2019 Local Fire Authority Review and Approval Reminder List

I. SCOPE

1. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Facilities Development Division reviews new construction, alterations, and remodels of healthcare facilities for compliance with applicable State Codes and National Standards. When reviewing new construction, many conditions require additional review for compliance with Fire and Life Safety requirements by the Local Fire Authority having jurisdiction. Documentation of local fire authority review and approval is often required before OSHPD will approve a project.

II. Fire Department Access

1. Key box locations. 
   
2. Keys to gate locks at exits from secured yards accommodating safe dispersal areas.
   
3. Means of emergency entry for fire department access to stairs of buildings other than high rise.
   
4. Operation of stairway doors in Group I-2 occupancies having occupied floors located more than 75 ft. above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.
   
5. Location and access to fire command center.
   
6. Fire fighting access to stationary combustion engines providing standby power systems.
   
7. Access and location of fire pump rooms.
   
8. Emergency responder radio coverage.
   
   
   
11. Required access roads from every building to a public street shall be all-weather hard-surfaced (suitable for use by fire apparatus) right-of-way not less than 20 feet in width. Such right-of-way shall be unobstructed and maintained only as access to the public street.
   
12. Fire department access roads within 150' of all portions of exterior walls.
   
13. Required access roads shall have an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 ft. 6 inches.
   
14. Required access roads shall be designed to support the imposed loads of fire apparatus and shall be surfaced to provide all weather driving capabilities.
   
15. The fire code official shall have authority to require an increase in the minimum access width.
   
16. The required turning radius of required access roads shall be determined by the fire code official.
   
17. Traffic calming devices shall be prohibited unless approved by the fire code official.
   
18. Dead-end access roads in excess of 150 ft. shall have an approved area for turning around fire apparatus.
II. Fire Department Access (Continued)

19. The grade of required access roads shall be within limits established by the fire code official.

20. Angles of approach and departure for required access roads shall be within the limits established by the fire code official.

21. Bridges and elevated surfaces shall be designed for a live load sufficient to carry the imposed loads of fire apparatus. Bridges shall be constructed in accordance with AASHTO HB-17.

22. Where required by the fire code official, approved signs or other approved notices or markings that include the words NO PARKING - FIRE LANE shall be provided for fire apparatus access roads.

23. Solar photovoltaic power system requirements for roof access, pathways and spacing.

III. Fire Alarm System

1. Location of fire alarm annunciation where deemed necessary.

2. Configuration of fire alarm annunciation.

3. Smoke control diagrams shall be submitted to the fire code official in a format and manner approved by the fire code official.

IV. Fire Protection and Water Supply

1. Location and spacing of fire hydrants.

2. Fire Flow requirements for buildings.

3. The location and type of fire protection control valve(s).

4. The location of fire department connections.

5. Location of fire department stairway hose connections for Class I standpipes.

   At intermediate floor levels

   At main floor Levels

   Vestibule location (>75 Ft.)

   Alternate location (Identify)

V. Local Authority Requirements

1. The installation, location and configuration of the cross-connection control device (detector-check).
V. Local Authority Requirements (Continued)

1. Location of hazardous identification signs.  
   CFC, Sec. 507.4 and NFPA 13, Sec. 23.2.1.1

2. Water supply tests conducted within 6 months of project submittal.  
   CFC, Sec. 1.11.2.4

3. Installation of underground fuel storage tanks.  See OSHPD PIN 2 (Policy Intent Notice)  
   H&S Code, § 25289

4. Location of aboveground fuel storage tanks in accordance with local entity authority.  
   CAC, Sec. 7-125 (b)

5. More restrictive local requirements adopted by local ordinance.  
   18941.5, 17958 & 13869.7

6. Alternate means of protection.  
   CFC, Sec. 111.2.4

7. Other operational permits that may be required by the fire code official.  
   CFC, Sec. 105.6

VI. Safety and Emergency Procedures

1. Location of hazardous identification signs.  
   CFC, Sec. 5003.5

2. Emergency procedures posted at stairway and elevator landings and at all public entrances.  
   Title 19, C.C.R., Sec.3.09[c]

2019 California Building Code – Part 2, Title 24, CCR  

2019 California Fire Code – Part 9, Title 24, CCR  
(2018 International Fire Code and 2019 California Amendments)

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
NFPA 13 - 2016, Installation of Sprinkler Systems
NFPA 20 - 2016, Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection
NFPA 24 - 2016, Installation of Private Fire Service Mains
NFPA 37 - 2015, Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines

NOTE
Compliance with all items on this list does not necessarily assure compliance with all provisions of the applicable codes and standards. This check list should be used only by persons with a comprehensive knowledge of the applicable codes and standards.

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