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**TO:** All Fire Chiefs  
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**FROM:** Knute C. Sandahl, State Fire Marshal

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code

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Effective January 1, 2021, the Idaho State Fire Marshal's office intends to adopt the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code. The adoption of the International Fire Code is the agency interpretation of existing law and is authorized by Section 41-254, Idaho Code.

This adoption retains all previously accepted exceptions or amendments. Amendments to the code are specified in the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) 18.08.01, which include:

- 020. Sky Lanterns
- 021. Driveways
- 027. Fire Extinguishing Systems
- 031. Explosives and Fireworks

This adoption coincides with the adoption of the International Building and Residential Codes administered by the Idaho Division of Building Safety. Included in this adoption are appendices B, C, D, E, and F as required by the code. Appendix B details the requirements for fire flow, or water supply, for buildings. Appendix C provides the requirements for fire hydrant locations and distribution. Appendix D outlines the requirements and design for fire apparatus access roads. Appendix E & F provide information and explanation to clarify hazard categories and classifications outlined in Chapter 50 of the code and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 704.

The NFPA referenced standards identified in Chapter 80 of the International Fire Code are hereby adopted, as indicated below. These referenced standards provide additional detailed information on construction, installation, and maintenance for specific fire protection measures that complement the International Fire Code.

NFPA Standard	Year Edition	NFPA Standard	Year Edition	NFPA Standard	Year Edition	NFPA Standard	Year Edition
2	2020	34	2018	120	2020	505	2018
4	2015	40	2019	160	2016	652	2019
10	2018	45	2019	170	2018	654	2020
11	2016	51	2018	204	2018	655	2017
12	2018	52	2019	211	2019	664	2020
12A	2018	55	2020	241	2019	701	2019
13	2019	56	2020	253	2015	703	2018
13D	2019	58	2020	260	2019	704	2017
13R	2019	59A	2019	261	2018	720	2015
14	2019	61	2020	265	2019	750	2019
15	2017	69	2019	286	2019	853	2020
16	2019	70	2017	289	2019	914	2019
17	2017	72	2019	303	2016	1122	2018
17A	2017	80	2019	318	2018	1123	2018
20	2019	85	2019	326	2020	1124	2017
24	2019	86	2019	385	2017	1125	2017
25	2020	92	2018	400	2019	1126	2021
30	2018	96	2017	407	2017	1127	2018
30A	2018	99	2018	409	2016	1221	2019
30B	2019	101	2018	410	2020	2001	2018
31	2020	105	2019	484	2019	2010	2020
32	2016	110	2019	495	2018		
33	2018	111	2019	498	2018		

The fire code establishes the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practices for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosions or other dangerous conditions in both new and existing buildings, structures and premises. In addition, the code provides a reasonable level of safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

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