



## **Development Services Department**

### **Chapter 7 ("Building"), Article 5 ("Fire Code") Highlights**

All ICC Codes:

- Reformatted Section 104 - Duties and powers of the building official as it applies to alternate materials and designs are evaluated.
- Updated most code references to their current versions & language across the board which affects numerous sections as it applies to structural, concrete, masonry & wood.

2024 Fire Code

- The fire code changes clarify requirements when fire alarms are to be installed. There was an increase to the sprinkler requirement in existing buildings from 100 occupants to 200 occupants in A2 occupancies. This was increased to be more business friendly for restaurants that were considering moving into existing spaces that the sprinkler system requirement would be an extra burden.
- Fire alarms will still be required in these spaces as the compromise and less costly for the business owners. We added a requirement in Chapter 61 for vehicle impact protection for LP-Gas containers sold at gas stations and some retail establishments.
- Lastly we carried the IRC sprinkler requirements into the IFC as an approved added appendix which was written by the code commission and fire department personnel and approved at a commission meeting in March of 2024.