
2024 International Fire Code Amendment Adoption Executive Summary

The updates to our amendments for the 2024 International Fire Code stuck primarily to base code except for the few noteworthy changes discussed in this summary. We approached this adoption cycle with the intent of getting as close as possible to aligning our amendments with the Golder Ranch Fire District and other fire service entities in the region. The goal was to provide a more consistent and streamlined development process for the contractors in our communities. Several fire districts modified their amendments to make this vision a reality, and the proposed amendment packages are approximately 90 to 95 percent the same.

The significant changes to the 2024 amendment package as it compares to our 2018 adopted version are as follows:

1. The adoption of Appendix O and an amendment in Chapter 3 to address valet trash service. Multi-story residential buildings in our area like Album Marana, and multiple upcoming projects like the Alexander and Uptown developments will be utilizing valet trash services and we want to ensure that this process is done safely and in accordance with recognized best practices. The accumulation of trash inside interior corridors threatens safe ingress and egress routes as well as increase the fire load in the building.
2. A new amendment to Chapter 5 to address available water supplies in large-scale vehicle storage operations. This amendment was drafted in response to a fire (Incident #1834311) at Tucson RV Storage at 5450 N. Camino de la Tierra in November of 2018. The fire destroyed 14 recreational vehicles and caused more than \$550,000.00 in fire loss—largely in part because there were no hydrants protecting the storage yard. Crews had to lay over 1,500 feet of line through residential properties and over walls from the Jusnic Estates housing development to the North before a stable water supply could be established. This amendment addresses these issues and will ensure adequate firefighting water is provided for these types of facilities moving forward.
3. An amendment was added into Chapter 50 to address a new issue that arose with the 2024 code and the allowance of hazardous material storage on commercial roofs. This amendment would prohibit flammable and combustible storage on rooftops unless the area is specifically engineered for that purpose and appropriate safeguards are provided.

Overall, we expect this adoption process to promote higher levels of safety for our firefighters and the constituents in our community. Additionally, the aligning of our requirements with other fire districts in our area will provide better and more consistent processes for our developers.