

# Fire Code TAG

## Meeting Notes

**Date:** Thursday, October 9, 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, Lisa Consie, Roger "Lars" Larson, Scott Futrell

TAG Members not attending: Jerry Norman

Guests attending: Amanda Swenson (SFM), Bob Rexeisen (SFM), Ryan Rehn (DLI), Amanda Spuckler (DLI), Chad Payment (DLI), David Martin, Joe Sellwood, Alex Hassel, Britt McAdamis (DLI), Kate Wagner, Ryan Kunst, Tate Mills (SFM), Joshua Simma

### Code Change Proposal Review:

The Fire Code TAG members reviewed the following code change proposals. All proposals except for FCCP 37 and 39 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 TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to require the minimum aisle and aisle accessway widths in areas without seating to comply with the requirements in chapter 1305. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

#### FCCP 34: 2024 IFC 5606.1 General

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal that requires black powder substitutes to comply with section 5606.1. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

#### FCCP 35: 2024 IFC 5604.6.5 Signs and placards

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to not require signs and placards at sites where explosives are stored that are not constantly attended and are issued a permit in accordance Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.73 or 299F.74. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

#### FCCP 36: Part 7511.5704, subpart 3, (modifying 2018 IFC 5704.3.1.2) Rigid nonmetallic intermediate bulk container

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to delete the definition of “intermediate bulk container” and the requirements for rigid nonmetallic intermediate bulk containers because the definition and requirements are addressed in NFPA 30. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 37: 2024 IFC 202 Reliable power source

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal that adds a definition for “reliable power source.” The proposed definition requires the source power plant to not have experienced any shutdowns longer than 4 continuous hours in the previous year and power outages are not routinely experienced in the area due to failures in generation or transmission. These criteria were derived from A9.3.2 of NFPA 20 and are currently guidelines but not requirements. TAG members discussed that the criteria may be difficult to meet in some areas. The proponent withdrew the code change proposal.

FCCP 38: Part 7511.1101 (modifying 2018 IFC 1101.1) Scope

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal that add a sentence to clarify that the provisions of chapter 11 do not permit the elimination of existing fire protection systems or existing construction and design features unless permitted by section 102.1.1. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 39: Part 7511.1103, subpart 8, (modifying 2018 IFC Table 1103.8) Smoke alarm requirements

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to require battery powered smoke alarms in existing buildings to have a nonreplaceable, nonremovable battery that can power the alarm for a minimum of 10 years. TAG members expressed concerns that the proposal conflicts with state statute and this is a significant change that may require the replacement of functional smoke alarms in many existing buildings when the code goes into effect. Furthermore, this change is better addressed through the national model code development process. The TAG consensus is to not to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 40: 2024 IFC 403.9.3 and Table 405.3 Group R-4 occupancies and state licensed Group R-3 care facilities

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal that requires Group R-3 occupancies that are state licensed care facilities to have an approved fire safety and evacuation plan and for the fire and evacuation drills to occur semiannually on each shift. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 41: 2024 IFC 5606.6.1 Electrical

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to require areas within 3 feet of reloading equipment to be Class II, Division 2. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:34 AM

**Prepared by:** Forrest Williams