - (4) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.2, Ambulatory Health Care Facilities, is amended as

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follows: On line two delete the words "all fire areas floor" and replace with the word "buildings" and delete the last paragraph.

- (5) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.4, Group F-1, Subsection 2, is deleted and rewritten as follows: "A Group F-1 fire area is located more than three stories above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access."
- (6) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.7, Group M, Subsection 2, is deleted and rewritten as follows: "A Group M fire area is located more than three stories above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access."
- (7) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.8 Group R, is amended to add the following: "Exception: Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) constructed in accordance with the International Residential Code for one- and two-family dwellings."
- (8) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.8, Group R, is amended to add a second exception as follows: "Exception: Group R-4 fire areas not more than 4,500 gross square feet and not containing more than 16 residents, provided the building is equipped throughout with an approved fire alarm system that is interconnected and receives its primary power from the building wiring and a commercial power system."
- (9) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.8 Group R, is amended to add a third exception as follows: "Exception: Group R-1 occupancies with fire areas not more than 2,000 square feet, containing no installed plumbing or heating, where no cooking occurs, and constructed of Type I-A, I-B, or II-A construction."
- [(9)] (10) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.9, Group S-1, Subsection 2, is deleted and rewritten as follows: "A Group S-1 fire area is located more than three stories above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access."
- [(10)] (11) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.3.1.1 is amended by adding the following subsection: "903.3.1.1.2 Antifreeze Limitations. Antifreeze used in a new automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with NFPA 13 may not exceed a maximum concentration of 38% premixed propylene glycol or 48% premixed glycerin, and the capacity of the system may not exceed 150 gallons."
- 88 [(11)] (12) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.3.1.2 is amended by adding the following 89 subsection: "903.3.1.2.2 Antifreeze Limitations. Antifreeze used in a new automatic sprinkler

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system installed in accordance with NFPA 13R may not exceed a maximum concentration of 38% premixed propylene glycol or 48% premixed glycerin, and the capacity of the system may not exceed 150 gallons."

[(12)] (13) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.3.1.3 is amended by adding the following subsection: "903.3.1.3.1 Antifreeze Limitations. Antifreeze used in a new automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with NFPA 13D may not exceed a maximum concentration of 38% premixed propylene glycol or 48% premixed glycerin, and the capacity of the system may not exceed 150 gallons."

[(13)] (14) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.3.5, Water supplies, is amended as follows: On line six, after the word "Code", add "and as amended in Utah's State Construction Code".

[(14)] (15) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.5 is amended to add the following subsection: "903.5.1 Tag and Information. A tag shall be attached to the riser indicating the date the antifreeze solution was tested. The tag shall also indicate the type and concentration of antifreeze solution by volume with which the system is filled, the name of the contractor that tested the antifreeze solution, the contractor's license number, and a warning to test the concentration of the antifreeze solutions at yearly intervals."

[(15)] (16) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 904.11, Commercial cooking systems, is deleted and rewritten as follows: "The automatic fire extinguishing system for commercial cooking systems shall be of a type recognized for protection of commercial cooking equipment and exhaust systems. Pre-engineered automatic extinguishing systems shall be tested in accordance with UL300 and listed and labeled for the intended application. The system shall be installed in accordance with this code, its listing and the manufacturer's installation instructions. The exception in Section 904.11 is not deleted and shall remain as currently written in the IFC."

[(16)] (17) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 904.11.3, Carbon dioxide systems, and Section 904.11.3.1, Ventilation system, are deleted and rewritten as follows:

- (a) "Existing automatic fire extinguishing systems used for commercial cooking that use dry chemical are prohibited and shall be removed from service."
- (b) "Existing wet chemical fire extinguishing systems used for commercial cooking that are not UL300 listed and labeled are prohibited and shall be either removed or upgraded to a UL300 listed and labeled system."
- 120 [(17)] (18) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 904.11.4, Special provisions for automatic sprinkler

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systems, is amended to add the following subsection: "904.11.4.2 Existing automatic fire sprinkler systems protecting commercial cooking equipment, hood, and exhaust systems that generate appreciable depth of cooking oils shall be replaced with a UL300 system that is listed and labeled for the intended application."

[(18)] (19) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 904.11.6.2, Extinguishing system service, is amended to add the following: "Exception: Automatic fire extinguishing systems located in occupancies where usage is limited and less than six consecutive months may be serviced annually if the annual service is conducted immediately before the period of usage, and approval is received from the AHJ."

[(19)] (20) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 905.3.9 is a new subsection as follows: "Open Parking Garages. Open parking garages shall be equipped with an approved Class I manual standpipe system when fire department access is not provided for firefighting operations to within 150 feet of all portions of the open parking garage as measured from the approved fire department vehicle access. Class I manual standpipe shall be accessible throughout the parking garage such that all portions of the parking structure are protected within 150 feet of a hose connection.

Exception: Open parking garages equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1."

[(20)] (21) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 905.8, Dry Standpipes, Exception is deleted and rewritten as follows: "Where subject to freezing conditions and approved by the fire code official."

[(21)] (22) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 905.11, Existing buildings, and IFC, Chapter 11, Section 1103.6, Standpipes, are deleted.

[(22)] (23) In IFC, Chapter 9, Section 906.1, Where Required, the exception under paragraph 1 is deleted and rewritten to read: "Exception: In new and existing Group A, B, and E occupancies equipped with quick response sprinklers, portable fire extinguishers shall be required only in locations specified in items 2 through 6.

[<del>(23)</del>] (24) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 907.2.3 Group E:

(a) The first sentence is deleted and rewritten as follows: "A manual fire alarm system that initiates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 and installed in accordance with Section 907.6 shall be installed in Group E occupancies."

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152	(b) Exception number 3, on line five, delete the words, "emergency voice/alarm
153	communication system" and replace with "occupant notification system."
154	[(24)] (25) IFC, Chapter 9, 907.8, Inspection, testing, and maintenance, is amended to
155	add the following sentences at the end of the section: "Increases in nuisance alarms shall
156	require the fire alarm system to be tested for sensitivity. Fire alarm systems that continue after
157	sensitivity testing with unwarranted nuisance alarms shall be replaced as directed by the AHJ."
158	[(25)] (26) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 908.7, Carbon Monoxide Alarms, is deleted and
159	rewritten as follows: "Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed on each habitable level of a
160	dwelling unit or sleeping unit in Groups R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, I-1, and I-4 equipped with fuel
161	burning appliances.
162	908.7.1 If more than one carbon monoxide detector is required, they shall be
163	interconnected as required in IFC, Chapter 9, Section 907.2.11.3.
164	908.7.2 In new construction, a carbon monoxide detector shall receive its primary
165	power as required under IFC, Chapter 9, Section 907.2.11.4.
166	908.7.3 Upon completion of the installation, the carbon monoxide detector system will
167	meet the requirements listed in NFPA 720, Installation of Carbon Monoxide Detection and
168	Warning Equipment and UL2034, Standard for Single and Multiple Carbon Monoxide Alarms.
169	[ <del>(26)</del> ] <u>(27)</u> IFC Section 908.7.1 is renumbered to 908.7.4.
170	Section 2. Effective date.
171	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.

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