

Significant Changes in the 2003 International Fire Code

Many of the changes between the 2000 IFC and the 2003 IFC were merely housekeeping changes to provide better clarification of the codes. A few of the local amendments in chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances required section numbers to be changed to match the 2003 IFC. The 2003 IFC addressed some of the items we had as local amendments allowing us to remove them as local amendments.

Significant Changes:

- 1) Section 107.6 Overcrowding is new for 2003. The new code closely mirrors our current local amendment in chapter 6 of the City Code of Ordinances #23.

Result: Deletion of local amendment chapter 6 #23.

- 2) Section 403.1 allows the Fire Marshal to require a fire watch in structures that have temporary conditions that could effect the safety of persons occupying the structure.

Result: This section could be used in case a business or rooming house etc. were to lose fire alarm or fire sprinkler coverage. The resulting fire watch will allow the structure to remain open.

- 3) Chapter 24 was reformatted to give better detail on tent and membrane structures.

Result: Fire Inspectors will now have clearer detail on the types of inspections and exit requirements for tents and membrane structures.

- 4) Section 2701.3 Performance-based design alternatives. This section gives the fire official the ability to accept performance based standards for hazardous materials storage as long as health and safety concerns are addressed.

- 5) Section 3406.5.4.5 allows the fire official to have greater authority over mobile fueling operations.