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DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
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To: INTERESTED PARTIES

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Subject: *CHANGES TO CT STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE*

Effective today, we have gained final approval of our amendment to the provisions of the *2005 CT STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE WITH THE 2009 AMENDMENT*. The purpose of this amendment is to delete Part V, *Maintenance and Operational Issues*, thus enabling more portions of the 2010 CONNECTICUT STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE. This change was necessary because of Section 29-291a-2 of the Fire Prevention Code which results in Part V of the Fire Safety Code superseding the many of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code.

In essence, this change energizes many portions of the STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE which could not be used because they were duplicated in the Fire Safety Code. This change will also allow expanded use of the citation section of the Fire Prevention Code as found in Section 29-291a-10. A copy of the amendment is attached.

Any questions on this issue can be directed to Terry Brouwer in the OSFM at 860-685-8350 or by E-Mail to terry.brouwer@ct.gov.

I would ask that you pass this along to other interested persons as appropriate.

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Concerning

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION
CONNECTICUT STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE

2012 AMENDMENT TO THE 2005 CONNECTICUT STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE

Section 1. Section 29-292-1e of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read:

29-292-1e. The Connecticut State Fire Safety Code: Title and Applicability

(a) The regulations of the Department of Public Safety, sections 29-292-1e to ~~29-292-25e~~ 29-292-21e, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and their adopted standards, shall be known as the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code, hereinafter referred to as "the code" or "this code".

(1) Severability. If a section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

(2) Validity. In the event any part or provision of this code is held to be illegal or void, this shall not have the effect of making void or illegal any of the other parts or provisions hereof, which are determined to be legal; and it shall be presumed that this code would have been adopted without such illegal or invalid parts or provisions.

(3) Provisions in excess of code requirements. Nothing in this code shall be construed to prohibit a better type of building construction, an additional means of egress, or an otherwise safer condition than that specified by the minimum requirements of this code.

(b) Sections 29-292-1e to ~~29-292-25e~~ 29-292-21e, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall apply to all buildings and areas adjacent thereto except

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premises used for manufacturing. The provisions of the code shall only apply to detached private dwellings occupied by one or two families and townhouses with respect to smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors as specified by the State Building Code.

Buildings designed, ~~and~~ constructed and occupied in accordance with the provisions of the International Residential Code® shall be deemed single-family dwellings for the application of this code and section 29-305 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(c) The provisions of sections 29-292-1e to ~~29-292-25e~~ 29-292-21e, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall only apply to temporary tents, temporary portable shelters and temporary tension-membrane structures as defined in Section 2401.2 of section 29-292-17e of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to the extent called for by the regulations adopted under the authority of section 29-140 of the Connecticut General Statutes, known as the Connecticut Tent and Portable Shelter Code.

(d) The provisions of sections 29-292-1e to ~~29-292-25e~~ 29-292-21e, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall not apply to portable grandstand and bleachers providing seating for fewer than 100 persons located outside of a building.

(e) The provisions of sections 29-292-1e to ~~29-292-25e~~ 29-292-21e, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall not apply to any federal agency performing construction or operating on federally owned land or on leased land totally under the control of the federal government.

Sec. 2. Section 29-292-3e of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended as follows:

29-292-3e. Authority Having Jurisdiction

(a) For the purposes of the regulations adopted by reference under section 29-292 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the authority having jurisdiction shall mean the State Fire Marshal regarding the proper administration, application, interpretation and modification of the requirements contained within sections 29-292-1e to ~~29-292-25e~~ 29-292-21e, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) The local fire marshal shall make the initial determination concerning compliance with sections 29-292-1e to ~~29-292-25e~~ 29-292-21e, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, except as expressly provided in the wording of a section or in subsection (c) of this section. A decision of a local fire marshal may be appealed to the State Fire Marshal as provided in subsection (a) of 29-292-3e.

(c) The State Fire Marshal shall make the determination concerning compliance with sections 29-292-1e to ~~29-292-25e~~ 29-292-21e, inclusive, of the Regulations of

Connecticut State Agencies on state-owned property.

(d) A decision of the local fire marshal or State Fire Marshal may be appealed to the Codes and Standards Committee in accordance with section 29-309 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Sec. 3. Section 29-292-7e of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended as follows:

29-292-7e. Inspections

(a) Each local fire marshal, the State Fire Marshal and their respective designees shall conduct inspections as prescribed in section 29-305 of the Connecticut General Statutes of buildings and facilities regulated by sections 29-292-1e to ~~29-292-25e~~ 29-292-21e, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies within their jurisdictions.

(b) Each local fire marshal, the State Fire Marshal and their respective designees may conduct inspections as often as may be necessary during the construction of new buildings, structures or additions, and during the course of renovations, alterations or modernizations for the purpose of satisfying themselves that all work is in accordance with the approved plans, [and] specifications and this Code.

(c) The minimum requirements for the frequency of inspections as prescribed in section 29-305 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be as follows:
   (1) Annual inspections for the occupancy classifications, all R Residential, A-1, A-2, E, H-1, I-1.
   (2) Inspections every two years for the occupancy classifications, A-3, H-2, I-2, I-3, I-4, B-Medical, B-College.
   (3) Inspections every three years for occupancy classifications B, H-3, M, S-1, A-4, A-5.
   (4) Inspections every four years for the occupancy classifications, F-1, F-2, H-4, H-5, S-2, U.

Sec. 4. Section 29-292-10e of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended as follows:

29-292-10e. Application

(a) The provisions of Part I and Part II ~~and Part V~~ of this code shall apply to all occupancies and uses located within a building or structure.

(b) For building permit applications made on or after the effective date of this code, the provisions of Part III of this code shall apply to:
   (1) The design and construction of new buildings and structures, and

(2) Buildings undergoing repairs, alterations and additions, and

(3) Buildings and structures undergoing a change of occupancy or use as specified in section 29-292-11e of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(4) For existing occupancies subject to an abatement order for violations of Part IV of this code, only new fire protection, electrical and mechanical system work shall be subject to the requirements of Part III.

(c) The provisions of Part IV of this code shall only apply to existing occupancies and uses located within existing buildings and structures.

Sec. 5. Section 29-292-17e of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended as follows:

(Amd) **906.1** Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed and maintained as required in ~~Section 13.6 of Part V of~~ the Connecticut State Fire ~~Safety~~ Prevention Code and as required in Section 906.1.1.

NEW (Del) Sections 906.2 through 906.10, inclusive.

Sec. 6. Sections 29-292-22e to 29-292-25e, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are repealed.

Statement of Purpose

With the adoption of the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code, a Regulation of Connecticut State Agencies adopted under the authority of section 29-291a of the Connecticut General Statutes, numerous provisions of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code were included in that regulation, which enhanced the enforcement abilities of the fire marshal community. This technical revision to the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code eliminates duplication and confusion over applicable requirements.

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