

2024 CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL GROUP A PROCESS: IFC

Proposal #	Part #	Committee	Primary Code Section	Topic: General info on what the proposal is about. Example-The proposal is on Fire Walls.	Comments: Provide a brief overview of the proposal. Include a short reason on your recommendation identified in Column F. Add your initials to your comments for tracking.	SS--Strongly support; S-Support; N-Neutral; O-Oppose; SO-Strongly oppose	CAH#1 W-Watch; T-Testify NA-No Action	CAH#1 results: AS= as submitted, AM by: As modified by..., D= Disapproval	Vote	CAH#1 results Summary	OBOA CAH#1 Comments
F1		Fire		Definitions	removal of definitions at each chapter - good reorg CB	S	Watch	AMC1	13-0	Makes IFC consistent with other I-codes.	
F2		Fire		Permits	Permit reference deletions - some may find these pointers useful, some may not - neutral CB	N	Watch	AMC1	13-0	Unnecessary pointers to permits with section 105 throughout the code.	
F4		Fire		Permits	Removes oper permit for stationary ESS. This one has pros and cons. CB - I support this one, but I could go either way	N	Watch	AMC1	14-0	Approved based on reason statement. Modification reflects need to only allow exception for 1 & 2 family.	
F22		Fire		Definitions	Removes 'where required by code official' from high hazard commodities - this is a good move, as the high hazard classification is related to burn characteristics, and a design professional should be the party that determines the hazard - cb	S	watch	AS	14-0	Appropriately removes tech. requirement from definition and simply states what is considered high-piled combustible storage.	
F30		Fire		Definitions	smoking definition - reasonable to add a smoking definition, but this one needs some more review and work	N	watch	AMC1	12-2	Approved because it addresses the confusion with the question about whether just possessing one of these devices is outside the definition.	
F40		Fire		Valet trash	This proposal moves valet trash from annex to chapter 3 - Neutral on this at this time, but watching since valet is an ongoing discussion	N	watch	D	12-2	Appendix just added to IFC. Unknown if there are problems that are created either with it or without, then it should remain where it is.	
F44		Fire		Vaping	I do not support - vaping does present ignition issues, but IFC should address this in a 'smoking' definition. This 'vaping' term may not stand test of time, 'smoking' certainly has -cb	O	watch	D	14-0	Definition approved by F30-24 adds clarity already.	
F46		Fire			NFSA spaces protected and combustible storage - these are good clarifying proposals - cb	S	watch	AMC1	13-0	Approval of modification was because of need to use "and" instead of "or".	
F47		Fire		Security device	security devices unexpectedly emitting. Oppose. This is related to 'fog' security systems that can create visual occlusions for egress and public safety access to a hazard. This 'unexpectedly' word is an attempt by this fog industry to pivot on the issue with these systems -cb	O	watch	D	13-0	It allowed the use of a fire and life safety system for security purposes and this creates additional risk by activating the fire alarm system.	
F63		Fire		Automated parking	automated parking systems - this concept needs to be addressed, but these proposals are not ready for prime time - needs work cb	N	watch	D	14-0	Concerns about different types of parking systems, charging stations, tiers vs. height and other requirements.	
F72		Fire		Fire access	single fire lane and other apparatus access rewrite - while these are good ideas that should be explored, especially as housing needs are at the forefront, this proposal is not ready for prime-time. Maybe needs more stakeholder engagement, and maybe some FCAC input? cb	N	watch	D	13-0	Concerns with how it will be integrated into existing communities and infrastructure.	

F95		Fire		ITM	inspection testing and maintenance revision - adds scoping statement, which is needed. Also, reorg of non-required system section. Cb	s	watch	AS	14-0	Based on proponent reason statement.	
F96		Fire		Sprinkler age	NFSA 80 year sprinkler replacement - Products have a 'service life' and it is reasonable to have this for sprinklers. Given the 80 year timeframe, this will not kick in for many occupancies for several years - This will be controversial, but in light of sprinklers offering more design advantages in the IBC than any other feature (allowable area, rating reductions, openings, travel distance increases, etc), then it is important that the long-term integrity of these devices be considered in buildings, especially when the building has taken advantage of design benefits due to the presence of sprinklers. cb	S	watch	D	14-0	Belongs in NFPA 25. Need to do hydraulic calc and hazard assessment. Need to be some ref. to the testing piece.	
F100		Fire		13D	Shapiro Group r 13D rework - good fix here - this helps determine the type of system and associated townhouse applications - should support - cb	S	watch	AMC1	11-0	Based on recommendation from the floor testimony.	
F102		Fire		13D	Addresses 13D in up to 60 ft - this is reasonable cb	S	watch	D	14-0	Group R-3 may be a 1 & 2 family and be outside scope of NFPA13D	
F103		Fire		13D	Seattle 13D four story - this is a good proposal, and is consistent with 13D scope	S	watch	D	13-1	Based on previous action on F102.	
F106		Fire		Mini storage sprinkler scope	removal of single story exception mini storage oppose - this needs to be driven by data. While the pre-2021 was burdensome, this is likely goes too far - single story for these types of fuels is reasonable to allow the 12,000 before compartmenting - cb	O	watch	D	12-2	Opposition to exempting all self-storage facilities from the requirement.	
F107		Fire		Open parking - omit sprinklers in Type 1	removal of sprinklers for open parking in type 1. Monitor, but likely oppose, as the hazard (especially with modern vehicles) is the fuel loads, not the structure - cb	O	watch	D	14-0	Other group that has studied this and realized the hazard that exists and have required those to have automatic sprinkler system regardless of size.	
F110		Fire		Bathroom coverings - sprinklers	NFSA bathroom covering - clean up and correlates with NFPA 13 cb	S	watch	D	13-0	Needed additional revisions.	
F113		Fire		Sprinkler monitoring / supervision	NFSA 903.4 clean up - support, clarifies intent cb	S	Watch	AS	14-0	Uses correct terms in the code to match the reference standards.	
F140		Fire		Smoke and Heat Vents	NFSA smoke heat vent refrigerated spaces - changes 'frozen food' to refrigerated spaces - not all large coolers etc. are freezers - provides flex for these spaces. Also adds class 3 to exception - support cb	S	watch	AS	12-2	Based on proponent reason statement.	
F141		Fire		Smoke and Heat Vents	My proposal smoke and heat vent operation in sprinkler areas - resolves vulnerability of an automatic means being smoke detector, which is an issue in sprinklered areas. Cb	S	watch	AS	14-0	Clarifies intent of the operational sequence for some events	