

Fire Code TAG Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Meeting Location: Isanti Room/WebEx Event

Call to order:

Tom Jenson and Forrest Williams

Attendance:

TAG Members attending: Tom Jenson (SFM), Forrest Williams (SFM), Dan Morehead, Alisa Schuster, Mark Lucht, Dean Mau (DLI), Dave McNiesh, Jerry Norman, Lisa Consie

TAG Members not attending: Roger "Lars" Larson, Scott Futrell

Guests attending: Amanda Swenson (SFM), Bob Rexeisen (SFM), Ryan Rehn (DLI), Amanda Spuckler (DLI), Chad Payment (DLI), Clayton Talbot, Daniel Krier (SFM), Kate Wagner, Kevin Schwartz, Mike Bunnell, Rich Stein, Richard Hauffe, Tate Mills (SFM), Joshua Simma

Code Change Proposal Review:

The Fire Code TAG members reviewed the following code change proposals that have been previously reviewed by the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association (MSFCA) Code Committee.

FCCP 12: Part 7511.1104, subpart 15, (modifying 2018 IFC 1104.23) Minimum aisle and aisle accessway widths in existing buildings

The code change proposal remains tabled for additional review by SFM staff.

FCCP 16: 2024 IFC 5608.1 and 5608.4 Fireworks display

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal that adds a NFPA 160 to the list of standards for fireworks displays. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 17: 2024 IFC 5601.1 Scope

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to modify exception 4 to clarify that storage and personal use of explosives, explosive materials, fireworks, and small arms ammunition is limited to Group R occupancies and dwelling units.. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 18: 2024 IFC 5606.4.2 Smokeless propellants

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal modify the section by deleting the first sentence regarding smokeless propellants for personal use because it conflicts with the requirements of chapter 56. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 19: 2024 IFC 5606.4.3 Small arms primers

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal that replaces "Group R-3" with "Group R dwellings and dwelling units" for consistency with 2024 IFC 5601.1, Exception 4. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 20: 2024 IFC 5601.1 Explosives and fireworks

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal that adds a subsection that redirects code users to tables 5003.1.1(1) and 5003.8.2 for determine occupancy classifications and maximum allowable quantities of explosive materials. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 21: Part 7511.1103, subpart 8 (modifying 2018 IFC 1103.8) Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms
The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current rule requirements to require interconnected smoke alarms in state licensed Group I-1 and R occupancies. The interconnected smoke alarms are permitted to be battery-powered. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 22: Part 7511.1104, subpart 13 (modifying 2018 IFC 1104.21) Stairway discharge identification

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current rule requirements to require a stairway barrier at the level of exit discharge when the direction of egress travel cannot otherwise be made readily identifiable. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 23: 2024 IFC 3201.3.2 Approved storage layout

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to require fire extinguisher locations be included on high-piled combustible storage floorplans. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 24: 2024 IFC Table 3208.8 Examples of commodity classification

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal that modifies the table for consistency with NFPA 13. The modifications to the table classify empty rigid plastic containers as either High Hazard Group A unexpanded (containers up to 32 oz) or expanded (containers greater than 32 oz). The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 25: 2024 IFC 4106 Mobile food preparation vehicles

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to maintain the 2018 IFC requirements for mobile food preparation while adding 2024 IFC requirements for automatic fire extinguishing systems and LP-gas systems. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 26: Part 7511.5306 (modifying 2018 IFC 5306.6) Domestic storage and use of medical gases

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current rule requirements by removing the reference to NFPA 99 and adding a subsection that addresses the storage and use of compressed gases in dwellings and dwelling units. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 27: Part 7511.6101, (modifying 2018 IFC Chapter 61) Liquified petroleum gases

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal that revises the existing rule to no longer delete IFC chapter 61 and incorporate NFPA 58 by reference because 2024 IFC chapter 61 requires complies with NFPA 58. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 28: Part 7511.7900 (adding optional Appendix O) Fires or barbeques on balconies or patios

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal that revises the existing rule to address new barbeque appliances and technologies and clarifies compliance options. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 29: 2024 IFC 2310.4.1 Fueling of marine vehicles at other than approved marine motor fuel-dispensing facilities

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to add an exception that that permits the fueling of personal use floating marine craft from safety cans listed to UL 30 when docked on privately owned, non-commercial property. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 30: Part 7511.0906, subpart 1 (modifying 2018 IFC 906.1) Inspection, testing and maintenance of NFPA 13D systems in licensed care facilities.

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal that revises the existing rule to add a new section that requires the annual inspection of NFPA 13D systems in licensed care facilities. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 31: Part 7511.0901 NFPA 25 Inspection, testing and maintenance requirements The code change proposal was withdrawn by the proponent.

FCCP 32: Part 7511.0906, subpart 1 (modifying 2018 IFC section 906.1) Portable fire extinguishers

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal that revises the current rule by adding an exception that requires fire extinguishers be placed in stairways and elevator lobbies on each story in a Group S parking garage. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal with modifications that replaces "elevator lobbies" with "elevator landings" and "story" with "floor level."

<u>FCCP 33: Part 7511.0906, subpart 1 (modifying 2018 IFC section 906.1) Portable fire extinguishers</u> The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal that revises the current rule to require portable fire extinguishers be installed in Group R-3 occupancies that are licensed care facilities and to permit portable fire extinguishers to be mounted in locations that are obstructed from view in Group R-3 and R-4 licensed care

Next Meeting:

Date: October 9, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: DLI Isanti Room

Meeting Adjourned: 11:35 AM

facilities with the approval of the fire code official.

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