

Fire Code TAG

Meeting Notes

Date: Friday, September 11, 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), Roger “Lars” Larson, Dave McNiesh, Scott Futrell, Jerry Norman

TAG Members not attending: Lisa Consie

Guests attending: Amanda Swenson (SFM), Ryan Rehn (DLI), Amanda Spuckler (DLI), Makenzie Johnson (DLI), Alexis Johnson (DLI), Alex Hassel, Britt McAdamis (DLI), Chad Payment (DLI), Clayton Talbot, Greg Metz (DLI), Don Sivigny (DLI), Erik Zercher (DLI), Michael Johnson, Michelle Hunt, Tom Roessler, Wendy Rannenberg (DLI)

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 1: 2024 IFC 304.1.1 Valet trash approval

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to modify the model code to provide a reference to current part 7511.1031, subpart 2, that prohibits the storage of combustible materials in corridors. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 2: 2024 IFC 314.4 Indoor vehicle displays

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to add an exception that permits indoor auto dealer showrooms to display motor vehicles without the disconnection of ignition batteries when safeguards are provided. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 3: Part 7511.0405 and 2024 IFC 405.8 Fire evacuation drill initiation

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current exception in Minnesota Rules to no longer exempt Group A occupancies from requirements for emergency evacuation drills that are initiated by the activating the fire alarm system. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 4: Part 7511.0510 and 2024 IFC 510 Emergency responder communications enhancement systems (ERCES)

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to require the design and performance requirements of the 2024 IFC for ERCES to apply when a jurisdiction voluntarily adopts requirements for these systems. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 5: Part 7511.0503, subpart 1, and 2024 IFC 503.1.1 Fire apparatus access road requirements

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal that revises the current rule to clarify that the requirements apply to buildings moved within a jurisdiction, deletes the provision that requires the fire apparatus access road to extend within 600 feet for Group R occupancies equipped with an automatic sprinkler system, and adds an exception from fire apparatus access road requirements for solar photovoltaic power generation facilities. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 6: Part 7511.0705 and 2024 IFC 705.2 Inspection and testing of opening protectives

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal that revises the current rule to allow the building owner or representative to test swinging fire doors without obtaining the qualifications required by NFPA 80. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 7: Part 7511.0903, subpart 4, (modifies 2018 IFC 903.3.1.6.5) Sprinkler exemption for small vestibules

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current rule requirements to clarify that only the vestibule wall and ceiling surfaces are required to be of noncombustible or limited combustible construction. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 8: Part 7511.0903, subpart 4, (modifies 2018 IFC 903.3.1.6.5) Sprinkler exemption for small vestibules

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current rule requirements to clarify that the vestibule glazing must allow a view into the vestibule from both the interior and exterior of a building. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 9: 2024 IFC 904.3.5 Monitoring of automatic fire extinguishing systems

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal that clarifies that all automatic fire extinguishing systems must be monitored when a building is provided with a dedicated function fire alarm system for sprinkler system monitoring. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 10: 2024 IFC 1103.9 Carbon monoxide detection in existing buildings

The 2024 IFC requires carbon monoxide detection to be provided in existing buildings as required for new buildings. The TAG reviewed a code change proposal that modifies the exceptions to this requirement to permit the use of carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected in buildings where the code in effect at the time of the construction did not require carbon monoxide detectors to be provided. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 11: Part 7511.1104, subpart 10, (modifying 2018 IFC 1104.17.4) Dead-end corridor limitations in existing buildings

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current rule requirements to add an exception that permits alterations to existing dead-end corridors to comply with the length limitations of the IEBC. This exception is also in the model code. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

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

The TAG reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current rule requirements to add a new table that provides minimum aisle and aisle accessway widths for areas without seating. The TAG members tabled review

of this code change proposal because it may be more restrictive than the requirements for new buildings in chapter 1305.

FCCP 13: part 7511.1104, subpart 6, (modifying 2018 IFC 1104.7) Egress door operations in existing buildings

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current rule to clarify that gates that are used as a part of means of egress must comply with the requirements for doors and add an exception that does not require panic or fire exit hardware in existing electrical rooms unless it was required by the code effect at the time of construction. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 14: part 7511.1103, subpart 8, (modifying 2018 IFC 1103.8) Smoke alarm maintenance in existing buildings

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current rule to clarify that existing smoke alarms that were installed in accordance with the code in effect at the time of construction or as required by the code due a building alteration cannot be removed unless undergoing replacement. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

FCCP 15: part 7511.1103, subpart 8 (modifying 2018 IFC 1103.8.1) Smoke alarms in existing buildings

The TAG members reviewed a code change proposal to revise the current rule to require smoke alarms in existing buildings be listed to UL 217, installed in accordance with NFPA 72 and the manufacturer's installation instructions, and require interconnected smoke alarms to be replaced with interconnected smoke alarms. The TAG consensus is to accept the code change proposal.

Next Meeting:

Date: September 25, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: DLI Isanti Room

Meeting Adjourned: 11:33 AM

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