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RE: Code Adoption, January 1, 2014

Please refer to this office's website (LASFM.org) for the Fire Marshal's Online Manual, specifically the Louisiana Administrative Code 55:V; page 678, for a complete list of recently promulgated NFPA codes and standards which will become effective on January 1, 2014. These codes and standards are typically promulgated every three (3) years in order to address current requirements. However, the effective date has been delayed this year in order to coincide and coordinate with adoption of the construction codes by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC).

Beginning January 1, 2014, plans and specifications for structures built or remodeled in the state of Louisiana shall be submitted for review and must be drawn in accordance with the requirements of the following primary publications:

1. NFPA 101 Life and Safety Code, 2012 Edition, (excluding Chapter 5, which may be used as a basis for appeal equivalency determinations), and Chapters 9 and 10 of the International Building Code (IBC), 2012 Edition;
2. The most recently adopted edition of the building codes by the LSUCCC for every contracted building code review;
3. The 2011 edition of NFPA 307 for Marine Terminals, Piers and Wharves;
4. The 2013 edition of NFPA 400 for Storage of Ammonium Nitrate and other Hazardous Materials;
5. The 2011 edition of NFPA 409 for Aircraft Hangars;
6. The 2013 editions of NFPA 13 for Sprinkler Systems, NFPA 13D for Domestic Sprinkler; Systems, NFPA 13R for Residential Sprinkler Systems, and NFPA 20 for Stationary Fire Pumps.

In accordance with the LSUCCC, buildings that are issued permits for construction by a parish or municipality on or after January 1, 2014 will be inspected in accordance with the following building codes:

1. International Building Code (IBC), 2012 Edition, not including Chapter 1, Administration, Chapter 11, Accessibility, Chapter 27, Electrical and Chapter 29, Plumbing Systems, with amendments;
2. International Existing Building Code (IEBC), 2012 Edition, not including Chapter 1, Administration, and the standards referenced in that code;
3. International Residential Code, 2012 Edition, not including Parts I-Administrative, V-Mechanical, VII-Plumbing and VIII-Electrical. The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of construction within this state. The enforcement of such standards shall be mandatory only with respect to new construction, reconstruction, additions to homes previously built to the International Residential Code, and extensive alterations. Appendix J, Existing Buildings and Structures, may be adopted and enforced only at the option of a parish, municipality, or regional planning commission;
4. International Mechanical Code(IMC), 2012 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code. Also included for regulation, the Louisiana One- and Two- Family Supplement to the 2006 International Mechanical Code. Furthermore, the International Mechanical Code, 2006 Edition, Chapter 1, Section 101.2 Scope has been amended;
5. International Fuel Gas Code (IFCG), 2012 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code.

Note also that the National Electric Code (NEC), 2011 Edition became effective on January 1, 2013, and that the Louisiana State Plumbing Code [Part XIV (Plumbing) of the State Sanitary Code] is as adopted by the Office of Public Health of the Department of Health and Hospitals. No further updates to these code adoptions will occur on January 1, 2014.