



# Kentfield Fire Protection District



## ABRIDGED “CODE ONLY” VERSION (Ordinance 2022-118)

**2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE IS AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED AS IDENTIFIED HEREIN:**

### CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

Section 101.1 of Chapter 1 is amended to read as follows:

Section 101.1 **Title.** *These regulations and locally adopted standards shall be known as the Fire Code of the Kentfield Fire District, hereinafter referred to as “this code.”*

Section 102.5 of Chapter 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 102.5 **Application of residential code.** Where structures are designed and constructed in accordance with the *California Residential Code*, the provisions of this code shall apply as follows:

1. Construction and designed provisions: Provisions of this code pertaining to the exterior of the structure shall apply including, but not limited to, premises identification, fire apparatus access and water supplies. *Provisions of this code pertaining to the interior of the structure when specifically required by this code including, but not limited to, Section 903.2 and Chapter 12 shall apply.* Where interior or exterior systems or devices are installed, construction permits required by Section 105.7 of this code shall also apply
2. Administrative, operational and maintenance provisions of this code shall apply.

Section 102.7.3 is hereby added to Chapter 1 and shall read as follows:

*Section 102.7.3 **Nationally Recognized Listed Products.** Any installation of products and equipment due to permits required by this Code shall be Labeled and Listed, as defined in Section 202.*

Section 104.1.1 is hereby added to Chapter 1 and shall read as follows:

*Section 104.1.1 **Supplemental Rules, Regulations and Standards or Policies.** The Fire Code Official is authorized to render interpretations of this code and to make and enforce rules and supplemental regulations and to develop Fire Protection Standards or Policies to carry out the application and intent of this code.*

Section 104.13 is hereby added to Chapter 1 and shall read as follows:

*Section 104.13. **Fire Prevention Resource Sharing.** Other enforcement agencies shall have authority to render necessary assistance in plan review, inspection, code interpretation, enforcement, investigation and other fire prevention services when requested to do so.*

Section 105.5 of Chapter 1 is hereby amended by adding the following additional operational permits:

**105.5 Required Operational Permits.** The fire code official is authorized to issue operational permits for operations set forth in Sections 105.6.1 through 105.5.55

Section 105.5.55 of Chapter 1 is hereby added to read as follows:

*105.5.55 **Local Operational Permits.** In addition to the permits required by section 105.5, the following permits shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Division prior to engaging in the following activities, operations, practices or functions:*

- 1. **Fire Protection Plan.** An operational permit is required to implement a fire protection plan.*
- 2. **Radioactive material.** An operational permit is required to store or handle at any installation more than 1 micro curie (37,000 Becquerel) of radioactive material not contained in a sealed source or more than 1 millicurie (37,000,000 Becquerel) of radioactive material in a sealed source or sources, or any amount of radioactive material for which specific license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is required.*

Section 105.6 of Chapter 1 is hereby amended by adding the following additional operational permits:

**105.6 Required Construction Permits.** The fire code official is authorized to issue construction permits for work as set forth in Sections 105.5.1 through 105.6.25

Section 105.6.25 of Chapter 1 is hereby added to read as follows:

*105.6.25 **Local Construction Permits.** In addition to the permits required by section 105.6, the following permits shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Division prior to installation of the following:*

- 1. **Exterior Wildfire Protection Systems.** A construction permit is required for the installation of or design modification to an Exterior Wildfire Protection System as regulated by section 918.*
- 2. **Home Backup Generator.** A construction permit is required for the installation of a home backup generator as regulated by section 1218.*

3. **Vegetation Management Plan.** *A construction permit is required to implement a vegetation management plan.*

Section 112.4 of Chapter 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 112.4 **Violation Penalties.** Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the Fire Code Official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a *misdemeanor*, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding 180 days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

*The imposition of one penalty of any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.*

Section 112.4.2 of Chapter 1 is added to read as follows:

**Section 112.4.2 Abatement of clearance of brush or vegetative growth from structures.** *The executive body is authorized to instruct the Chief to give notice to the owner of the property upon which conditions regulated by section 304.1.2 of Chapter 3 and section 4907.4 of Chapter 49 exists to correct such conditions. If the owner fails to correct such conditions, the executive body is authorized to cause the same to be done and make the expense of such correction a lien upon the property where such condition exists.*

Section 113.4 of Chapter 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 113.4 **Failure to Comply.** Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine not less than \$500 dollars or more than \$1500 dollars.

Section 115 of Chapter 1 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

**Section 115 DAMAGES AND EXPENSE RECOVERY**

**Section 115.1 Damages and Expense Recovery.** *The expense of securing any emergency that is within the responsibility for enforcement of the Fire Chief as given in Section 104 is a charge against the person who caused the emergency. Damages and expenses incurred by any public agency having jurisdiction or any public agency assisting the agency having jurisdiction shall constitute a debt of such person and shall be collectible by the Fire Chief for proper distribution in the same manner as in the case of an obligation under contract expressed or implied. Expenses as stated above shall include, but not be limited to, equipment and personnel committed and any payments required by the public agency to*

*outside business firms requested by the public agency to secure the emergency, monitor remediation, and clean up.*

## **CHAPTER 2** **DEFINITIONS**

Section 202 of Chapter 2 is hereby amended by adding the following general definition:

***ALL WEATHER SURFACE*** shall mean A/C paving, or concrete capable of supporting 70,000 gross vehicle weight. Grades up to and including 18% may be of A/C paving. Grades greater than 18% shall be of concrete curb-cut so as to allow for water run-off and traction.

*Exception: Materials approved by the Fire Code Official.*

***COVERINGS*** shall mean materials including, but not limited to gypsum board, paneling, floor boards, lathe and plaster, wood paneling, brick and mortar, or other materials attached to rough framing of the building elements. 'Coverings' do not include carpet, linoleum, tile, wall paper, or other decorative finishes.

***DRIVEWAY*** is a vehicular ingress/egress access route that serves no more than two dwelling units, not including accessory structures. Driveways shall provide a minimum unobstructed width 16 feet and a minimum unobstructed height of 15 feet. Driveways in excess of 150 feet in length shall be provided with turnarounds. Driveways in excess of 200 feet in length and less than 20 feet in width shall be provided with turnouts in addition to turnarounds.

***EXTERIOR WILDFIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM*** An approved system of devices and equipment which is automatically or manually activated to discharge water and or an approved fire-extinguishing agent onto the structure and or the exterior of the structure to hydrate the Immediate Zone 0 (0-5 feet from the home, including the home) and the Intermediate Zone 1 (5-30 feet from the home).

***HOME BACKUP GENERATOR.*** A permanent, fixed installation, internal combustion engine-driven device that provides temporary electrical power to a Group R-3 and R-4 Occupancies.

***OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION*** is modified to include:

***[BG] Factory Industrial F-1 Moderate-hazard occupancy*** is amended to add to the list of moderate-hazard factory industrial groups the following:

*Agricultural crop production including cultivation, drying, processing and /or storage.*

**PRE-PLANS** shall mean detailed plans of target hazard buildings. These pre-plans include information on the building's location, occupancy, hazards, fire department connections and hydrants, building layout, and other pertinent data that would assist the fire department in case of an emergency.

**PUBLIC STORAGE FACILITY** shall mean any business that sells, leases or rents space to the public that is enclosed, whether it is a building, storage container or similar configuration.

**SPARK ARRESTOR** shall mean a chimney device constructed in a skillful-like manner. The net free area of a spark arrestor shall not be less than four times the net free area of the outlet of the chimney. The spark arrestor screen shall have heat and corrosion resistance equivalent to 12-gauge wire, 19-gauge galvanized wire or 24-gauge stainless steel. Opening shall not permit the passage of spheres having a diameter larger than 1/2 inch and shall not block the passage of spheres having a diameter of less than 3/8 inch.

**SUBSTANTIAL REMODEL** shall mean the renovation of any structure, which combined with any additions to the structure, affects a floor area which exceeds fifty percent of the existing floor area of the structure within any 36 month period. When any changes are made in the building, such as walls, columns, beams or girders, floor or ceiling joists and coverings, roof rafters, roof diaphragms, foundations, piles or retaining walls or similar components, the floor area of all rooms affected by such changes shall be included in computing floor areas for the purposes of applying this definition. This definition does not apply to the replacement and upgrading of residential roof coverings.

**TARGET HAZARD** is defined as a location or plausible scenario in which a fire department or fire district could quickly become overwhelmed and for which additional resources, now scarce, would be needed.

**TEMPORARY** shall mean any use for a period of less than 90 days, where not otherwise referenced.

**UNWARRANTED ALARM** shall mean the giving, signaling or transition of an alarm notification to a public fire station or emergency communication center when such alarm is the result of a defective condition of an alarm system, system servicing testing, construction activities, ordinary household activities, false alarm or other cause when no such danger exists.

### **CHAPTER 3** **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 302.1 in Chapter 3 is hereby amended to add the following:

**PUBLIC STORAGE FACILITY**  
**UNWARRANTED ALARM**

Section 324 is hereby added to Chapter 3 and shall read as follows:

**Section 324 Public Storage Facilities**

**Section 324.1 General.** Public Storage Facilities shall comply with the provisions of this section.

**Section 324.2 Location on Property and Fire Resistance of Exterior.** All public storage facilities shall meet the minimum requirements for setback from property lines or fire resistive construction as set forth in Table 602 of the Building Code for Group S, Division 1 occupancies.

**Section 324.3 Fire Apparatus Access.** All public storage facilities shall have fire apparatus access roads provided in accordance with Section 503.

**Section 324.4 Storage of Flammable and Combustible Liquids and Hazardous Materials.** The storage of hazardous materials or flammable or combustible liquids in public storage facilities is prohibited. Such facilities shall post legible and durable sign(s) to indicate same in a manner and location(s) as specified by the Fire Code Official. This section shall apply to new and existing public storage facilities.

*Exception: Only those quantities of flammable and combustible liquids necessary for maintenance of the facility may be stored by the facility management per Chapter 57 of this code.*

**CHAPTER 4**  
**EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS**

Section 401.1.1 is hereby added to Chapter 4 and shall read as follows:

**Section 401.1.1 Hazardous Occupancies.** In occupancies of a hazardous nature, where access for fire apparatus is unduly difficult, or where special life and fire safety hazards exist as determined by standards or policies of the Kentfield Fire District, that facility or business management shall be required to develop and implement an Emergency Response Plan, provide for an on-site Emergency Response Team, Emergency Liaison Officer, staff training and fire drills in accordance with Sections 405 and 406 and standards developed by the Kentfield Fire District.

Section 401.3.2.1 is hereby added to Chapter 4 and shall read as follows:

**Section 401.3.2.1 Unwarranted Alarm Notification.** Notification of emergency responders based on an unwarranted alarm may be punishable by a fine in accordance with the adopted fee schedule. In addition, the responsible party may be liable for the operational and administrative costs, incurred from the emergency response or mitigation procedures resulting from an unwarranted alarm notification.

Section 401.3.2.2 is added to read as follows:

*Section 401.3.2.2 **Multiple Unwarranted or Nuisance Alarm Activations.** Any occupancy that has more than 3 unwarranted or nuisance alarms causing emergency response within a 12 month period may be required to modify, repair, upgrade or replace their system and or monitoring station as determined by the Fire Code Official.*

Section 402.1 of Chapter 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

**PRE-PLANS  
UNWARRANTED ALARMS  
TARGET HAZARDS**

Section 403.1.1 is hereby added to Chapter 4 and shall read as follows:

*Section 403.1.1 **Pre-Plans:** When required by the fire code official, pre-plans shall be developed for target hazard buildings according to the written standards developed by the authority having jurisdiction.*

Section 403.9.1.4 is hereby added to Chapter 4 and shall read as follows:

***Emergency Preparedness for Hotels, Lodging and Congregate Houses.** Hotels, lodging and congregate houses shall provide guests with immediate access to a telephone to report emergencies. The exit diagram shall indicate the location of the nearest telephone and instructions to dial 911.*

## **CHAPTER 5** **FIRE SERVICE FEATURES**

Section 502.1 in Chapter 5 is hereby amended to add the following:

**DRIVEWAY**

Section 503.1. of Chapter 5 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 503.1 **Where Required.** Fire Apparatus access roads shall be provided and maintained in accordance with Sections 503.1.1 through 503.1.5.

Section 503.1.4 of Chapter 5 is hereby added to read as follows:

*Section 503.1.4 **Undeveloped Areas.** Fire Apparatus Access Roads, improved or unimproved, shall be provided for firefighting equipment, apparatus and personnel to undeveloped areas of the District so as to gain access to improved, unimproved, and undeveloped areas of the District, in a manner approved by the Fire Code Official. Any vehicle or other obstructions may be towed away at the owner's expense.*

Section 503.1.5 of Chapter 5 is hereby added to read as follows:

*Section 503.1.5 **Aerial fire apparatus access.** Buildings or facilities exceeding 30 feet or three stories in height, approved aerial apparatus access roads shall be provided. For the purposes of this section, the highest rood surface shall be determined by the measurement to the eave of the pitched roof, the intersection of the roof to the exterior wall, or the top of parapet walls, whichever is greater.*

*Section 503.1.5.1 **Width.** Aerial fire apparatus access roads shall have a minimum unobstructed width of 26 feet, exclusive of shoulders, in the immediate vicinity of the building or portion thereof.*

*Section 503.1.5.2 **Proximity to building.** One or more of the required access routes meeting this condition shall be located not less than 15 feet and not more than 30 feet from the building, and shall be positioned parallel to one entire side of the building. The side of the building on which the aerial fire apparatus access road is positioned shall be approved by the fire code official.*

*Section 503.1.5.3 **Obstructions.** Overhead utility and power lines shall not be located over the aerial fire apparatus access road or between the aerial fire apparatus access road and the building. Other obstructions shall be permitted to be placed with the approval of the fire code official.*

Section 503.2.1 of Chapter 5 is hereby amended as follows:

*Section 503.2.1 **Dimensions.** Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet (6096 mm), exclusive of shoulders, except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 15 feet (4572 mm).*

Section 503.2.6.1 is hereby added to Chapter 5 and shall read as follows:

*Section 503.2.6.1 **Evaluation and maintenance.** All existing private bridges and elevated surfaces that are a part of the fire department access roadway shall be evaluated by a California licensed civil engineer experienced in structural engineering or a California licensed structural engineer, for safety and weight rating, in accordance with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual: "The Manual for Bridge Evaluation," Second Edition, or other approved standard. Vehicle load limits shall be posted at both entrances to bridges. All bridges and elevated structures providing fire department access shall be routinely maintained in accordance with Section 503.2.6 or when directed by the fire code official or authorized designee.*

Section 503.4 of Chapter 5 is amended to read as follows:

Section 503.4 **obstruction of fire apparatus access roads.** Fire apparatus access roads shall not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking of vehicles. The minimum widths and clearances established in sections 503.2.1 and 503.2.2 shall be maintained at all times. *Any vehicle or other obstruction may be towed away at the owner's expense.*

Section 503.4.2 is hereby added to read as follows:

*503.4.2 **Prohibition on Vehicular Parking on Private Access ways.** If, in the judgment of the Fire Code Official, it is necessary to prohibit vehicular parking along private access ways serving existing facilities, buildings, or portions of buildings in order to keep them clear and unobstructed for fire apparatus access, the Fire Code Official may issue an Order to the owner, lessee or other person in charge of the premises to paint the curbs red or install signs or other appropriate notices to the effect that parking is prohibited by Order of the Fire Department. It shall thereafter be unlawful for such owner, lessee or other person in charge of the premises to fail to install, maintain in good condition, the form of notice so prescribed. When such areas are marked or signed as provided herein, no person shall park a vehicle adjacent to any such curb or in the private access way contrary to such markings or signs. Any vehicle so parked in the private access way may be towed away at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.*

Section 503.6.1 is hereby added to Chapter 5 and shall read as follows:

*503.6.1 **Width.** All gates shall open fully to provide an unobstructed passage width of not less than 16 feet or a minimum of two feet wider than the approved net clear opening of the required all weather roadway or driveway and a minimum net vertical clearance of 15 feet.*

Section 503.6.2 is hereby added to Chapter 5 and shall read as follows:

*Section 503.6.2 **Electronic Gates.** All electronic operated gates shall have installed an approved key switch override system mounted on a stanchion or wall as approved by the Chief in accordance with Standards/Policies adopted by the Fire Code Official. All electronic or motorized gates shall incorporate in their design the means for fast, effective manual operation of the gates in the event of power or mechanical failure (i.e., easily removable hinge pins for separating power linkage from gates; undercut, weakened or frangible members requiring 40 pounds or less pressure against the gates to cause their failure and the gates to open. All electrical wiring and components of motorized gates shall be UL listed and installed in accordance with the National Electric Code.*

Section 503.6.3 is hereby added to Chapter 5 and shall read as follows:

*Section 503.6.3 **Gate Setback Required.** Gates shall be set back from roadways a minimum of 30 feet or more so as not to cause cross traffic to stop or create a hazardous traffic condition on the roadway approach to the driveway.*

*Exception: The fire code official is authorized to modify the setback if fire apparatus access onto the property is not required to achieve 150 foot access to the most remote portion of the building per 503.1.1.*

Section 507.5.1 of Chapter 5 is hereby amended by deleting exceptions 1 and 2.

Section 507.5.1.1 of Chapter 5 is amended to read as follows:

*Section 507.5.1.1 **Hydrant for fire department connections.** Buildings equipped with a water-based fire protection system installed in accordance with Section 903 through 905 shall have a fire hydrant within 100 feet of the fire department connections, or as approved by the fire code official.*

Section 507.5.7 is hereby added to Chapter 5 and shall read as follows:

*Section 507.5.7 **Fire Hydrant Upgrades.** When additions or modifications to structures are made, the nearest fire hydrant (if a new one is not required) located by the Fire Code Official, shall be upgraded to the minimum standard of one 4 1/2" outlet and one 2 1/2" outlet for single family dwellings and the minimum standard of one 4 1/2" outlet and two 2 1/2" outlets for commercial structures.*

*Exception:*

- 1) One and Two family dwellings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system that includes protection of all closets and bathrooms.*

Section 510.1 of Chapter 5 is hereby amended by deleting Exception 1.

## **CHAPTER 9** **FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS**

Section 901.7 of Chapter 9 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:

**Section 901.7 Systems out of Service.** Where a required fire protection system is out of service, the fire department and the fire code official shall be notified immediately and, where required by the fire code official, the building shall be either evacuated or an approved fire watch shall be provided for all occupants left unprotected by the shutdown until the fire protection system has been returned to service. *This section shall also apply to residential fire sprinkler systems.*

Section 902.1 in Chapter 9 is hereby amended to add the following:

### ***EXTERIOR WILDFIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS***

**Section 903.2 of Chapter 9 is repealed in its entirety** (with the exception of sub-sections 903.2.5, 903.2.6, 903.2.8, 903.2.11, 903.2.12, 903.2.14, 903.2.15, 903.2.16, 903.2.17, 903.2.18, 903.2.19, 903.2.20, 903.2.21 which shall remain in effect).

Section 903.2 of Chapter 9 is hereby added to read as follows:

*Section 903.2 **Where required.** Approved automatic sprinkler systems in new and existing buildings and structures shall be provided in the locations described in this section 903.2.1 through 903.2.21.*

Section 903.2.1 through 903.2.4 of Chapter 9 are hereby added to read as follows:

*Section 903.2.1 **Required installations.** An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed and maintained in all newly constructed buildings or structures.*

***Exceptions:***

- 1. Detached pool houses, workshops, Group U private garages, barns and similar structures, built in conjunction with existing non-sprinklered single family residences and provided the new structure is less than 1,000 square feet and is not intended for use as a dwelling unit.*
- 2. Detached non-combustible, limited combustible, or fire retardant treated wood canopies.*
- 3. Group B or M occupancies less than 1000 square feet.*
- 4. Detached restroom facilities associated with golf courses, ball fields, parks and similar uses as approved by the Fire Code Official.*
- 5. Agricultural buildings as defined in Appendix C of the Building Code and not exceeding 2000 square feet, having clear unobstructed side yards free of combustible materials, exceeding 60 feet in all directions and not exceeding 25 feet in height, located within an agricultural zoned district as defined in the Marin County Planning Code.*

*Section 903.2.2 **Additions and Alterations.** An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all buildings in excess of 3,000 sq. ft. which have ten per cent (10%) or more floor area added within any 36 month period.*

*Exception: R-3 occupancies. See 903.2.3.*

*Section 903.2.2.1 **Substantial Remodel.** An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all buildings which have fifty per cent (50%) or more floor area added, or any “substantial remodel” as defined in this code, within any 36 month period.*

*Section 903.2.3 **Group R-3.** An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.3 shall be permitted in Group R-3 occupancies and shall be provided throughout all one- and two-family dwellings regardless of square footage in accordance with the-California Residential Code. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all mobile homes, manufactured homes and multi-family manufactured homes with two or more dwelling units in accordance with Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations.*

*Section 903.2.4 **Change of Occupancy or Use.** For any change of occupancy or use, when the proposed new occupancy classification is more hazardous based on a fire and life safety evaluation by the Fire Code Official, including but not limited to conversion of buildings to single family residences, accessory dwelling units, bed and breakfast, inns, lodging houses or congregate residences or other similar uses, an automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout.*

Section 903.3.9 of Chapter 9 is hereby amended by replacing item 2 with the following:

*Section 903.3.9 **Floor control valves.** Floor control valves and waterflow detection assemblies shall be installed at each floor where any of the following occur:*

- 1. Buildings where the floor level of the highest story is located more than 30 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.*
- 2. Buildings that are two or more stories in height.*
- 3. Buildings that are two or more stories below the highest level of fire department vehicle access.*

***Exception:** Group R-3 and R-3.1 occupancies floor control valves and water flow detection assemblies shall not be required.*

Section 903.6.1 of Chapter 9 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 903.6.1 **Application.** In all existing buildings, when the addition of automatic fire sprinklers are required by the provisions of this code, automatic fire sprinklers shall be extended into all unprotected areas of the building.*

Section 906.11 is hereby added to Chapter 9 and shall read as follows:

*Section 906.11 **Fire Extinguisher Documentation.** The owner and/or operator of every R Division 2 occupancies shall annually provide the Chief written documentation that fire extinguishers are installed and have been serviced as required by Title 19 California Code of Regulations when such extinguishers are installed in residential units in lieu of common areas.*

Section 907.2.13.1.2 of Chapter 9 is hereby amended by adding new subsection 3 to read as

follows:

4. *Duct smoke detectors shall be capable of being reset by a readily accessible, remote push button or key activated switch as approved by the Fire Code Official.*

Section 907.6.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

*Section 907.6.6 **Monitoring.** New and upgraded fire alarm systems required by this chapter or by the California Building Code shall be monitored by an approved Central Station in accordance with NFPA 72 and this section.*

***Exception:** Monitoring by central station is not required for:*

1. *Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms required by Section 907.2.11.*
2. *Group I-3 occupancies shall be monitored in accordance with Section 907.2.6.3.*
3. *Automatic sprinkler systems in one- and two-family dwellings.*

Section 907.8.5 of Chapter 9 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 907.8.5 **Smoke Alarm Documentation.** The owner and/or operator of every Group R Division 1, Division 2, Division 3.1, and Division 4 Occupancies shall annually provide the Fire Code Official with written documentation that the smoke alarms installed pursuant to the Building Code have been tested and are operational. If alarms are found to be inoperable or are missing, such alarms shall be repaired or replaced immediately.*

Section 918 of Chapter 9 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

## **SECTION 918 EXTERIOR WILDFIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

Section 918.1 of Chapter 9 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 918.1 **General.** Exterior Wildfire Protection Systems shall comply with this section.*

Section 918.2 of Chapter 9 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 918.2 **Construction documents.** Documentation of the system shall be submitted per 901.2.*

Section 918.3 of Chapter 9 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 918.3 **Permits.** Permits shall be required as set forth in section 901.3*

**CHAPTER 11**  
**CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS**

Section 1103.1 of Chapter 11 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1103.1 **Required Construction.** Existing buildings shall comply with not less than the minimum provisions specified in Table 1103.1 and as further enumerated in Sections 1103.2, 1103.7 through 1103.8.5.3, 1103.9.1, and 1103.10.

The provisions of this chapter shall not be constructed to allow the elimination of fire protection systems or a reduction in the level of fire safety provided in buildings constructed in accordance with previously adopted codes.

Sections 1103.2 Item #1 is deleted.

Sections 1103.3 through 1103.6.2 are deleted.

Sections 1103.9 is deleted.

Sections 1104 and 1105 are deleted.

**CHAPTER 12**  
**ENERGY SYSTEMS**

Section 1201.4 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 1201.4 **Construction Documents.** A scaled and dimensioned site plan showing the location of all energy systems, property lines, buildings, service and electrical panels, transfer switches, disconnects, underground wiring and piping, fuel type and piping, map placard and signage. Site Plan shall clearly designate property frontage for viewer orientation.*

Section 1201.5 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 1201.5 **Signs and Labels.** Caution signs or labels are required to identify the quantity and type of additional power source(s) located on site. Signs shall be required at the main service panel, and on disconnect equipment. Additional locations may be required by the fire code official.*

Section 1201.6 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 1201.6 **Disconnect.** An approved and readily accessible independent and clearly labeled single exterior disconnect shall be located prior to any load/service panel and installed as close as possible to the main service panel or as approved by the fire code*

*official. Integrated equipment toggle, rocker, or electronic switches shall not be utilized as an independent disconnects.*

Section 1201.7 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 1201.7 **Operational Testing.** New installations shall be tested for complete power and energy system shutdown. A normal power failure shall be simulated by closing the main service breaker supplying normal power to the building. Upon transfer from main power to alternate power source(s), the single disconnect(s) shall be used to disconnect alternate power from all alternate energy sources. A successful result of the shutdown test shall include termination of all alternate energy power sources serving the building (i.e. main service, photovoltaic system, energy storage systems, and generators, when installed).*

Section 1202.1 in Chapter 12 is hereby amended to add the following:

### **HOME BACKUP GENERATOR**

Section 1208 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

### **SECTION 1208 HOME BACKUP GENERATOR**

Section 1208.1 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 1208.1 **General.** The use, operation and maintenance of home backup generators in Group R-3 and R-4 occupancies shall comply with this section.*

Section 1208.2 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 1208.2 **Use.** Home backup generators shall be installed in accordance with the California Building Code, the California Electrical Code, NFPA 110.*

Section 1208.3 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 1208.3 **Permits.** Permits shall be obtained for Home Backup Generators as set forth in Section 105.*

Section 1208.4 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 1208.4 **Installation.** Home backup generators shall be installed in accordance with the California Building Code, the California Electrical Code, NFPA 110.*

Section 1208.5 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 1208.5 **Listing.** Home backup generators shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2200.*

Section 1208.6 of Chapter 12 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 1208.6. **Maintenance.** Home backup generators shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.*

**CHAPTER 26**  
**FUMIGATION AND INSECTICIDAL FOGGING**

Chapter 26 is deleted in its entirety.

**CHAPTER 33**  
**FIRE SAFETY DURING CONSTRUCTION**

Section 3314.3 of Chapter 33 is amended by adding the following to the end of the exception:

**Exception:** Standpipes shall be either temporary or permanent in nature, and with or without a water supply, provided that such standpipes comply with the requirements of Section 905 as to capacity, outlets and materials, *as approved by the Fire Code Official.*

Section 3315.3 in Chapter 33 is added to read as follows:

*Section 3314.3 **Where required.** In buildings of combustible construction required to have automatic sprinkler system by Section 903, automatic sprinkler system shall be installed prior to construction exceeding two stories in height above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. Such automatic sprinkler system shall be extended as construction progresses to within one floor of the highest point of construction having secured decking or flooring.*

Section 3315.4 of Chapter 33 is added to read as follows:

*Section 3314.4 **Buildings being demolished.** Where a building is being demolished and an automatic sprinkler system is existing within such a building, such automatic sprinkler system shall be maintained in an operable condition so as to be available for use by the fire department. Such automatic sprinkler system shall be demolished with the building but shall not be demolished more than one floor below the floor being demolished.*

Section 3315.5 of Chapter 33 is added to read as follows:

*Section 3314.5 **Detailed requirements.** Automatic sprinkler systems shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of Section 903.*

**CHAPTER 36**  
**MARINAS**

Section 3603.6.1 of Chapter 36 is added to read as follows:

*Section 3603.6.1 **Width.** A minimum width of 36" shall remain unobstructed on all docks serving more than two vessels.*

Section 3603.6.2 of Chapter 36 is added to read as follows:

*Section 3603.6.2 **Storage.** Storage on docks shall be approved by the fire code official.*

Section 3603.8 of Chapter 36 is added to read as follows:

*Section 3603.8 **Lighting.** Electrical lighting shall be provided to ensure adequate illumination of all exterior areas, piers, and floats.*

Section 3603.9 of Chapter 36 is added to read as follows:

*Section 3603.9 **When Required.** The requirements in 3603.6.1 and 3603.6.2 and 3603.8 shall be applied retroactively to all marinas within six months of the adoption of this code.*

**CHAPTER 39**  
**PLANT PROCESSING AND EXTRATION FACILITIES**

Section 3901.1.1 OF Chapter 39 is added to read as follows:

*Section 3901.1.1 **Marijuana growing, processing, or extraction facilities.** Marijuana growing, processing and extraction facilities shall be designed and constructed in accordance with this chapter and NFPA 1, Chapter 38 as amended in Chapter 80.*

**CHAPTER 49**  
**REQUIREMENTS FOR WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE FIRE AREAS**

Section 4902.1 of Chapter 49 is amended to read as follows:

**FIRE PROTECTION PLAN.** *A document prepared for a specific project or development proposed for construction and development in areas designated as Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), and/or Moderate, High, or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. It describes ways to minimize and mitigate potential for loss from wildfire exposure.*

**WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE FIRE AREA.** *A geographical area identified by the Kentfield Fire District as a "Fire Hazard Severity Zone" in accordance with the Public Resources Code, Sections 4201 through 4204, and Government Code, Sections*

51175 through 51189, or other areas designated by the enforcing agency to be at a significant risk from wildfires as designated by the Marin County Fire Department's strategic fire plan dated July 1, 2013.

Section 4903.2.1 of Chapter 49 is amended to read as follows:

**Section 4903.2.1.1 Preliminary fire protection plan.** *When a preliminary fire protection plan is submitted, it shall include, at a minimum, the following:*

- 1) *Total size of the project.*
- 2) *Information on the adjoining properties on all sides, including current land uses, and if known, existing structures and densities, planned construction, natural vegetation, environmental restoration plans, roads and parks.*
- 3) *A map with all project boundary lines, property lines, slope contour lines, proposed structure foundation footprints, and proposed roads and driveways. The map shall identify project fuel modification zones and method of identifying the fuel modification zone boundaries.*
- 4) *The map shall include all existing emergency water supplies.*

Section 4903.2.2 of Chapter 49 is amended to include the following:

The final fire protection plan shall include items listed in Section 4903.2.1.1 and the following:

1. A map identifying all proposed plants in the fuel modification zones with a legend that includes a symbol for each proposed plant species. The plan shall include specific information on each species proposed, including but not limited to:
  - a) The plant life-form;
  - b) The scientific and common name; and
  - c) The expected height and width for mature growth.
2. Identification of irrigated and non-irrigated zones.
3. Requirements for vegetation reduction around emergency access and evacuation routes.
4. Identification of points of access for equipment and personnel to maintain vegetation in common areas.
5. Legally binding statements regarding community responsibility for maintenance of fuel modification zones.
6. Legally binding statements to be included in covenants, conditions and restrictions regarding property owner responsibilities for vegetation maintenance
7. Identify the location of fire protection systems or equipment.
8. Identify any power sources, meters, and shut downs.

Section 4906.2 of Chapter 49 is amended to read as follows:

*Section 4906.2 **Application.** Buildings and structures located in any Fire Hazard Severity Zone or any Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fire Area designated by the enforcing agency shall maintain the required hazardous vegetation and fuel management per Sections 4906.3 through 4906.5.3.*

Section 4906.3 of Chapter 49 is amended to read as follows:

*Section 4906.3. **Vegetation Management Plan.** A Vegetation Management plan shall be required for new construction, substantial remodels, and landscape modifications including new plantings, modifications to existing plantings, and/or excavation.*

Section 4906.3.1 of Chapter 49 is deleted in its entirety.

Section 4906.4.2.1 of Chapter 49 is amended to read as follows:

*Section 4906.4.2.1 **Tree Planting.** New trees classified as fire-resistant vegetation shall be permitted provided the tree is planted and maintained so that the tree's drip line at maturity is a minimum 5 feet (9144 mm) from any combustible structure.*

Section 4907.2 of Chapter 49 is amended to read as follows:

*Section 4907.2 **Application.** Buildings and structures located in any Fire Hazard Severity Zone or any Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fire Area designated by the enforcing agency shall maintain the required hazardous vegetation and fuel management:*

Section 4907.4 of Chapter 49 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 4907.4 **Fire Hazard Reduction.** Any person who owns, leases, controls or maintains any building or structure, vacant lands, open space, and/or lands within specific Wildland Urban Interface areas of the jurisdiction of the (Jurisdiction/District), shall comply with the following:*

- 1. Cut and remove all hazardous vegetation and ground coverings within 100 feet of structures, up to 200 feet when topographic or combustible vegetative types necessitate removal as determined by the Fire Code Official.*
- 2. Remove accumulated dead vegetation on the property.*
- 3. Cut and remove tree limbs that overhang wood decks and roofs.*
- 4. Remove that portion of any tree which extends within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe, roof surfaces and roof gutters*

5. *Clean any leaves and needles from roof and gutters.*
6. *Cut and remove growth less than 3-inches in diameter, from the ground up to a height of 10 feet, provided that no crown shall be raised to a point so as to remove branches from more than the lower one-third of the tree's total height.*
7. *Ladder fuels shall be removed within 30 feet of the structure.*
8. *When required by the Fire Code Official, cut and remove trees that are 6" of diameter or less at breast height, or four feet, six inches above ground, to achieve canopy separation within 30 feet of the structure.*
9. *Vegetation clearance requirements for new construction and substantial remodels in Wildland-Urban Interface Areas shall be in accordance with the 2021 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, as amended by the Kentfield Fire District*

*EXCEPTION 1: When approved by the Fire Code Official, single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery or similar plants, or plants used as ground covers, provided that they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from the native growth to any structure.*

*EXCEPTION 2: When approved by the Fire Code Official, grass and other vegetation located more than 30 feet (9144 mm) from buildings or structures less than 18 inches (457 mm) in height above the ground need not be removed where necessary to stabilize soil, and prevent erosion.*

Section 4907.5 of Chapter 49 is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section 4907.5 **Fire Hazard Reduction from Roadways.** The Fire Code Official is authorized to cause areas within 10 feet (3048 cm) on each side of portions of highways, fire apparatus access roads (improved or unimproved), and driveways (improved or unimproved), which are improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic to be cleared of flammable vegetation and other combustible growth. Corrective action, if necessary, shall be the same as the actions required in section 4907.4. The Fire Code Official is authorized to enter upon private property to carry out this work.*

*EXCEPTION 1: When approved by the Fire Code Official, single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery or similar plants, or plants used as ground covers, provided that they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from the native growth to any structure.*

## **CHAPTER 56** **EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS**

Section 5601.1.3 of Chapter 56 Exceptions 1, 2, and 4 are hereby deleted.

Section 5608.1.2 of Chapter is added to read as follows:

*Section 5608.1.2 **Permit required.** A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to the performance of any firework display. Application for such approval shall be made in writing no less than twenty (20) days prior to the proposed display. The application shall be considered and acted upon by the fire code official or authorized designee pursuant to this Chapter and Title 19, Chapter 6, Article 3 - Licenses of the California Code of Regulations. Any permit for a fireworks display may be suspended or revoked at any time by the Fire code official or authorized designee.*

Section 5608.2 of Chapter 56 is added to read as follows:

*Section 5608.2 **Limitations.** Possession, storage, offer or expose for sale, sell at retail, gift or give away, use, explode, discharge, or in any manner dispose of fireworks is prohibited within the limits established by law as the limits of the districts in which such possession, storage, offer or exposure for sale, retail sale, gifting, use, explosion, discharge, or disposal of fireworks is prohibited in any area as established by applicable land-use and zoning standards.*

***Exception:** Firework displays authorized pursuant to section 5608.1 for which a permit has been issued.*

## **CHAPTER 80** **REFERENCED STANDARDS**

California Fire Code, Chapter 80 is amended as follows:

### **NFPA 1: Fire Code**

*Add Chapter 38: Cannabis Growing, Processing, or Extraction Facilities.*

### **NFPA 13-22: Standard for the installation of Sprinkler Systems**

*\*NFPA 13, Amended Sections as follows:*

*Revise Section 29.4.1 as follows:*

*29.4.1 The installing contractor shall identify a hydraulically designed sprinkler system with permanently *raised, stamped or etched* marked weatherproof metal or ridged plastic sign secured with corrosion resistant wire, chain, or other approved means. Such signs shall be placed at the alarm valve, dry pipe valve, pre-action valve, or deluge valve supplying the corresponding hydraulically designed area. *Pipe schedule systems shall be provided with a sign indicating that the system was designed and installed as a pipe schedule system and the hazard classification(s) included in the design.**

303-21: Fire Protection Standard for Marinas and Boatyards

**APPENDIX B**  
**FIRE-FLOW REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDINGS**

California Fire Code, Appendix B Table B105.1(1) is amended to read as follows:

**TABLE B105.1(1)**  
**REQUIRED FIRE-FLOW FOR ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, GROUP R-3**  
**AND R-4 BUILDINGS AND TOWNHOUSES**

<b>FIRE-FLOW CALCULATION AREA (square feet)</b>	<b>AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM (Design Standard)</b>	<b>MINIMUM FIRE-FLOW (gallons per minute)</b>	<b>FLOW DURATION (hours)</b>
0-3,600	No automatic sprinkler system	1,000	1
3,601 and greater	No automatic sprinkler system	Value in Table B105.1(2)	Duration in Table B105.1(2) at The required fire-flow rate
0-3,600	Section 903.3.1.3 of the <i>California Fire Code</i> or Section 313.3 of the <i>California Residential Code</i>	½ value in Table B105.1(2) <sup>a</sup>	1
3,601 and greater	Section 903.3.1.3 of the <i>California Fire Code</i> or Section 313.3 of the <i>California Residential Code</i>	½ value in Table B105.1(2) <sup>a</sup>	1

For SI: 1 square foot = 0.0929 m<sup>2</sup>, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.

Appendix B Table B105.2 is amended to read as follows:

**TABLE B105.2**  
**REQUIRED FIRE-FLOW FOR BUILDINGS OTHER THAN ONE- AND**  
**TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, GROUP R-3 AND R-4 BUILDINGS AND**  
**TOWNHOUSES**

<b>AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM (Design Standard)</b>	<b>MINIMUM FIRE-FLOW (gallons per minute)</b>	<b>FLOW DURATION (hours)</b>
No automatic sprinkler system	Value in Table B105.1(2)	Duration in Table B105.1(2)
Section 903.3.1.1 of the <i>California Fire Code</i>	50% of the value in Table B105.1(2) <sup>a</sup>	Duration in Table B105.1(2) at the reduced flow rate
Section 903.3.1.2 of the <i>California Fire Code</i>	50% of the value in Table B105.1(2) <sup>a</sup>	Duration in Table B105.1(2) at the reduced flow rate

For SI: 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.

**APPENDIX C**  
**FIRE HYDRANT LOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION**

Section C103.1 of Appendix C is amended to read as follows:

Section C103.1 **Hydrant spacing.** Fire apparatus access roads and public streets providing required access to buildings in accordance with Section 503 of the *California Fire Code* shall be provided with one or more fire hydrants, as determined by Section C102.1. Where more than one fire hydrant is required, the distance between required fire hydrants shall be *approved by the fire code official*.

Section C103.2 of Appendix C is deleted.

Section C103.3 of Appendix C is deleted.

**INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE**  
**APPENDIX A**

Section A104.7.2 of Appendix A of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code is amended to read as follows:

*Section A104.7.2 **Permits.** The Fire Code Official is authorized to stipulate conditions for permits. Permits shall not be issued when public safety would be at risk, as determined by the Fire Code Official.*

Section A104.11 of Appendix A of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section A104.11 – **Tracer Bullets, Tracer Charges, Rockets and Model Aircraft.** Tracer bullets and tracer charges shall not be possessed, fired or caused to be fired into or across hazardous fire areas. Rockets, model planes, gliders and balloons powered with an engine, propellant or other feature liable to start or cause a fire shall not be fired or projected into or across hazardous fire areas.*

Section A104.12 of Appendix A of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section A104.12 **Explosives and Blasting.** Explosives shall not be possessed, kept, stored, sold, offered for sale, given away, used, discharged, transported or disposed of within hazardous fire areas except by permit from the Fire Code Official.*

Section A104.13 of Appendix A of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code is hereby added and shall read as follows:

*Section A104.13 **APAIRIES.** Lighted or smoldering material shall not be used in connection with smoking bees in or upon hazardous fire areas except by permit from the Fire Code Official.*