

RULE # R161-13.16

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

POSTING DATE: July 3, 2013

The Chief of the Fire Department proposes to adopt the following rule after August 4, 2013.

Comments on the proposed rule are requested from the public. Comments should be submitted to Carl D. Wren, Chief Engineer, Austin Fire Department 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78704, (512)974-0191. To be considered, comments must be submitted before August 4, 2013 the 32nd day after the date this notice is posted. A summary of the written comments received will be included in the notice of rule adoption that must be posted for the rule to become effective.

An affordability impact statement regarding the proposed rule has been obtained and is available for inspection or copying at the address noted in the preceding paragraph.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED RULE

A rule proposed in this notice may not become effective before the effective date established by a separate notice of rule adoption. A notice of rule adoption may not be posted before August 4, 2013 (the 32nd day after the date of this notice) or not after July 4, 2011 (the 90th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before October 1, 2013, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE

A copy of the complete text of the proposed rule is available for public inspection and copying at the following locations. Copies may be purchased at the locations at a cost of ten cents per page:

Fire Department, Emergency Prevention Division, located at
505 Barton Springs RD, Suite 200, and

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE

R161-13.16: The proposed rule amends the Fire Criteria Manual by updating Fire Code section references to correlate with the numbering of chapters and sections in the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code (IFC) as amended, by clarifying the submittal requirements for fire alarm shop drawings, clarifying the impact of fire sprinkler systems

on establishing the minimum fire flow requirements for buildings due to revisions to fire flow reductions in the 2012 IFC, updating terminology changes to correlate with the 2012 IFC, clarifying the reporting requirements for system impairments, clarifying fire extinguisher installation and maintenance requirements, and updating heat tracing requirements.

AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULE

The authority and procedure for adoption of a rule to assist in the implementation, administration, or enforcement of a provision of the City Code is provided in Chapter 1-2 of the City Code. The authority to regulate fire construction and operations for the purpose of ensuring fire safety is provided in Section 54.004 of the Texas Local Government Code, in Sections 25-12-171 and 25-12-172 of the City Code, and in Ordinance 20100624-142.

CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

By signing this Notice of Proposed Rule R161-13.16, the City Attorney certifies the City Attorney has reviewed the rule and finds that adoption of the rule is a valid exercise of the Director's administrative authority.

REVIEW AND APPROVED

Rhoda Mae Kerr, Fire Chief
Austin Fire Department

Date: _____

Karen M. Kennard
City Attorney

Date: _____