

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
2015 Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code

The Department of Administrative Services and the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted a public hearing on December 3, 2014, regarding the regulation draft. In addition, comments were accepted through the end of business on December 4, 2014. The summary of comments and responses that follows was distributed to all persons who commented.

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Public Comments/Responses

- Bruce J. Spiewak, AIA Connecticut, supports the proposed regulation, generally, and recommends removing references to new construction. *The recommendation was rejected. Sections 29-291a-2a(a) and 29-291a-2a(b) address the issue regarding new construction.*
  
- Terry A. Brouwer, Waterford, Connecticut, recommends:
  1. Deleting Section 1.1.1 of the underlying NFPA 1, *Fire Code*, as it refers to physical plant construction requirements. *The recommendation was rejected. Section 1.1.1 has already been deleted from the proposed Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code (CSFPC).*
  
  2. Deleting any section addressed by the Connecticut State Building Code (CSBC) and Connecticut Fire Safety Code (CFSC), such as section 29-291a-3a(a)(1) that addresses the review of design and construction plans for fire protection systems, and Chapters 21, 30, 32, and 58. *The recommendation was rejected. Section 29-291a-3a(a)(1) refers to inspecting permanent and temporary buildings, however the proposed Fire Prevention Code also addresses new processes, and so on, not currently addressed in the CFSC or the CSBC. In addition, Chapters 21, 30, 32, and 58 refer to the CSFSC, the CSBC, and NFPA 58.*
  
  3. Reconciling a conflict between Chapter 65 of the proposed amendment and Sections 29-357 and 29-357a of the Connecticut General Statutes, which grant authority for explosives, model rocketry and flame effects to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection rendering Chapter 65 as not applicable in the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code. *The recommendation is rejected. Sections 29-357 and 29-357a of the Connecticut General Statutes relate to regulations regarding permitting and licensing, rather than the inspection, storage, and usage of these products within the community, which are addressed by Chapter 65.*

In addition to the specific comments addressed above, DAS and the Office of the State Fire Marshal heard testimony supporting the amendments and proposed regulation generally. General comments of support were received by:

- Michael Morrisey, National Propane Gas Association
- Keith Flood, Connecticut Fire Marshals Association
- William Nash, International Code Council
- Carmen Rao, Wallingford Fire Department