

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE amending the Bellevue City Code to adopt certain State Building Code updates and local amendments thereto; amending Chapter 23.05 relating to construction code administration; repealing Chapter 23.10 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 23.10 reflecting amendments to state building codes; repealing Chapter 23.12 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 23.12 reflecting amendments to state residential codes; amending Chapter 23.13 to reflect amendments to the state existing buildings code; amending Chapter 23.16 to reflect amendments to swimming pool enclosures; repealing Chapter 23.50 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 23.50 reflecting amendments to state mechanical and related codes; amending Chapter 23.60 reflecting amendments to state plumbing codes; amending Chapter 23.85 reflecting amendments to state building codes; and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, RCW 19.27.031 expressly requires the City of Bellevue to adopt state building, residential, mechanical, fire, plumbing and related uniform codes; and

WHEREAS, RCW 19.27.060 provides the City with authority to amend the codes enumerated in RCW 19.27.031 as they apply within the City's corporate boundaries, provided such modifications do not result in less than the minimum performance standards and objectives contained in the state building codes; and

WHEREAS, current provisions of the Bellevue City Code adopt and rely upon various state and national codes, which have been superseded by statewide amendments (2018 editions) that become effective February 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 amendments to the state and national codes necessitate corollary amendments to the Bellevue City Code; now therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 23.05.060 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

23.05.060 Definitions.

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“Technical codes” means and refers to all codes adopted pursuant to Chapters 23.10, 23.12, 23.13, 23.16, 23.30, 23.50, 23.60 and 23.85 BCC; Protective Parking Devices, Chapter 23.18 BCC; and Posting notice of construction hours, BCC 9.18.044.

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Section 2. Section 23.05.090 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

23.05.050 Existing structures.

A. Compliance with Technical Codes. Buildings, structures and their building service equipment to which additions, alterations or repairs are made shall comply with all the requirements of the technical codes for new facilities, except as specifically provided in this section.

B. Additions, Alterations or Repairs to Previously Occupied Buildings.

1. Additions, alterations or repairs may be made to a previously occupied building, structure, or its building service equipment without requiring the existing building, structure, or its building service equipment to comply with all the requirements of the technical codes, provided the addition, alteration or repair conforms to the requirements of the technical codes for an existing~~new~~ building, structure, or its~~new~~ building service equipment. Additions, alterations or repairs shall not be made to an existing building, structure, or building service equipment which will cause the existing building, structure, or building service equipment to be in violation of the provisions of the technical codes, nor shall such additions, alterations or repairs cause the existing building, structure, or building service equipment to become unsafe.

2. Building service equipment which was lawful under the technical codes current at the time such equipment was installed may be used, maintained or repaired if the use, maintenance or repair is in

**Commented [SG1]:** Consistency with the International Existing Building Code which provides more options for previously occupied buildings versus new buildings.

accordance with the original design and a hazard to life, health or property has not been created by such building service equipment.

Section 3. Section 23.05.090 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

23.05.090 Permits required.

A. Technical Codes Other Than the Electrical Code – Required. Any person who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this chapter and the technical codes, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

B. Technical Codes Other than the Electrical Code – Work Exempt from Permit. Certain work is exempt from the permit requirements of this chapter and the technical codes. Exemptions from permit requirements of this chapter and the technical codes shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this chapter, the technical codes or any other laws or ordinances of the City of Bellevue. An exemption from the permit requirements of one technical code does not exempt work from the permit requirements of other technical codes or other laws or ordinances of the City. Permits shall not be required for the following:

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3. The following work otherwise governed by Chapter 23.10 BCC:

a. One-story detached structures accessory to 1-family or 2-family residential (houses and duplexes), used as tool and storage sheds, tree-supported play structures, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet (11.15 m<sup>2</sup>).

b. Light-frame construction ~~F~~ences not over eight feet (2,438 mm) high.

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**Commented [SG2]:** Updating Administrative Code to match 2018 I-codes, mybuildingpermit cities, and correct technical language.

m. Non-fixed and Movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over five feet, nine inches (1,753 mm) in height.

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t. Installation of Pphotovoltaic (PV) modulespanels (not including structural modifications) meeting all of the following criteria:

1. PV system is designed and proposed for a detached single-family house.
2. PV system is designed for the rooftop of a house in compliance with applicable codes.
3. The mounting system is engineered and designed for PV.
4. The rooftop is made from lightweight material such as shingles.
5. PV system has an approved and issued electrical permit.
6. To address uplift, modulespanels are mounted no higher than 18" above the surface of the roofing to which they are affixed, and except for flat roofs, no portion of the system may exceed the highest point of the roof.
7. Total dead load of modulespanels, supports, mountings, raceways and all other appurtenances weigh no more than four (4) pounds per square foot:
  - ☐ ~~Three and one-half (3.5) pounds per square foot (PSF); or~~
  - ☐ ~~Four and one-half (4.5) pounds per square foot for frameless panels on a roof with a slope of at least three (3) vertical in twelve (12) horizontal; or~~
  - ☐ ~~Five (5.0) pounds per square foot for frameless panels on a roof with a slope of at least five (5) vertical in twelve (12) horizontal.~~
8. Supports for solar modulespanels are installed to spread the dead load across as many roof-framing members as needed to ensure that at no point are loads caused in excess of fifty (50) pounds.
9. Attachment to the roof is specified by the mounting system manufacturer.
10. A method and type of weatherproofing roof penetrations is provided
11. The house is code compliant with setbacks and height, or the code allows expansion of nonconformity for solar modulespanels.

12. The PV ~~modules~~panels are mounted no higher than the roof ridge or apex of roof (applies only to sloped roofs).

13. The PV installation meets the *International Residential Code* Section R324.

u. Flag and light poles located on private property less than or equal to 20 feet in height above adjacent grade, but not exempting permit requirement for any electrical work.

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C. The Electrical Code – Required. In accordance with Chapter 19.28 RCW, an electrical permit is required for the following installations:

1. The installation, alteration, repair, replacement, modification or maintenance of all electrical systems, wire and electrical equipment regardless of voltage.

2. The installation and/or alteration of low voltage systems defined as:

a. NEC, Class 1 power limited circuits at 30 volts maximum.

b. NEC, Class 2 circuits powered by a Class 2 power supply as defined in NEC 725.~~12144~~(A).

c. NEC, Class 3 circuits powered by a Class 3 power supply as defined in NEC 725.~~12144~~(A).

Section 4. Section 23.05.130 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

23.05.130 Inspections.

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G. Final Inspection. The final inspection shall be made after all work required by the building permit is completed. If the property is located in a flood hazard area, documentation of the elevation of the lowest floor as required in

**Commented [SG3]:** Aligning with FEMA National Flood Insurance Program and building code floodplain requirements.

International Building Code Section 1612.4 shall be submitted to the building official prior to the final inspection.

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Section 5. Chapter 23.10 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Chapter 23.10 to read as follows:

**Chapter 23.10  
BUILDING CODE**

**Sections:**

- 23.10.010 Amendments and adoptions.
- 23.10.015 Amendments, additions, or exceptions to the 2018 International Building Code.
- 23.10.202 International Building Code Section 202 amended – Definitions. High-rise building; Standby power system; Water supply.
- 23.10.403.2.1.1 International Building Code Section 403.2 amended – Type of construction.
- 23.10.403.3 International Building Code Section 403.3 amended – Automatic sprinkler system.
- 23.10.403.4.8 International Building Code Section 403.4.8 amended – Standby and emergency power.
- 23.10.403.5 International Building Code Section 403.5 amended – Means of egress and evacuation.
- 23.10.403.6.1 International Building Code Section 403.6.1.1 Added -- Machine rooms.
- 23.10.403.7 International Building Code Section 403.7 added – Smoke control.
- 23.10.404.7 International Building Code Section 404.7 amended – Emergency power.
- 23.10.405.1 International Building Code Section 405.1 amended –General.
- 23.10.405.4.3 International Building Code Section 405.4.3 Amended – Elevators.
- 23.10.405.8 International Building Code Section 405.8 amended – Standby and emergency power.
- 23.10.504.4.1 International Building Code Section 504.4.1 amended – Stair enclosure pressurization increase.
- 23.10.706.1 International Building Code Section 706.1 amended – General
- 23.10.903.2 International Building Code Section 903.2 amended – All occupancies.
- 23.10.903.3 International Building Code Section 903.3 amended to add a new Section 903.3.9 – Fire sprinkler zones.

- 23.10.903.3.1 International Building Code Section 903.3.1 amended – Standards.
- 23.10.903.3.1.1.1 International Building Code Section 903.3.1.1.1 amended – Exempt locations.
- 23.10.903.3.1.2 International Building Code Section 903.3.1.2 amended – NFPA 13R sprinkler systems.
- 23.10.903.3.9 International Building Code Section 903.3.9 added - Zones
- 23.10.903.4.3 International Building Code Section 903.4.3 amended – Floor control valves.
- 23.10.903.5 International Building Code Section 903.5 amended – Testing and maintenance.
- 23.10.905.3 International Building Code Section 905.3 amended – Required installations.
- 23.10.905.3.1 International Building Code Section 905.3.1 amended – Height.
- 23.10.905.3.9 International Building Code Section 905.3.9 added – High-rise building standpipes; and Section 905.3.10 added – Vertical Standpipes served by fire pumps.
- 23.10.905.4 International Building Code Section 905.4 amended – Location of Class I standpipe hose connections.
- 23.10.905.8 International Building Code Section 905.8 amended – Dry standpipes.
- 23.10.907.1 International Building Code Section 907.1 amended – General.
- 23.10.907.1.2 International Building Code Section 907.1.2 amended – Fire alarm shop drawings.
- 23.10.907.2.7.1 International Building Code Section 907.2.7.1 deleted – Occupant notification.
- 23.10.907.2.13.1.1 International Building Code Section 907.2.13.1.1 amended – Area smoke detection.
- 23.10.907.2.13.2 International Building Code Section 907.2.13.2 amended – Fire department communication system.
- 23.10.907.2.18.1 International Building Code Section 907.2.18.1 amended – Smoke detectors.
- 23.10.907.5.2.1.1 International Building Code Section 907.5.2.1.1 amended – Average sound pressure.
- 23.10.907.5.2.2 International Building Code Section 907.5.2.2 amended – Emergency voice/alarm communication systems.
- 23.10.907.5.2.3 International Building Code Section 907.5.2.3 amended – Visible alarms.
- 23.10.907.6.3.1 International Building Code Section 907.6.3.1 amended – Annunciator panel.
- 23.10.907.6.4 International Building Code Section 907.6.4 amended – Zones.
- 23.10.909.1 International Building Code Section 909.1 amended – Scope and purpose.

- 23.10.909.4.6 International Building Code Section 909.4.6 amended – Duration of operation.
- 23.10.909.10.2 International Building Code Section 909.10.2 amended – Ducts, including shafts acting as ducts.
- 23.10.909.10.3 International Building Code Section 909.10.3 amended – Equipment, inlets and outlets.
- 23.10.909.11 International Building Code Section 909.11 amended – Emergency power.
- 23.10.909.12.1 International Building Code Section 909.12.1 amended – Verification.
- 23.10.909.17 International Building Code Section 909.17 amended – System response time.
- 23.10.909.18.8.3.2 International Building Code Section 909.18.3.3.2 added– Certificate of compliance.
- 23.10.909.20 International Building Code Section 909.20 amended – Smokeproof enclosures.
- 23.10.909.20.6.2 International Building Code Section 909.20.6.2 amended – Emergency power.
- 23.10.909.20.6.3 International Building Code Section 909.20.6.3 amended – Acceptance and testing.
- 23.10.909.21.3 International Building Code Section 909.21.3 amended – Ducts for system.
- 23.10.909.21.4.4 International Building Code Section 909.21.4.4 amended – Fan capacity.
- 23.10.911.1.2 International Building Code Section 911.1.12 amended – Separation and penetrations.
- 23.10.912.5 International Building Code Section 912.5 amended – Signs.
- 23.10.913.2 International Building Code Section 913.2 amended – Protection against interruption of service.
- 23.10.919 International Building Code Section 919 Added – Firefighter air systems.
- 23.10.1008.2.3 International Building Code Section 1008.2.3 amended – Exit discharge.
- 23.10.1008.3.4 International Building Code Section 1008.3.4 amended – Duration.
- 23.10.1009.8.1 International Building Code Section 1009.8.1 amended – System requirements.
- 23.10.1011.12.2 International Building Code Section 1011.12.2 amended – Roof access.
- 23.10.1026 International Building Code Section 1026 amended – Horizontal exits.
- 23.10.1607.3 International Building Code Section 1607.3 amended to add subsection 1607.3.1 – Floor and roof design load posting.



- 23.10.1607.7.5 International Building Code Section 1607.7.5 amended – Posting.
- 23.10.1612.2 International Building Code Section 1612.2 amended – Design and construction.
- 23.10.1612.3 International Building Code Section 1612.3 amended – Establishment of flood hazard areas.
- 23.10.1612.4 International Building Code Section 1612.4 amended – Flood hazard documentation.
- 23.10.1613.1 International Building Code Section 1613.1 amended – Scope.
- 23.10.1704.2 International Building Code Section 1704.2 amended – Special inspections and tests.
- 23.10.1704.2.3 International Building Code Section 1704.2.3 amended - Statement of special inspections.
- 23.10.1704.6 International Building Code Section 1704.6 amended – Structural observations.
- 23.10.2701 International Building Code Section 2701 amended – General.
- 23.10.2702 International Building Code Section 2702 amended – Emergency and standby power systems.
- 23.10.2801.1 International Building Code Section 2801.1 Amended – Scope.
- 23.10.3007.1 International Building Code Section 3007.1 Amended – General.
- 23.10.3007.6.2 International Building Code Section 3007.6.2 Amended – Lobby enclosure.
- 23.10.3007.8 International Building Code Section 3007.8 Amended – Electrical power.
- 23.10.3007.10 International Building Code Section 3007.10 Added – Phase I emergency recall operation.
- 23.10.3008.6.7 International Building Code Section 3008.6.7 added – Lobby status indicator.
- 23.10.3008.8 International Building Code Section 3008.8 Amended – Electrical power.
- 23.10.3102.8.2 International Building Code Section 3102.8.2 amended – Standby power.
- 23.10.3304.1 International Building Code Section 3304.1.5 added – Excavation and shoring near improved public places.
- 23.10.3306.1 International Building Code Table 3306.1 amended – Protection of pedestrians.
- 23.10.3306.2 International Building Code Section 3306.2 amended – Walkways.

**23.10.010 Amendments and adoptions.**

The following codes, all as amended, added to, or excepted in this chapter, together with all amendments and additions provided in this title, are adopted and shall be applicable within the City of Bellevue:

A. International Building Code.

1. Code Adoption. The 2018 Edition of the *International Building Code* published by the International Code Council, as adopted and amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapter 51-50 WAC, excluding Chapter 1, "Administration," including Appendix E, and including the 2017 Edition of the International Code Council A117.1, is adopted, and shall be applicable within the City, as amended, added to and excepted in this chapter. Those sections of the 2018 Edition of the *International Building Code* that are not being adopted by the City (except Chapter 1 referenced above) are listed in consequential order with the City's local amendments. The 2018 *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code* published by the International Code Council, as adopted and amended in WAC 51-50-3109, shall be applicable within the City.

2. Scope. The provisions of the *International Building Code* as adopted, amended, added to, or excepted in this chapter shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal, and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures, except where such work is regulated by the 2018 *International Existing Building Code*.

**Exception:** Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the *International Residential Code*.

B. International Energy Conservation Code.

1. Code Adoption. The *International Energy Conservation Code*, as provided in RCW 19.27A.020 and as adopted and amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapter 51-11C WAC, including Appendices A, B, C, and D, and Chapter 51-11R WAC, including Appendices RA, RB, and RC, is adopted and shall be applicable within the City, as amended, added to, or excepted in this chapter.

C. Adoption by Reference. All codes, standards, rules and regulations adopted by this section are adopted by reference thereto and by this reference fully incorporated herein. Not less than one copy of each code, standard, rule or regulation, in the form in which it was adopted, shall be filed in the city clerk's office and be available for use and examination by the public.

### 23.10.015 Amendments, additions, or exceptions to the 2018 International Building Code.

Pursuant to RCW 19.27.060, the following contains amendments, additions, or exceptions to the *International Building Code* applicable and enforceable within the City of Bellevue.

### 23.10.202 International Building Code Section 202 amended – Definitions.

International Building Code Section 202 is hereby amended to read as follows:

[F] **A. HIGH-RISE BUILDING.** A building with an occupied floor or occupied roof located more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

**Commented [SG4]:** Modifying high-rise definition to include "occupied roof" and align with Firefighting operations.

[F] **B. LEGALLY REQUIRED STANDBY POWER SYSTEM.** All references to standby power systems shall mean legally required power systems in accordance with the Washington Cities Electrical Code, and shall be in accordance with Chapter 27 legally required standby power, as Aa source of automatic electric power of a required capacity and duration to operate required building, hazardous materials or ventilation systems in the event of a failure of the primary power. Legally required S standby power systems are required for electrical loads where interruption of the primary power could create hazards or hamper rescue or fire-fighting operations.

**Commented [SG5]:** Modifying backup power definition to match National Electrical Code definition.

[F] **C. WATER SUPPLY.** The source and delivery system supplying the required flow (gpm) and pressure (psi) to a sprinkler system or other fire protection system/equipment.

**Commented [SG6]:** Adding definition to align with Firefighting operations.

**23.10.403.2.1.1 International Building Code Section 403.2.1.1 amended – Type of construction.** International Building Code Section 403.2.1.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### 403.2.1.1. Type of construction.

The following reductions in the minimum *fire-resistance rating* of the building elements in Table 601 shall be permitted as follows:

1. For buildings not greater than 420 feet (128 m) in *building height*, the *fire-resistance rating* of the building elements in Type IA

construction shall be permitted to be reduced to the minimum *fire-resistance ratings* for the building elements in Type IB.

**Exception:** The required *fire-resistance rating* of ~~columns supporting floors~~ *structural frame and bearing walls* shall not be reduced.

**Commented [SG7]:** Consistency with prior Bellevue amendment for two prior code editions and consistency with City of Seattle.

2. In other than Group F-1, H-2, H-3, H-5, M and S-1 occupancies, the *fire-resistance rating* of the building elements in Type IB construction shall be permitted to be reduced to the *fire-resistance ratings* in Type IIA.

3. The *building height* and *building area* limitation of a building containing building elements with reduced *fire-resistance ratings* shall be permitted to be the same as the building without such reductions.

**Commented [SG8]:** All amendments in Sections 403 High-rise, 404 Atrium, and 405 Underground buildings are to:  
- Align w/ Int'l Fire Code and Firefighting operations  
- Align w/ National Electrical Code  
- Align w/ Light-rail code provisions (NFPA 130)  
- Protect critical fire/life-safety equipment & systems

**23.10.403.3 International Building Code Section 403.3 amended – Automatic sprinkler system.** International Building Code Section 403.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 403.3 Automatic sprinkler system.** Buildings and structures shall be equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 and a secondary water supply where required by Section 403.3.3.

**Exception:** An automatic sprinkler system shall not be required in spaces or areas of:

- ~~1. Open parking garages in accordance with Section 406.5.~~
- ~~2. Telecommunications equipment buildings used exclusively for telecommunications equipment, associated electrical power distribution equipment, batteries and standby engines, provided that those spaces or areas are equipped throughout with an automatic fire detection system in accordance with Section 907.2 and are separated from the remainder of the building by not less than 1-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or not less than 2-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both.~~

**[F] 403.3.1 Number of sprinkler risers and system design.**

Each sprinkler system zone in buildings that are more than 420 feet (128 m) in *building height* shall be supplied by not fewer than two risers. Each riser shall supply sprinklers on alternate floors. If more than two risers are provided for a zone, sprinklers on adjacent floors shall not be supplied from the same riser.

**[F] 403.3.1.1 Riser location.** Sprinkler risers shall be placed in *interior exit stairways* and ramps that are remotely located in accordance with Section 1007.1.

**[F] 403.3.2 Water supply to required fire pumps.** In all buildings that are more than 420 feet in *building height*, and buildings of Type IV-A and IV-B that are more than 120 feet (37 m) in building height, required fire pumps shall be supplied by connections to no fewer than two water mains located in different streets and shall not serve other buildings. Separate supply piping shall be provided between each connection to the water main and the pumps. Each connection and the supply piping between the connection and the pumps shall be sized to supply the flow and pressure required for the pumps to operate.

**Exception:** When approved by the fire code official, ~~Two~~ two connections to the same main shall be permitted provided the main is valved such that an interruption can be isolated so that the water supply will continue without interruption through no fewer than one of the connections.

~~**[F] 403.3.3 Secondary water supply.** An automatic secondary on-site water supply having a capacity not less than the hydraulically calculated sprinkler demand, including the hose stream requirement, shall be provided for *highrise buildings* assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F as determined by Section 1613. An additional fire pump shall not be required for the secondary water supply unless needed to provide the minimum design intake pressure at the suction side of the fire pump supplying the *automatic sprinkler system*. The secondary water supply shall have a duration of not less than 30 minutes.~~

~~**[F] 403.3.3 Secondary water source.** A secondary on-site water source shall be provided for high-rise building as follows:~~

1. High-rise buildings containing R or B occupancies only shall be provided with a net useable volume of 15,000 gallons.
2. High-rise buildings containing an S-2 occupancy shall be provided with a net useable volume of 40,000 gallons.
3. High-rise buildings containing an M occupancy shall be provided with a net useable volume of 50,000 gallons.
4. Multi high-rise complexes that are less than 420 feet in height may share a common secondary water source by combining the highest demand of item 2 or 3 above, with number 1 above. Only one parking/retail area and two high-rise buildings may share a common secondary water source.

An acceptable alternative to items 1 through 4 above is to prove a calculated net useable volume capable of meeting the hydraulically calculated sprinkler demand, including the total (combined inside and outside) hose stream requirement, as per NFPA 13. The duration of the calculated source shall have a duration of not less than 30 minutes for buildings with light hazard occupancies only and a 60-minute duration for buildings with ordinary hazard occupancies as defined by NFPA 13.

**Exception:** Existing buildings, including those undergoing substantial renovation.

**[F] 403.3.4 Fire pump room.** Fire pumps shall be located in rooms protected in accordance with Section 913.2.1.

**[F] 403.3.5 High-rise building sprinkler system design.** Combination standpipe/sprinkler risers using 6-inch pipe minimum, shall be used. Shut-off valves and water-flow devices shall be provided on each floor at the sprinkler system connection to each standpipe. Two four-way fire department connections serving the combination system shall be provided on separate streets well separated from each other. At least one of the fire department connections shall be connected to the riser above a riser isolation valve. Dry pipe sprinkler systems serving parking garages may use one separate two-way fire department connection. The dry pipe sprinkler system shall be supplied by the on-site water tank.

**23.10.403.4.8 International Building Code Section 403.4.8 amended – Standby and emergency power.** International Building Code Section 403.4.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**403.4.8 Legally required Sstandby and emergency power.** A legally required standby power system complying with Section 2702 and Section 3003 shall be provided for the standby power loads specified in Table 2702~~Section 403.4.8.3, and A~~an emergency power system complying with Section 2702 shall be provided for the emergency power loads specified in ~~Section 403.4.8.4~~ Table 2702.

**403.4.8.1 Equipment room.** If the legally required standby or emergency power system includes a generator set inside a building, the system shall be in accordance with Section 2702.1.8~~located in a separate room enclosed with 2-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both. System supervision with manual start and transfer features shall be provided at the fire command center.~~

**Exception:** In Group I-2, Condition 2, manual start and transfer features for the critical branch of the emergency power are not required to be provided at the *fire command center*.

**403.4.8.1.1 Penetrations.** Penetrations into and openings through an equipment room containing a legally required standby or emergency generator set inside a building are prohibited except for required exit doors, equipment and ductwork necessary for heating, cooling or ventilation, sprinkler branch line piping, or electrical raceway serving the generator set equipment room or being served by the generator set. Such penetrations shall be protected in accordance with Section 714.

**Exception:** Metallic piping with no joints or openings where it passes through the generator set equipment room.

**403.4.8.2 Fuel line piping protection.** Fuel lines supplying a generator set inside a building shall be separated from areas of the building other than the room the generator is located in by an approved method or assembly that has a fire resistance rating of not less than 2 hours. Where the building is protected throughout with an

automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2, the required fire-resistance rating shall be reduced to 1 hour.

**[F] 403.4.8.3 ~~Legally required S~~standby power loads.** Legally required standby power loads shall be classified in accordance with Section 2702 and Table 2702.

~~The following are classified as standby power loads:~~

- ~~1. Ventilation and automatic fire detection equipment for smokeproof enclosures.~~
- ~~2. Elevators.~~
- ~~3. Where elevators are provided in a high-rise building for accessible means of egress, fire service access or occupant self-evacuation, the standby power system shall also comply with Sections 1009.4, 3007 or 3008, as applicable.~~

**[F] 403.4.8.4 Emergency power loads.** Emergency power loads shall be classified in accordance with Section 2702 and Table 2702.

~~The following are classified as emergency power loads:~~

- ~~1. Exit signs and means of egress illumination required by Chapter 10.~~
- ~~2. Elevator car lighting.~~
- ~~3. Emergency voice/alarm communications systems.~~
- ~~4. Automatic fire detection systems.~~
- ~~5. Fire alarm systems.~~
- ~~6. Electrically powered fire pumps.~~
- ~~7. Power and lighting for the fire command center required by Section 403.4.6.~~

**23.10.403.5 International Building Code Section 403.5 amended – Means of egress and evacuation.** International Building Code Section 403.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**403.5 Means of egress and evacuation.** The *means of egress* in *high-rise buildings* shall comply with Sections 403.5.1 through 403.5.6, and in addition to these requirements, shall comply with Bellevue City Code 23.11.907.5.2.2.6, which requires either Phased Evacuation, an additional stair, or occupant evacuation elevators, to facilitate simultaneous building evacuation and firefighter response into the building.



**403.5.1 Remoteness of interior exit stairways.** Required *interior exit stairways* shall be separated by a distance not less than 30 feet (9144 mm) or not less than one-fourth of the length of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the building or area to be served, whichever is less. The distance shall be measured in a straight line between the nearest points of the enclosure surrounding the *interior exit stairways*. In buildings with three or more *interior exit stairways*, not fewer than two of the *interior exit stairways* shall comply with this section. Interlocking or *scissor stairways* shall be counted as one *interior exit stairway*.

**403.5.2 Additional interior exit stairway.** For buildings other than Group R-2 and their ancillary spaces that are more than 420 feet (128 m) in *building height*, one additional *interior exit stairway* meeting the requirements of Sections 1011 and 1023 shall be provided in addition to the minimum number of *exits* required by Section 1006.3. The total capacity of any combination of remaining *interior exit stairways* with one *interior exit stairway* removed shall be not less than the total capacity required by Section 1005.1. *Scissor stairways* shall not be considered the additional *interior exit stairway* required by this section.

**Exceptions:**

- 1) An additional *interior exit stairway* shall not be required to be installed in buildings having elevators used for occupant self-evacuation in accordance with Section 3008.
- 2) An additional *interior exit stairway* shall not be required for other portions of the building where the highest occupiable floor level in those areas is less than 420 feet (128 m) in *building height*.

**403.5.3 Stairway door operation.** *Stairway* doors other than the *exit discharge* doors shall be permitted to be locked from the *stairway* side. *Stairway* doors that are locked from the *stairway* side shall be capable of being unlocked simultaneously without unlatching upon a signal from the *fire command center*.

**403.5.3.1 Stairway communication system.** A telephone or other two-way communications system connected to an *approved constantly attended station* shall be provided at not less than every fifth floor in each *stairway* where the doors to the *stairway* are locked.

**403.5.4 Smokeproof enclosures.** Every required *interior exit stairway* serving floors more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access shall be a *smokeproof enclosure* in accordance with Sections 909.20 and 1023.11. Where *interior exit stairways* and ramps are pressurized in accordance with Section 909.20.5, the smoke control pressurization system shall comply with the requirements specified in Section 909.6.3.

Exception: Unless required by other sections of this code, portions of such stairways which extend to serve floors below the level of exit discharge need not comply with Sections 909.20 and 1023.11 provided the portion of the stairway below is separated from the level of exit discharge with a 1-hour fire barrier.

**403.5.5 Luminous egress path markings.** Luminous egress path markings shall be provided in accordance with Section 1025.

**403.5.6 Emergency escape and rescue.** Emergency escape and rescue openings specified in Section 1030 are not required.

**23.10.403.6.1 International Building Code Section 403.6.1.1 Added -- Machine rooms.** International Building Code Section 403.6.1 is hereby amended to add a new subsection 403.6.1.1 to read as follows:

**403.6.1 Fire service access elevator.** In buildings with an occupied floor more than 120 feet (36 576 mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access, not fewer than two fire service access elevators, or all elevators, whichever is less, shall be provided in accordance with Section 3007. Each fire service access elevator shall have a capacity of not less than 3,500 pounds (1588 kg) and shall comply with Section 3002.4.

23.10.403.6.1.1 Machine rooms. Each fire service access elevator shall be served by a different machine or control room.

**23.10.403.7 International Building Code Section 403.7 Added -- Smoke control.** International Building Code Section 403 is hereby amended to add a new subsection 403.7 to read as follows:

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**403.7 Smoke control.** A smoke-control system meeting the requirements of Section 909 shall be provided in all areas containing a Group I or Group R occupancy within high-rise buildings. Such areas shall be separated in accordance with Section 709 and Section 909 to create separate smoke zones, or smoke control shall be provided in all such unseparated areas of the building.

**23.10.404.7 International Building Code Section 404.7 amended – Emergency power.** International Building Code Section 404.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 404.7 ~~Emergency Standby~~ power.** Equipment required to provide smoke control shall be provided with ~~emergencystandby~~ power in accordance with Section 909.11, Section 2702, and Table 2702.

**23.10.405.1 International Building Code Section 405.1 amended –General.** International Building Code Section 405.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**405.1 General.** The provisions of Sections 405.2 through 405.9 apply to building spaces having a floor level used for human occupancy more than 30 feet (9144 mm) below the finished floor of the lowest *level of exit discharge*.

**Exceptions:**

1. One- and two-family *dwelling*s, sprinklered in accordance with Section 903.3.1.3.
2. Parking garages with *automatic sprinkler systems* in compliance with Section 405.3 and pressurized stair enclosures provided with emergency power in compliance with Sections 909.20, 909.20.5, and 909.20.6.
3. Fixed guideway transit systems, complying with NFPA 130 as amended by the City of Bellevue.
4. *Grandstands, bleachers*, stadiums, arenas and similar facilities.
5. Where the lowest *story* is the only *story* that would qualify the building as an underground building and has an area not

exceeding 1,500 square feet (139 m<sup>2</sup>) and has an *occupant load* less than 10.

6. Pumping stations and other similar mechanical spaces intended only for limited periodic use by service or maintenance personnel.

**23.10.405.4.3 International Building Code Section 405.4.3 Amended – Elevators.** International Building Code Section 405.4.3 is hereby amended by the addition of a new subsection 405.4.3.1 to read as follows:

**[F] 405.4.3 Elevators.** Where elevators are provided, each compartment shall have direct access to an elevator. Where an elevator serves more than one compartment, an enclosed elevator lobby shall be provided and shall be separated from each compartment by a *smoke barrier* in accordance with Section 709. Doorways in the *smoke barrier* shall be protected by fire door assemblies that comply with Section 716, shall comply with the smoke and draft control assembly requirements of Section 716.2.2.1 with the UL 1784 test conducted without an artificial bottom seal, and shall be automatic-closing by smoke detection in accordance with Section 716.2.6.6.

**[F] 405.4.3.1 Fire service access elevator.** In buildings with an occupied floor more than 80 feet below the level of exit discharge, not fewer than two fire service access elevators, or all elevators, whichever is less, shall be provided in accordance with Section 3007. Each fire service access elevator shall have a capacity of not less than 3,500 pounds and shall comply with Section 3002.4.

**23.10.405.8 International Building Code Section 405.8 amended – Standby and emergency power.** International Building Code Section 405.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 405.8 Legally required ~~S~~standby and emergency power.** A legally required standby power system complying with Section 2702 shall be provided for the legally required standby power loads specified in Table 2702~~Section 405.8.1~~. An emergency power system complying with Section 2702 shall be provided for the emergency power loads specified in Table 2702~~Section 405.8.2~~.

**[F] 405.8.1 Standby power loads.**

~~[F] 405.8.1 Standby power loads.~~

~~The following are classified as standby power loads:~~

- ~~1. Smoke control system.~~
- ~~2. Ventilation and automatic fire detection equipment for smokeproof enclosures.~~
- ~~3. Elevators, as required in Section 3003.~~

~~[F] 405.8.2 Emergency power loads.~~

~~The following are classified as emergency power loads:~~

- ~~1. Emergency voice/alarm communications systems.~~
- ~~2. Fire alarm systems.~~
- ~~3. Automatic fire detection systems.~~
- ~~4. Elevator car lighting.~~
- ~~5. Means of egress and exit sign illumination as required by Chapter 10.~~
- ~~6. Fire pumps.~~

**23.10.504.4.1 International Building Code Section 504.4.1 amended – Stair enclosure pressurization increase.** International Building Code Section 504.4.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG9]:** Aligning with National Electrical Code as adopted by WA Cities.

**504.4.1 Stair enclosure pressurization increase.** For Group R-1, R-2, and I-1 Condition 2 assisted living facilities licensed under Chapter 388-78A WAC and residential treatment facilities as licensed by Washington State under Chapter 246-337 WAC located in buildings of Type VA construction equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, the maximum number of stories permitted in Section 504.4 may be increased by one provided the *interior exit stairways* and *ramps* are pressurized in accordance with Sections 909.6.3 and 909.20. Legally required standby power shall be provided in accordance with Sections 909.11 and 2702.2.16 for buildings constructed in compliance with this section and be connected to stairway shaft pressurization equipment, elevators and lifts used for accessible means of egress (if provided), elevator hoistway pressurization equipment (if provided) and other life safety equipment as determined by the authority having jurisdiction. For the purposes of this section, legally required standby power shall comply with ~~the 2020~~the 2021 ~~Washington Cities Electrical Code~~NEC (NFPA 70) Section 701.12, options

(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (H), or (J) or subsequent revised section number(s).

**23.10.706.1 International Building Code Section 706.1 amended – General**

International Building Code Section 706.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 706.1 General.** *Fire walls* shall be constructed in accordance with Sections 706.2 through 706.11. The extent and location of such *fire walls* shall provide a complete separation. Where a *fire wall* separates occupancies that are required to be separated by a *fire barrier* wall, the most restrictive requirements of each separation shall apply.

**Point of Information**

When fire walls are provided, automatic sprinkler and fire alarm systems must be zoned to coincide with fire walls. Reference Sections 903.3.9 and 907.6.4.

**Commented [SG10]:** Aligning with Firefighting operations.

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**23.10.903.2.11 International Building Code Section 903.2.11 amended – All occupancies.** International Building Code Section 903.2.11 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 903.2.11 ~~Specific building areas and hazards~~ All occupancies.** In all occupancies other than Group U, an *automatic sprinkler system* shall be installed for building design or hazards in the locations set forth in Section 903.2.11.1 through 903.2.11.78.

**[F] 903.2.11.1 Stories and basements without openings.** An *automatic sprinkler system* shall be installed throughout all stories, including basements, of all buildings where the floor area exceeds 1,500 square feet (139.4 m<sup>2</sup>) and where there is not provided at least one of the following types of *exterior wall* openings:

1. Openings below grade that lead directly to ground level by an exterior *stairway* complying with Section 1011 or an outside ramp

**Commented [SG11]:** All amendments in Chapter 9 Sections 903-913 are to:  
- Align w/ Int'l Fire Code and Firefighting operations  
- Align w/ National Electrical Code  
- Align w/ Light-rail code provisions (NFPA 130)  
- Protect critical fire/life-safety equipment & systems

complying with Section 1012. Openings shall be located in each 50 linear feet (15,240 mm), or fraction thereof, of exterior wall in the story on at least one side. The required openings shall be distributed such that the lineal distance between adjacent openings does not exceed 50 feet (15 240 mm).

2. Openings entirely above the adjoining ground level totaling at least 20 square feet (1.86 m<sup>2</sup>) in each 50 linear feet (15,240 mm), or fraction thereof, of exterior wall in the story on at least one side. The required openings shall be distributed such that the lineal distance between adjacent openings does not exceed 50 feet (15 240 mm). The height of the bottom of the clear opening shall not exceed 44 inches (1118 mm) measured from the floor.

**[F] 903.2.11.1.1 Opening dimensions and access.** Openings shall have a minimum dimension of not less than 30 inches (762 mm). Such openings shall be accessible to the fire department from the exterior and shall not be obstructed in a manner that firefighting or rescue cannot be accomplished from the exterior.

**[F] 903.2.11.1.2 Openings on one side only.** Where openings in a story are provided on only one side and the opposite wall of such story is more than 75 feet (22,860 mm) from such openings, the story shall be equipped throughout with an *approved automatic sprinkler system* or openings as specified above shall be provided on at least two sides of the story.

**[F] 903.2.11.1.3 Basements.** Where any portion of a *basement* is located more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) from openings required by Section 903.2.11.1, or where walls, partitions or other obstructions are installed that restrict the application of water from hose streams, or increase the exit access travel distance to more than 75 feet, the *basement* shall be equipped throughout with an *approved automatic sprinkler system*.

**[F] 903.2.11.2 Rubbish and linen chutes.** An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed at the top of rubbish and linen chutes and in their terminal rooms. Chutes shall have additional sprinkler heads installed at alternate floors and at the lowest intake. Where a rubbish chute extends through a building more than one floor below the lowest intake, the extension shall have sprinklers installed that are recessed from the drop area of the chute and protected from freezing in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1. Such sprinklers shall be installed at alternate floors beginning with the second level below the last intake and ending with the floor above the discharge. Chute sprinklers shall be accessible for servicing.

**[F] 903.2.11.3 Buildings 55 feet or more in height.** An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout buildings ~~that have one or more stories~~ with a floor level having an *occupant load* of 30 or more that is located 55 feet (16 764 mm) or more above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access ~~measured to the finished floor~~.

**Exceptions:**

- ~~1. Open parking structures.~~
- ~~2. Occupancies in Group F-2.~~

**[F] 903.2.11.4 Ducts conveying hazardous exhausts.** Where required by the International Mechanical Code, automatic sprinklers shall be provided in ducts conveying hazardous exhaust, flammable or combustible materials.

**Exception:** Ducts where the largest cross-sectional diameter of the duct is less than 10 inches (254 mm).

**[F] 903.2.11.5 Commercial cooking operations.** An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in a commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct system where an automatic sprinkler system is used to comply with Section 904.

**[F] 903.2.11.6 Other required suppression systems.** In addition to the requirements of Section 903.2, the provisions indicated in Table 903.2.11.6 require the installation of a fire suppression system for certain buildings and areas.

**[F] 903.2.11.7 Relocatable buildings within buildings.** Relocatable buildings or structures located within a building with an approved fire sprinkler system shall be provided with fire sprinkler protection within the occupiable space of the building and the space underneath the relocatable building.

**Exceptions:**

1. Sprinkler protection is not required underneath the building when the space is separated from the adjacent space by construction resisting the passage of smoke and heat and combustible storage will not be located there.
2. If the building or structure does not have a roof or ceiling obstructing the overhead sprinklers.



3. Construction trailers and temporary offices used during new building construction prior to occupancy.
4. Movable shopping mall kiosks with a roof or canopy dimension of less than 4 feet (1219 mm) on the smallest side.

**[F] 903.2.11.8 Buildings exceeding 10,000 square feet.** An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout all newly constructed buildings where the total floor area exceeds 10,000 square feet including basements. An automatic sprinkler system shall also be installed throughout existing buildings when an addition is made to the building and the total floor area, including the basements, of the existing building and the addition combined exceeds 10,000 square feet, or when the value of a structural alteration or repair of an existing building 10,000 square feet in area or greater exceeds 50 percent of the assessed valuation of such existing building, or exceeds 50 percent of the recognized replacement cost of the structure, without consideration of depreciation, as determined under the Marshall Valuation Service Cost Handbook, whichever is greater. For purposes of this section, portions of buildings separated by one or more fire walls shall not be considered a separate building. To the extent this section conflicts with any other provision of the International Building Code or the International Fire Code adopted by the City, this section shall control.

**23.10.903.3 International Building Code Section 903.3 amended to add a new Section 903.3.9 – Fire sprinkler zones.** International Building Code Section 903.3 is hereby amended by the addition of a new section 903.3.9 to read as follows:

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**903.3.9 Fire sprinkler zones.** When fire walls and/or horizontal exits are provided the sprinkler system shall be zoned to coincide with the fire walls and/or horizontal exits.

**Exception:** Sprinkler zoning is not required in existing construction if fire alarm initiating devices provide the same level of occupant notification that a zoned sprinkler system would provide.

**23.10.903.3.1 International Building Code Section 903.3.1 amended – Standards.** International Building Code Section 903.3.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 903.3.1 Standards.** Sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, ~~unless otherwise permitted by Sections 903.3.1.2 and 903.3.1.3 and other chapters of this code, as applicable.~~ 903.3.1.2 or 903.3.1.3 and other chapters of this code, as applicable. In addition, sprinkler systems shall be designed with a buffer to account for water system fluctuations to include a low reservoir condition. Such buffer shall be 5% for static pressures less than 50 psi and 10% for static pressures above 50 psi.

**Exception:** Buffers are not required for systems designed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.3 (NFPA 13 D)

Permit applicants shall independently verify site specific static pressure:

- Prior to initiating the sprinkler system.
- Prior to installing any sprinkler piping, including the underground supply.
- Prior to requesting any cover inspections.

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**23.10.903.3.1.1 International Building Code Section 903.3.1.1 amended – Exempt locations.** International Building Code Section 903.3.1.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 903.3.1.1 NFPA 13 sprinkler systems.** Where the provisions of this code require that a building or portion thereof be equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with this section, sprinklers shall be installed throughout in accordance with NFPA 13 except as provided in Section 903.3.1.1.1, ~~and~~ 903.3.1.1.2, and 903.3.1.1.3.

**[F] 903.3.1.1.1 Exempt locations.** Automatic sprinklers shall not be required in the following rooms or areas where such rooms or areas are protected with an approved automatic fire detection system in accordance with Section 907.2 that will respond to visible or invisible particles of combustion. Sprinklers shall not be omitted from any room merely because it is damp, of fire-resistance rated construction or contains electrical equipment.

1. Any room where the application of water, or flame and water, constitutes a serious life or fire hazard, where approved by the fire code official.

2. A room or space where sprinklers are considered undesirable because of the nature of the contents, where *approved* by the fire code official.

~~3. Generator and transformer rooms separated from the remainder of the building by walls and floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assemblies having a fire resistance rating of not less than 2 hours.~~

34. In rooms or areas that are of noncombustible construction with wholly noncombustible contents.

45. Fire service access elevator machine rooms and machinery spaces.

56. Machine rooms, machinery spaces, control rooms and control spaces associated with occupant evacuation elevators designed in accordance with Section 3008.

6. Elevator machine rooms, elevator machinery spaces, control spaces, or hoistways of traction elevators that comply with NFPA 13 Section 8.15.5.3.

**[F] 903.3.1.1.2 Bathrooms.** In Group R occupancies sprinklers shall not be required in bathrooms that do not exceed 55 square feet (5 m<sup>2</sup>) in area and are located within individual *dwelling units* or *sleeping units*, provided that walls and ceilings, including the walls and ceilings behind a shower enclosure or tub, are of noncombustible or limited-combustible materials with a 15-minute thermal barrier rating.

**[F] 903.3.1.1.3 Seismic coefficient.** The coefficient  $C_p$  for seismic bracing design calculations in accordance with NFPA 13 shall either use a value of 0.70 or shall use a value based on site specific USGS data.

**23.10.903.3.1.2 International Building Code Section 903.3.1.2 amended – NFPA 13R sprinkler systems.** International Building Code Section 903.3.1.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 903.3.1.2 NFPA 13R sprinkler systems.** *Automatic sprinkler systems* in Group R occupancies up to and including four stories in height ~~in buildings not exceeding 60 feet (18 288 mm) in height above grade plane~~ shall be permitted to be installed throughout in accordance with NFPA 13R.

~~The number of stories of Group R occupancies constructed in accordance with Sections 510.2 and 510.4 shall be measured from the horizontal assembly creating separate buildings.~~

A building designed in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 51-50-0504, 0510 or Section 510.4 of the *International Building Code* shall be sprinklered throughout in accordance with NFPA 13.

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**23.10.903.4.3 International Building Code Section 903.4.3 amended – Floor control valves.** International Building Code Section 903.4.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 903.4.3 Floor control valves.** *Approved supervised indicating control valves* shall be provided at the point of connection to the riser on each floor ~~in high-rise buildings~~. The floor control valves shall be located within interior exit stairways and within 6 feet of floors or landings unless chains or other approved devices are readily available.

**Exception:** In buildings without interior exit stairways, the location of the floor control valves shall be determined by the fire code official.

**23.10.903.5 International Building Code Section 903.5 amended – Testing and maintenance.** International Building Code Section 903.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 903.5 Testing and maintenance.** Sprinkler systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with ~~the International Fire Code~~ Section 903.5.1.

**[F] 903.5.1 Fire sprinkler and standpipe main/express drains.**

Fire sprinkler and standpipe main/express drains shall be positioned to drain to the sanitary sewer. Additionally, maintenance or testing discharges from fire pumps shall be treated in order to comply with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements.

**Point of Information**

Water drained or otherwise discharged from a fire sprinkler system, standpipe or fire pump in the course of testing and maintenance is considered an "illicit discharge" and must drain to the sanitary sewer or be treated in order to discharge to storm drains, ditches, or water bodies.

**23.10.905.3 International Building Code Section 905.3 amended – Required installations.** International Building Code Section 905.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 905.3 Required installations.** Standpipe systems shall be installed where required by Sections 905.3.1 through 905.3.810. Standpipe systems are allowed to be combined with *automatic sprinkler systems*.

**Exception:** Standpipe systems are not required in Group R-3 occupancies.

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**23.10.905.3.1 International Building Code Section 905.3.1 amended – Height.** International Building Code Section 905.3.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 905.3.1 Height.** Class ~~I, III~~ standpipe systems shall be installed throughout buildings where the floor level of the highest story is located more than 30 feet (9,144 mm) above the lowest level of the fire department vehicle access, or where the floor level of the lowest story is located more than 30 feet (9,144 mm) below the highest level of fire department vehicle access. ~~any of the following conditions exist:~~

- ~~1. Four or more stories are above or below grade plane.~~
- ~~2. The floor level of the highest story is located more than 30 feet (9144 mm) above the lowest level of fire department access.~~

~~3. The floor level of the lowest story is located more than 30 feet (9144 mm) below the highest level of fire department vehicle access.~~

**Exceptions:**

- ~~1. Class I standpipes are allowed in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2.~~
- ~~2. Class I standpipes are allowed in Group B and E occupancies.~~
- ~~3. Class I manual standpipes are allowed in open parking garages where the highest floor is located not more than 150 feet (45 720 mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.~~
- ~~4. Class I manual dry standpipes are allowed in open parking garages that are subject to freezing temperatures, provided that the hose connections are located as required for Class II standpipes in accordance with Section 905.5.~~
- ~~5. Class I standpipes are allowed in basements equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system.~~
- ~~6. Class I standpipes are allowed in buildings where occupant use hose lines will not be utilized by trained personnel or the fire department.~~
- ~~7. In determining the lowest level of fire department vehicle access, it shall not be required to consider either of the following:~~
  - ~~7.1. Recessed loading docks for four vehicles or less.~~
  - ~~7.2. Conditions where topography makes access from the fire department vehicle to the building impractical or impossible.~~

**23.10.905.3 International Building Code Section 905.3.9 added – High-rise building standpipes.** International Building Code Section 905.3 is hereby amended by the addition of a new subsection 905.3.9 to read as follows:

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**[F] 905.3.9 High-rise building standpipes.** Standpipe risers shall be combination standpipe/sprinkler risers using a minimum pipe size of 6 inch. One 2-1/2 inch hose connection shall be provided on every intermediate floor level landing in every required stairway and elsewhere as required by NFPA 14. Where, and only where, static or residual water pressures at any hose outlet exceeds 175 psi (1207 kPa), approved pressure-regulating devices shall be installed to limit the pressure to a range between 125 and 175 psi at not less than 300 gpm. The pressure on the inlet side of the pressure-

regulating device shall not exceed the rated working pressure of the device. An additional non-regulated hose connection located directly below the PRV or an equally sized bypass around the pressure regulating device with a normally closed control valve shall be provided at each reduced pressure connection.

Each non-regulated hose connection shall be labeled "**High Pressure – No PRV**". The sign shall have 1/2-inch white letters on a red background.

**Point of Information**

Additional flow and pressure requirements are contained in NFPA 14. Designers should be cognizant of space considerations within stair shafts and additional signage needed for the PRV bypass control valves.

**23.10.905.3 International Building Code Section 905.3.10 added – Vertical standpipes served by fire pumps.** International Building Code Section 905.3 is hereby amended by the addition of new subsection 905.3.10 to read as follows:

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**[F] 905.3.10 Vertical standpipes served by fire pumps in high-rise buildings.** Where vertical standpipes are served by fire pumps a check valve shall be installed at the base of vertical standpipe.

**23.10.905.4 International Building Code Section 905.4 amended – Location of Class I standpipe hose connections.** International Building Code Section 905.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 905.4 Location of Class I standpipe hose connections.** Class I standpipe hose connections shall be provided in all of the following locations:

1. In every required *interior exit stairway*, a hose connection shall be provided for each story above and below grade plane. Hose connections shall be located at an intermediate landing between stories, the main floor landing unless otherwise approved by the fire code official. Where stairs are required to provide roof access, the

standpipe roof connections shall be located adjacent to the stair opening on the roof.

**Exception:** A single hose connection shall be permitted to be installed in the open corridor or open breezeway between open stairs that are not greater than 75 feet (22 860 mm) apart.

2. On each side of the wall adjacent to the *exit* opening of a *horizontal exit*.

**Exceptions:**

1. Where floor areas adjacent to a *horizontal exit* are reachable from an *interior exit stairway* hose connection by a 30-foot (9144 mm) hose stream from a nozzle attached to 100 feet (30 480 mm) of hose, a hose connection shall not be required at the *horizontal exit*.

2. When the fire code official determines that a standpipe connection is not needed.

3. In every *exit* passageway, at the entrance from the *exit* passageway to other areas of a building.

**Exception:** Where floor areas adjacent to an *exit* passageway are reachable from an *interior exit stairway* hose connection by a 30-foot (9144 mm) hose stream from a nozzle attached to 100 feet (30 480 mm) of hose, a hose connection shall not be required at the entrance from the *exit* passageway to other areas of the building.

4. In covered ~~and open~~ mall buildings, adjacent to each exterior public entrance to the mall, ~~and~~ adjacent to each entrance from an exit passageway or exit corridor to the mall, at each intermediate landing within required enclosed stairways, and at other locations as necessary so that the distance to reach all portions of a tenant space does not exceed 200 feet (60 960 mm) from a hose connection~~in open mall buildings, adjacent to each public entrance to the mall at the perimeter line and adjacent to each entrance from an exit passageway or exit corridor to the mall.~~

5. Where the roof has a slope less than four units vertical in 12 units horizontal (33.3-percent slope), at least one standpipe shall be provided with a 2-1/2 inch hose connection located on the roof. Additional hose connections shall be provided so that all portions of the roof are within 200 feet of hose travel distance from a standpipe



hose connection. The hose connection(s) shall be at least 10 feet (3048 mm) from the roof edge, skylight, light well or other similar openings, unless protected by a 42-inch-high (1,067 mm) guardrail or equivalent. All roof hose connections shall be arranged to be operable without entering the building. Roof connections in high-rise buildings are allowed to be located at the highest landing of a stairway with stair access to the roof. An additional hose connection shall be provided at the top of the most hydraulically remote standpipe for testing purposes.~~a hose connection shall be located to serve the roof or at the highest landing of an interior exit stairway with access to the roof provided in accordance with Section 1011.12.~~

6. Where the most remote portion of a nonsprinklered floor or story is more than 150 feet (45 720 mm) from a hose connection or the most remote portion of a sprinklered floor or story is more than 200 feet (60 960 mm) from a hose connection, ~~the fire code official is authorized to require that additional hose connections be provided in approved locations.~~additional hose connections shall be provided in interior exit stairways or protected locations that are accessed through protected enclosures. The protected enclosure shall be a corridor constructed as a smoke barrier from the exit enclosure to the standpipe connection.

**Exception:** Hose connections in parking garages must be located in vertical exit enclosures, protected locations, immediately adjacent to exterior exit doors, loading docks or other areas as approved by the fire code official. Subject to the approval of the fire code official, the travel distance may also be increased to a maximum distance of 240 feet.

**Point of Information**

Chapter 10 of this code outlines the requirements for stairways to the roof and roof access. This section (905.4) identifies the locations of standpipes and hose connections, but does not dictate the need for additional stairways to the roof or roof access.

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**23.10.905.8 International Building Code Section 905.8 amended – Dry standpipes.** International Building Code Section 905.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 905.8 Dry standpipes.** Dry standpipes shall not be installed.

**Exception:** Where subject to freezing and in accordance with NFPA 14 when approved by the fire code official.

**23.10.907.1 International Building Code Section 907.1 amended – General.** International Building Code Section 907.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 907.1 General.** This section covers the application, installation, performance and maintenance of fire alarm systems and their components in new and existing buildings and structures.

1. The requirements of Section 907.2 are applicable to new buildings and structures, new fire alarm systems, and replacement of existing fire alarm control panels being installed in existing structures.

2. When an existing fire alarm unit is replaced in existing structures, the entire fire alarm system shall comply with the requirements of Section 907.2.

**Point of Information**

See Public Information Sheet F-75  
"Fire Alarm Panel Replacement"  
for additional information.

Fire alarm system upgrades shall not require upgrades to other building systems, unless necessary to meet the requirements of Section 907.2. Pursuant to Section 104.8 and subject to the approval of the fire code official, fire alarm system upgrades may be phased in over a time period not to exceed 5 years. Approval of a phased alarm system upgrade must be documented in an executed agreement between the applicant and the City of Bellevue, and shall contain measurable milestones, insurance requirements, and indemnity provisions.

3. The requirements of *International Fire Code* Section 907.9 are applicable to existing buildings and structures in addition to the condition described in item 2.

4. For the purpose of this section, fire barriers shall not be considered to create a separate building.

5. Buildings required by this section to be provided with a fire alarm system shall be provided with a single fire alarm system unless otherwise approved by the fire code official.

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**23.10.907.1.2 International Building Code Section 907.1.2 amended – Fire alarm shop drawings.** International Building Code Section 907.1.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 23.10.907.1.2 Fire alarm shop drawings.** Shop drawings for fire alarm systems shall be prepared in accordance with NFPA 72 and submitted for review and approval prior to system installation. In addition, the submittal documents shall include a narrative and input/output matrix that supports the approved exiting plan for the building.

- ~~1. A floor plan that indicates the use of all rooms.~~
- ~~2. Locations of alarm-initiating devices.~~
- ~~3. Locations of alarm notification appliances, including candela ratings for visible alarm notification appliances.~~
- ~~4. Design minimum audibility level for occupant notification~~
- ~~5. Location of fire alarm control unit, transponders and notification power supplies.~~
- ~~6. Annunciators.~~
- ~~7. Power connection.~~
- ~~8. Battery calculations.~~
- ~~9. Conductor type and sizes.~~

~~10. Voltage drop calculations.~~

~~11. Manufacturers' data sheets indicating model numbers and listing information for equipment, devices and materials.~~

~~12. Details of ceiling height and construction.~~

~~13. The interface of fire safety control functions.~~

~~14. Classification of the supervising station.~~

**23.10.907.2.7.1 International Building Code Section 907.2.7.1 deleted – Occupant notification.** International Building Code Section 907.2.7.1 is hereby deleted.

**23.10.907.2.12.1.1 International Building Code Section 907.2.12.1.1 amended – Area smoke detection.** International Building Code Section 907.2.12.1.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 907.2.12.1.1 Area smoke detection.** Area smoke detectors shall be provided in accordance with this section. Smoke detectors shall be connected to an automatic fire alarm system. The activation of any detector required by this section, other than duct smoke detectors, shall activate the emergency voice/alarm communication system in accordance with Section 907.5.2.2. In addition to smoke detectors required by Sections 907.2.1 through 907.2.9, smoke detectors shall be located as follows:

1. In each mechanical equipment, electrical, transformer, telephone equipment or similar room that is not provided with sprinkler protection.

2. In each elevator machine room, machinery space, control room and control space and in elevator lobbies.

3. Within 5 feet (1524 mm) of doors opening into stairways that are smokeproof enclosures or are pressurized stairways.

Where smoke detectors cannot be utilized due to ambient conditions, approved automatic heat detectors shall be installed in accordance with Section 907.4.3.

**23.10.907.2.12.2 International Building Code Section 907.2.12.2 amended – Fire department communication system.** International Building Code Section 907.2.12.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 907.2.12.2 Fire department communication system.** ~~Where a wired communication system is approved in lieu of an emergency responder radio coverage system in accordance with Section 540 of the International Fire Code, the wired fire department communication system shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 72 and shall operate between a fire command center complying with Section 911, elevators, elevator lobbies, emergency and standby power rooms, fire pump rooms, areas of refuge and inside interior exit stairways. The fire department communication device shall be provided at each floor level within the interior exit stairway.~~ An approved two-way, fire department communication system designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 72 shall be provided for fire department use. It shall operate between a fire command center complying with Section 911, elevators, elevator lobbies, emergency and standby power rooms, fire pump rooms, areas of refuge, and inside interior exit stairways. The fire department communication device shall be provided at each floor level within the interior exit stairway.

**23.10.907.2.17.1 International Building Code Section 907.2.17.1 amended – Smoke detectors.** International Building Code Section 907.2.17.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 907.2.17.1 Smoke detectors.** Not fewer than one smoke detector ~~listed~~ for the intended purpose shall be installed in all of the following areas:

1. ~~Mechanical equipment, electrical, transformer, telephone equipment, elevator machine or similar rooms~~ Electrical, non-Utility-owned transformer vault rooms, telephone equipment, elevator machine, or similar rooms.
2. Elevator lobbies.
3. The main return and exhaust air plenum of each air-conditioning system serving more than one story and located in a serviceable area downstream of the last duct inlet.

4. Each connection to a vertical duct or riser serving two or more floors from return air ducts or plenums of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems, except that in Group R occupancies, a *listed* smoke detector is allowed to be used in each return air riser carrying not more than 5,000 cfm (2.4 m<sup>3</sup>/s) and serving not more than 10 air-inlet openings.

5. Within 5 feet of doors opening into stairways that are smokeproof enclosures, or that are pressurized stairways. Where smoke detectors cannot be utilized due to ambient conditions, approved automatic heat detectors shall be installed in accordance with Section 907.4.3.

**23.10.907.5.2.1.1 International Building Code Section 907.5.2.1.1 amended – Average sound pressure.** International Building Code Section 907.5.2.1.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 907.5.2.1.1 Average sound pressure.** The audible alarm notification appliances shall provide a sound pressure level of 15 decibels (dBA) above the average ambient sound level or 5 dBA above the maximum sound level having a duration of not less than 60 seconds, whichever is greater, in every occupiable space within the building, or in the case of a partial alarm system, throughout the space that is provided with the fire alarm system. The minimum sound pressure levels shall be: 75 dBA in occupancies in Groups R and I-1; 90 dBA in mechanical equipment rooms; and 60 dBA in other occupancies. In occupancies with high sound levels, such as nightclubs, bars, theaters, auditoriums, sanctuaries, etc., an interface shall be provided between the fire alarm system and the noise source to eliminate the noise source upon activation of the fire alarm system.

**Exception:** Private mode signaling in accordance with NFPA 72 shall be allowed in areas of group I-2 and I-3 occupancies where occupants are not expected to self-evacuate.

**23.10.907.5.2.2 International Building Code Section 907.5.2.2 amended – Emergency voice/alarm communication systems.** International Building Code Section 907.5.2.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 907.5.2.2 Emergency voice/alarm communication systems.** Emergency voice/alarm communication systems required by this

code shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 72. The operation of any automatic fire detector, sprinkler waterflow device or manual fire alarm box shall automatically sound an alert tone followed by voice instructions giving *approved* information and directions for a general or staged evacuation in accordance with the building's fire safety and evacuation plans required by Section 404 of the *International Fire Code*. In high-rise buildings, the system shall operate on at least the alarming floor, the floor above and the floor below. Speakers shall be provided throughout the building by paging zones. At a minimum, paging zones shall be provided as follows:

1. Elevator groups.
2. *Interior exit stairways*.
3. Each floor.
4. *Areas of refuge* as defined in Chapter 2.

**Exception:** In Group I-1 and I-2 occupancies, the alarm shall sound in a *constantly attended location*~~area~~ and a general occupant notification shall be broadcast over the overhead page.

**[F] 907.5.2.2.1 Manual override.** A manual override for emergency voice communication shall be provided on a selective and all-call basis for all paging zones.

**[F] 907.5.2.2.2 Live voice messages.** The emergency voice/alarm communication system shall have the capability to broadcast live voice messages by paging zones on a selective and all-call basis.

**Point of Information**  
See Fire Department Emergency  
Voice/Alarm Public Information Sheet F-44  
for detailed messaging requirements.

**[F] 907.5.2.2.3 Alternate uses.** The emergency voice/alarm communication system shall be allowed to be used for other announcements, provided the manual fire alarm use takes precedence over any other use.

**[F] 907.5.2.2.4 Emergency voice/alarm communication captions.** Where stadiums, arenas and grandstands are required to caption audible public announcements in accordance with Section 1108.2.7.3, the emergency/voice alarm communication system shall be captioned. Prerecorded or live emergency captions shall be from an *approved* location constantly attended by personnel trained to respond to an emergency.

**[F] 907.5.2.2.5 Emergency power.** Emergency voice/alarm communications systems shall be provided with emergency power in accordance with Section 2702 and Table 2702. ~~The system shall be capable of powering the required load for a duration of not less than 24 hours, as required in NFPA 72.~~

**[F] 907.5.2.2.6 Phased Evacuation.** All buildings more than 10 stories above the lowest level of fire department access shall utilize an approved phased evacuation plan.

**Exceptions:**

1. When an additional exit stairway meeting the requirements of Section 1011 and 1023 are provided in addition to the minimum number of exits required by Section 1006.
2. Where the width of each required exit stairway as specified in Section 1011.2 is increased by not less than 24 inches of additional width.
3. Where occupant self-evacuation elevators in accordance with IBC Section 3008 have been installed.
4. Where full tenant evacuation can be demonstrated to be accomplished in less than 7 minutes.

**Point of Information**

These provisions are intended to facilitate the simultaneous building evacuation and firefighter response into the building.

**23.10.907.5.2.3 International Building Code Section 907.5.2.3 amended – Visible alarms.** International Building Code Section 907.5.2.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:



**[F] 907.5.2.3 Visible alarms.** Visible alarm notification appliances shall be provided in accordance with Sections 907.5.2.3.1 through 907.5.2.3.3.

**Exceptions:**

1. Visible alarm notification appliances are not required in *alterations*, except where an existing fire alarm system is ~~upgraded or~~ replaced, or a new fire alarm system is installed.
2. Visible alarm notification appliances shall not be required in *exits* as defined in Chapter 2.
3. Visible alarm notification appliances shall not be required in elevator cars.
4. Visual alarm notification appliances are not required in critical care areas of Group I-2 Condition 2 occupancies that are in compliance with Section 907.2.6, Exception 2.

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**23.10.907.6.3.1 International Building Code Section 907.6.3.1 amended – Annunciation.** International Building Code Section 907.6.3.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 907.6.3.1 ~~Annunciator panel~~Annunciation.** ~~The initiating device status shall be annunciated at an approved on site location.~~All fire alarm systems in buildings without a fire command center shall be provided with an annunciator panel (or the main fire alarm control panel) located inside the building at the main addressed building entrance.

**Exception:** Other approved locations.

**23.10.907.6.4 International Building Code Section 907.6.4.1 amended – Zones.** International Building Code Section 907.6.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**907.6.4 Zones.** Each floor shall be zoned separately, and a zone shall not exceed 22,500 square feet (2090 m<sup>2</sup>). The length of any zone shall not exceed 300 feet (91 440 mm) in any direction. Floors shall be further zoned to coincide with any fire walls and/or horizontal exits.

**Exceptions:**

1. Automatic sprinkler system zones shall not exceed the area permitted by NFPA 13.
2. Fire alarm zones that coincide with fire walls and/or horizontal exits are not required in existing buildings except where any of the following conditions exist:
  - a. When a change of use occurs; or
  - b. When the exiting or evacuation plan is modified and depends on the use of the fire wall or horizontal exit; or
  - c. When fire alarm panels are replaced (refer to BCC 23.11.907.1(2))

**[F] 907.6.4.1 ~~Graphic annunciator~~Zoning indicator panel.** ~~A zoning indicator panel and the associated controls shall be provided in an approved location. The visual zone indication shall lock in until the system is reset and shall not be cancelled by the operation of an audible alarm silencing switch. Graphic annunciators, when provided, shall be mounted to maintain the viewer's directional orientation. The visual zone indication on the annunciator panel shall lock in until the system is reset and shall not be canceled by the operation of an audible-alarm silencing switch. Alarm panels and annunciators shall not be installed where they would obstruct exiting. The required exit width plus 12 inches shall be provided when the panel is located in a means of egress. Alarm panels shall not be installed in an exit enclosure providing the sole exit from any space.~~

**[F] 907.6.4.2 High-rise buildings.** In high-rise buildings, a separate zone by floor shall be provided for each of the following types of alarm-initiating devices where provided:

1. Smoke detectors.
2. Sprinkler waterflow devices.
3. Manual fire alarm boxes.
4. Other *approved* types of automatic fire detection devices or suppression systems.

**23.10.909.1 International Building Code Section 909.1 amended – Scope and purpose.** International Building Code Section 909.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 909.1 Scope and purpose.** This section applies to mechanical or passive smoke control systems when they are required by other provisions of this code. The purpose of this section is to establish minimum requirements for the design, installation and acceptance testing of smoke control systems that are intended to provide a tenable environment for the evacuation or relocation of occupants. These provisions are not intended for the preservation of contents or the timely restoration of operations ~~or for assistance in fire suppression or overhaul activities~~. Smoke control systems regulated by this section serve a different purpose than the smoke- and heat-removal provisions found in Section 910. Mechanical smoke control systems shall not be considered exhaust systems under Chapter 5 of the *International Mechanical Code*.

**23.10.909.4.6 International Building Code Section 909.4.6 amended – Duration of operation.** International Building Code Section 909.4.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 909.4.6 Duration of operation.** All portions of active or engineered smoke control systems shall be capable of continued operation after detection of the fire event for a period of not less than the time specified in Section 2702 and Table 2702 ~~either 20 minutes or 1.5 times the calculated egress time, whichever is greater~~.

**23.10.909.10.2 International Building Code Section 909.10.2 amended – Ducts.** International Building Code Section 909.10.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 909.10.2 Ducts.** Duct materials and joints including shafts acting as ducts, shall be capable of withstanding the probable temperatures and pressures to which they are exposed as determined in accordance with Section 909.10.1. Ducts shall be constructed and supported in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*. Ducts shall be leak tested to 1.5 times the maximum design pressure in accordance with nationally accepted practices. Measured leakage shall not exceed 5 percent of design flow. Results of such testing shall be a part of the documentation procedure. Ducts shall be

supported directly from fire-resistance-rated structural elements of the building by substantial, noncombustible supports.

**Exception:** Flexible connections for the purpose of vibration isolation, complying with the *International Mechanical Code* and that are constructed of *approved* fire-resistance-rated materials.

**23.10.909.10.3 International Building Code Section 909.10.3 amended – Equipment, inlets and outlets.** International Building Code Section 909.10.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 909.10.3 Equipment, inlets and outlets.** Equipment shall be located so as to not expose uninvolved portions of the building to an additional fire hazard. Outdoor air inlets shall be located so as to minimize the potential for introducing smoke or flame into the building. Exhaust outlets shall be so located as to minimize reintroduction of smoke into the building and to limit exposure of the building or adjacent buildings to an additional fire hazard. In addition, supply air shall be taken directly from an outside, uncontaminated source located a minimum distance of 20 feet from any air exhaust system or outlet.

**23.10.909.11 International Building Code Section 909.11 amended – Emergency power.** International Building Code Section 909.11 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 909.11 ~~Emergency Standby~~ power.** Smoke control systems, including energy management systems used for smoke control or smoke removal, shall be provided with emergency standby power in accordance with Section 2702 and Table 2702.

**Exception:** In other than high-rise buildings, underground buildings, atriums, and covered mall buildings, smoke control systems shall be provided with legally required standby power in accordance with Section 2702 and Table 2702.

**~~909.11.1 Equipment room.~~** ~~The standby power source and its transfer switches shall be in a room separate from the normal power transformers and switch gears and ventilated directly to and from the exterior. The room shall be enclosed with not less~~

~~than 1-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both.~~

**[F] 909.11.12 Power sources and power surges.** Elements of the smoke control system relying on volatile memories or the like shall be supplied with uninterruptable power sources of sufficient duration to span 15-minute primary power interruption. Elements of the smoke control system susceptible to power surges shall be suitably protected by conditioners, suppressors or other *approved* means.

**23.10.909.12 International Building Code Section 909.12 amended – Detection and control systems.** Section 909.12 of the International Building Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 909.12 Detection and control systems.** Fire detection systems providing control input or output signals to mechanical smoke control systems or elements thereof shall comply with the requirements of Section 907. Such systems shall be equipped with a control unit complying with UL 864 and *listed* as smoke control equipment.

**Exception:** Shaft pressurization equipment in buildings constructed in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 51-50-0504 or WAC 51-50-0510, or International Building Code Section 510.4 may utilize a fire detection system that is *listed* as releasing equipment.

**[F] 909.12.1 Verification.** Control systems for mechanical smoke control systems shall include provisions for verification. Verification shall include positive confirmation of actuation, testing, manual override and the presence of power downstream of all disconnects. A preprogrammed weekly test sequence shall report abnormal conditions audibly, visually, by printed report or other approved means. The preprogrammed weekly test shall operate all devices, equipment and components used for smoke control.

Exception: Where verification of individual components tested through the preprogrammed weekly testing sequence will interfere with, and produce unwanted effects to, normal building operation, such individual components are permitted to be bypassed from the preprogrammed weekly testing, where *approved* by the building fire code official and in accordance with both of the following:

1. Where the operation of components is bypassed from the preprogrammed weekly test, presence of power downstream of all disconnects shall be verified weekly by a listed control unit.

2. Testing of all components bypassed from the preprogrammed weekly test shall be in accordance with Section 909.20.6 of the *International Fire Code*.

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**23.10.909.17 International Building Code Section 909.17 amended– System response time.** International Building Code Section 909.17 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 909.17 System response time.** Smoke-control system activation shall be initiated immediately after receipt of an appropriate automatic or manual activation command. Smoke control systems shall activate individual components (such as *dampers* and fans) in the sequence necessary to prevent physical damage to the fans, *dampers*, ducts and other equipment. For purposes of smoke control, the fire fighter's control panel response time shall be the same for automatic or manual smoke control action initiated from any other building control point. The total response time, including that necessary for detection, shutdown of operating equipment and smoke control system startup, shall allow for full operational mode to be achieved before the conditions in the space exceed the design smoke condition. ~~The system response time for each component and their sequential relationships shall be detailed in the required rational analysis and verification of their installed condition reported in the required final report.~~ Upon receipt of an alarm condition at the fire alarm control panel, fans, dampers and automatic doors shall achieve their expected operating state and confirmation of proper operation shall be indicated at the smoke control panel within 60 seconds. Documentation shall be provided in the required final report.

**23.10.909.18.8.3 International Building Code Section 909.18.8.3 amended – Reports.** International Building Code Section 909.18.8.3 is hereby amended to add the following subsection 909.18.8.3.2 to read as follows:

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**[F] 909.18.8.3.2 Certificate of compliance.** A certificate of compliance shall be provided by the special inspector and responsible registered design

professional certifying that the referenced property is in substantial compliance. The certificate shall identify the company, designer, special inspector that performed the testing, and shall identify the name, date and address of the property being tested. The following statement must also be included in the certificate: "I have reviewed the report and by personal knowledge and on- site observation certify that the smoke control system is in substantial compliance with the approved design documents, and to the best of my understanding complies with requirements of the applicable codes as identified in the smoke control report."

**23.10.909.20 International Building Code Section 909.20 amended – Smokeproof enclosures.** International Building Code Section 909.20 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**909.20 Smokeproof enclosures.** Where required by Section 1023.11, a smokeproof enclosure shall be constructed in accordance with this section. All portions of the smokeproof enclosure ventilation system and equipment must comply with the provisions of Section 909. A smokeproof enclosure shall consist of an *interior exit stairway* or *ramp* that is enclosed in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 1023 and an open exterior balcony or ventilated vestibule meeting the requirements of this section. Where access to the roof is required by the *International Fire Code*, such access shall be from the smokeproof enclosure where a smokeproof enclosure is required.

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**23.10.909.20.6.2 International Building Code Section 909.20.6.2 amended – Emergency power.** International Building Code Section 909.20.6.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**909.20.6.2 EmergencyStandby power.** Mechanical vestibule and *stairway* and *ramp* shaft ventilation systems and automatic fire detection systems shall be provided with emergencystandby power in accordance with Section 2702 and Table 2702.

**Exception:** Legally required standby power systems shall be provided for pressurization systems in low-rise buildings when designed in accordance with Washington State Building Code Section 504.4.1.

**23.10.909.20.6.3 International Building Code Section 909.20.6.3 amended – Acceptance and testing.** International Building Code Section 909.20.6.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**909.20.6.3 Acceptance and testing.** ~~Before the mechanical equipment is approved, the system shall be tested in the presence of the building official to confirm that the system is operating in compliance with these requirements. Special inspection for performance shall be required in accordance with Section 909.18.8.~~

**23.10.909.21.3 International Building Code Section 909.21.3 amended – Ducts for system.** International Building Code Section 909.21.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**909.21.3 Ducts for system.** Any duct system that is part of the pressurization system shall be protected with the same *fire-resistance rating* as required for the elevator shaft enclosure, ~~and equipment, control wiring, power wiring, and ductwork shall comply with one of the methods specified in Section 909.20.6.1. Ducts shall be in accordance with Section 909.10.2.~~

**23.10.909.21.4.4 International Building Code Section 909.21.4.4 amended – Fan capacity.** International Building Code Section 909.21.4.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**909.21.4.4 Fan capacity.** The supply fan shall be either adjustable with a capacity of not less than 1,000 cfm (.4719 m<sup>3</sup>/s) per door, or that specified by a *registered design professional* to meet the requirements of a designed pressurization system. ~~Fans shall be in accordance with Section 909.10.5.~~

**23.10.911.1.2 International Building Code Section 911.1.2 – Separation and penetrations.** International Building Code Section 911.1.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 911.1.2 Separation and penetrations.** The fire command center shall be separated from the remainder of the building by not less than a 2-hour *fire barrier* constructed in accordance with Section 707 or *horizontal assembly* constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both. ~~Penetrations into and openings through a fire command center are prohibited except for required exit doors; equipment and ductwork~~



necessary for heating, cooling or ventilation; sprinkler branch line piping; electrical raceway for fire department communication and control; and electrical raceway serving the fire command center or being controlled from the fire command center. Such penetrations shall be protected in accordance with Section 714.

**Exception:** Metallic piping, with no joints or openings within the fire command center, is allowed if penetrations are protected in accordance with Section 714.

**23.10.912.5 International Building Code Section 912.5 amended – Signs.**  
International Building Code Section 912.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 912.5 Signs.** A metal sign with raised letters not less than 1 inch (25 mm) in size shall be mounted on all fire department connections serving automatic sprinklers, standpipes or fire pump connections. Such signs shall read: ~~AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS or STANDPIPES~~ SPRINKLERS, STANDPIPES, COMBINED, DRY S/PIPES, DRY S/P & SPKRS, BOOST TO \_\_\_ (as specified by the fire code official) PSI, or TEST CONNECTION or a combination thereof as applicable. Systems utilizing Pressure Reducing Valves (PRV's) must note the required boosted pressure at the Fire Department Connection in order to overcome the PRV setting. If it is not readily apparent which building or portion the fire department connection serves, the sign shall also include the premises address or building identification, and the portion of the building protected.

**Exception:** A metal sign with letters at least 1 inch (25 mm) in height may match the fire department connection where chrome, brass, or other approved decorative finish is utilized.

**912.5.1 Markings.** The fire department connection stand-alone pipe shall be painted red for greater visibility.

**Exception:** Fire department connections such as chrome, brass, or other approved decorative finish.

**Point of Information**

Systems utilizing Pressure Reducing Valves (PRV's) must note the required boosted pressure at the Fire Department Connection, in order to overcome the PRV setting.

**23.10.913.1 International Building Code Section 913.1 amended – General**  
Section 913.1 of the International Building Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 913.1 General.** Where provided, fire pumps shall be installed in accordance with this section and NFPA 20.

**913.1.1 Fire Pump Controls.** Fire pump controllers supplying standpipes in excess of 130 psi shall be soft start.

**23.10.913.2 International Building Code Section 913.2 amended – Protection against interruption of service.** International Building Code Section 913.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**[F] 913.2 Protection against interruption of service.** The fire pump, driver and controller shall be protected in accordance with NFPA 20 against possible interruption of service through damage caused by explosion, fire, flood, earthquake, rodents, insects, windstorm, freezing, vandalism and other adverse conditions.

**[F] 913.2.1 Protection of fire pump rooms and access.** In high-rise buildings, fire pumps shall be located in rooms that are separated from all other areas of the building by 2-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or 2-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both. In other than high-rise buildings, separation shall consist of 1-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or 1-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both.

Fire pump rooms not directly accessible from the outside shall be accessible through an enclosed passageway from an interior exit stairway or exterior exit. The enclosed passageway shall have a fire-resistance rating not less than the fire-resistance rating of the fire pump room.

**Exceptions:** Where a fire pump is installed in a parking garage separated from the rest of the building by fire-rated construction equivalent to the pump room, and the portion of the building containing the fire pump is protected by a sprinkler system that

does not rely on the fire pump, the protected access to the pump room shall not be required.

1. In other than high-rise buildings, separation by 1-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or 1-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both, shall be permitted in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2.
2. Separation is not required for fire pumps physically separated in accordance with NFPA 20.

Rooms containing fire pumps shall be free from storage, equipment, and penetrations not essential to the operation of the pump and related components.

**Exception:** Equipment related to domestic water distribution shall be permitted to be located within the same room as the fire pump equipment.

**Point of Information**

These provisions originate in NFPA 20 (2019) and are intended to facilitate fire department access to the fire pump room. Ideally fire pump rooms are located on the perimeter of the building affording direct access. Where that is not possible, a protected passageway is required. This passageway is not synonymous with an *exit passageway* and therefore not subject to the significant limitations of allowable penetrations. Fire pump rooms are not permitted to open directly into an *exit passageway* or *interior exit stairway*; rather the fire pump room must open into a vestibule before access to an *exit passageway* or an *interior exit stairway*.

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**23.10.919 International Building Code Section 919 Added – Firefighter air systems.** International Building Code Chapter 9 is hereby amended to add a new section 919 to read as follows:

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**SECTION 919**  
**FIREFIGHTER AIR REPLENISHMENT SYSTEMS**

**[F] 919.1 Scope.** The design, installation, and maintenance of firefighter air systems shall be in accordance with this section.

**[F] 919.2 Required installations.** Firefighter air replenishment systems shall be installed in the following buildings and structures:

1. Buildings classified as high-rise in accordance with the International Building Code.
2. Transportation tunnels constructed in accordance with NFPA 130 or NFPA 502 that exceed 300 feet in length.
3. Underground pedestrian tunnels that exceed 300 feet in length.

**[F] 919.3 Certificate of compliance**

1. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for a high-rise building or underground transportation and pedestrian tunnel unless a certificate of compliance, as described in Section 919.15.3.2, is first issued.
2. The following elements for the life safety system shall be installed in accordance with approved plans and specifications and shall be tested, certified and proved to be in proper working condition to the satisfaction of the fire code official before issuance of the certificate of compliance.

**[F] 919.4 Firefighter air replenishment system.** The firefighter air replenishment system is a complete, self-contained breathing air replenishment system, permanently installed within a structure, consisting of external mobile air connection panels, interior air fill stations, interconnected piping distribution system and an air storage system. All final locations shall be approved by the fire code official.

**[F] 919.4.1 Purpose.** The firefighter air replenishment system allows firefighters and other first responders to replenish empty breathing air cylinders within close proximity of the incident, reducing the amount of

**Commented [SG12]:** Modifies the Firefighter Air Replenishment System requirement to align with the Int'l Fire Code and Fire Department Operational needs. These proposed amendments are estimated to be essentially cost neutral when compared to the existing requirements.

travel distance, time and personnel needed for logistical support, to maximize firefighter safety and effectiveness.

**[F] 919.4.2 Scope.** The design, installation, testing and certification of the firefighter air replenishment system shall be in accordance with this section.

**[F] 919.4.3 Safety.** The firefighter air replenishment system is a life-safety system. The system shall provide a safe and reliable source of clean breathable air to firefighters and other first responders performing fire suppression, evacuation, search and rescue, and other types of emergency response tasks at incidents requiring the use of self-contained breathing apparatus. Nothing within this specification shall be reduced in quality in any manner, including but not limited to system design criteria, system performance criteria, components, materials, installation procedures, testing procedures, commissioning requirements and certification.

**[F] 919.4.4 Quality assurance.** Plans, specifications, equipment, product data sheets, and system calculations for the firefighter air replenishment system shall be prepared, reviewed and stamped by a Washington State licensed engineer knowledgeable and qualified in high pressure breathing air replenishment systems, who can demonstrate prior experience with such systems.

**[F] 919.4.5 Contractor qualifications.** The firefighter air replenishment system shall be installed by a licensed Washington State contractor with a minimum 3 years of experience specializing in fire department high pressure breathing air field. The installation contractor shall have a Bellevue business license.

**[F] 919.5 Performance and design criteria.**

**[F] 919.5.1 Safety factor.** The firefighter air replenishment system shall allow firefighters to replenish a minimum of two 66 cubic foot breathing air cylinders at 5,500 PSIG simultaneously within two minutes or less. All components of the system shall be rated to operate at a minimum working pressure of 5,500 PSIG at 70°F with a minimum 4:1 safety factor.

**[F] 919.5.2 Replenishment criteria.** The air storage system shall be capable of replenishing not less than 50 breathing air cylinders at a rate of 2 simultaneously, each pair within 2 minutes or less (25 repetitions) without fire department supplementation, based on fire

department standard breathing air cylinders of 66 cubic feet at 5,500 PSIG.

**[F] 919.5.3 Design flow.** The interconnected piping distribution system shall have a minimum calculated design flow using one (1) interior fill station and panel, totaling four 66 cubic foot 5,500 PSIG breathing air cylinders operating simultaneously at the farthest point from the fire department access.

**[F] 919.5.4 Fire department augmentation.** When air supplementation becomes available by the fire department mobile air unit, the external mobile air connection panel shall allow the mobile air unit operator to connect and begin augmentation of the system, providing for a constant source of breathing air replenishment to all interior fill stations and panels.

**[F] 919.5.5 Air storage system isolation.** The interconnected piping distribution system shall be designed so that the external mobile air connection panel may be isolated from the air storage system and routed directly to the interior air fill stations and panels via the system main distribution line. This shall be accomplished through the means of check valves and actuator selector valves readily accessible by fire department personnel, to allow breathing air to be supplied directly from the fire department mobile air unit to the interior fill stations and panels.

**[F] 919.6 Permits, plans and fees.**

**[F] 919.6.1 Permits.** A permit is required to install and repair a firefighter air replenishment system.

**[F] 919.6.2 Plans.** Prior to the installation of a firefighter air replenishment system, plans, calculations and specifications shall be submitted to the fire code official for review and approval in accordance with City of Bellevue permit submittal requirements. Plans and calculations shall be stamped by a Washington State licensed engineer and shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this section and demonstrate that the design criteria for all pressure containing components is satisfied with a minimum working pressure of 5,500 PSIG at 70°F with a minimum 4:1 safety factor.

**[F] 919.6.2.1 Mill reports.** The plans submittal shall also include manufacturer mill report for the tubing, fittings, valves, pressure regulators, pressure relief devices, pressure gauges, cylinder filling hoses and all other components that may be

required for a complete firefighter air replenishment system installation.

**[F] 919.6.2.2 Additional information.** The fire code official is authorized to require additional information that is necessary for ensuring the proposed design meets the requirements of this section.

**[F] 919.6.2.3 Approval required.** The installation of the firefighter air replenishment system shall not commence until complete plans, specifications and calculations have been submitted and *approved*, and a permit has been issued by the fire code official.

**[F] 919.6.3 Fees.** Fees shall be submitted to the fire code official at the time of plan submittal.

**[F] 919.6.4 Codes and standards.** The firefighter air replenishment system shall conform to all current national standards and this Section 919. Construction requirements shall follow the currently adopted editions of the IBC and IFC. Where applicable, all components of the firefighter air replenishment system shall meet the minimum requirements of the NFPA, OSHA, ASTM, ASME, ANSI and Bellevue Building, Fire, Plumbing and Mechanical codes.

**[F] 919.7 System components.** All pressurized breathing air components of the firefighter air replenishment system shall be listed and *approved* by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or agency. The system shall contain, at a minimum, the following components.

1. External mobile air connection panel;
2. Air storage system;
3. Air monitoring system;
4. Interior air fill station;
5. Interior air fill panel;
6. Interconnected piping distribution system; and
7. Associated wiring.

**[F] 919.7.1 Protection.** All components of the firefighter air replenishment system shall be protected from physical damage and the piping, storage equipment, monitoring wiring and power wiring shall be separated from the remainder of the building by not less than 2-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or 2-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both.

**Exception:** Piping, monitor wiring and power wiring located outside of a 2-hour fire barrier construction shall be protected using any one of the following methods:

1. Cables listed in accordance with UL 2196 having a fire-resistance rating of not less than 2 hours; or
2. Piping or cables encased with not less than 2 inches (51 mm) of concrete; or
3. Electrical circuit protective systems having a fire-resistance rating of not less than 2 hours. Electrical circuit protective systems shall be installed in accordance with their listing requirements.

**[F] 919.7.2 Electrical power.** The following features serving the firefighter air replenishment system shall be supplied by both primary power and legally required standby power:

1. Air monitoring system – Section 919.14;
2. Air storage system – Section 919.12.3; and
3. External mobile air connection panel – Section 919.8.6

**[F] 919.7.3 Materials of construction.** All breathing air components used in the construction of the firefighter air replenishment system shall be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or agency and approved by the fire code official. All pressurized components shall be compatible for use with high pressure breathing air equipment and self-contained breathing air apparatus. All pressurized breathing air components shall be rated for a minimum working pressure of 5,500 PSIG at 70°F with a minimum 4:1 safety factor.



**[F] 919.7.4 Markings.** All components of the firefighter air replenishment system shall be clearly identified by means of stainless steel or plastic labels or tags indicating their function. This shall include as a minimum all fire department connection panels, air fill stations, air storage system, piping, gauges, valves, air connections, air outlets, enclosures, and doors.

**[F] 919.8 External mobile air connection and enclosure.**

**[F] 919.8.1 Location.** A minimum of two external mobile air connection panels shall be attached to the building or on a remote monument at the exterior of the building and shall be interconnected to the air monitoring system, air storage system, air fill stations and air fill panels. The external mobile air connection panels shall be secured inside of a weather resistant NEMA 4 enclosure. The panels shall be within 50 feet of an approved roadway or driveway, or other location approved by the fire code official. The enclosures shall be visible and accessible on approach to the building and shall be maintained with a minimum of 6 feet clear distance that provides a 180-degree clear unobstructed access to the front of the panels.

**EXCEPTION:** When the *fire code official* determines that it is impractical to provide two panels, only one external mobile air connection panel will be required.

**[F] 919.8.2 Purpose.** The external mobile air connection panel shall provide the fire department mobile air operator access to the firefighter air replenishment system and shall be compatible with the fire department mobile air unit.

**[F] 919.8.3 Non-metallic materials.** When the enclosures are constructed of non-metallic materials, the enclosures shall be resistant to ultraviolet and infrared solar radiation.

**[F] 919.8.4 Vehicle protection.** When the panels are located in an area subject to vehicle traffic, impact protection shall be provided in accordance with *International Fire Code* Section 312.

**[F] 919.8.5 Enclosure marking.** The front of the enclosures shall be marked FIREFIGHTER AIR REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM on a securely attached stainless steel engraved, plastic engraved, or painted plate. The lettering shall be in a color that contrasts with the enclosure front and in letters that are a minimum of 2-inches high with 3/8-inch brush stroke. The marking of the enclosures shall be immediately visible and accessible to emergency response personnel.

**[F] 919.8.6 Enclosure components.** The external mobile air connection panel shall contain all of the necessary gauges, isolation valves, pressure relief valves, pressure regulating valves, check valves, tubing, fittings, supports, connectors, adapters, air monitoring displays, tamper devices, storage bypass and other necessary components as may be required to allow the fire department mobile air unit to connect and augment the system with a constant source of breathing air.

**[F] 919.8.7 Fire department key box.** A fire department key box shall be provided adjacent to the external mobile air connection panel and enclosure. A key for the enclosure shall be provided in the key box.

**Exception:** Subject to the approval of the *fire code official*, the key may be located in a fire department key box that also provides access keys for entry into the building, when it is nearby, the key is clearly marked, and there is sufficient room in the fire department key box.

**[F] 919.9 Interior air fill station and air fill panel.**

**[F] 919.9.1 Location.** Air fill stations shall be installed within buildings and structures as follows:

**[F] 919.9.2 Above grade structure.** An air fill station and enclosure shall be installed on the fifth floor above grade and every third floor thereafter. The air fill station shall be located at an *approved* location between the fire service access elevator and an *approved* enclosed *interior exit stairway*. Features of the approved stairway shall include access to all above grade floor levels of the building and proximity to the fire service access elevator. The specific location on the floors shall be *approved* by the *fire code official*. The location of air fill stations in buildings not equipped with fire service access elevators shall be *approved* by the *fire code official*.

**[F] 919.9.3 Underground structure.** An interior air fill panel shall be located in all required *interior exit stairways* on the floor landing commencing at the second level below grade and every other level below grade thereafter. The panel shall be located a minimum of 36 inches, but not more than 60 inches above finished floor or stair landing.

**[F] 919.9.4 Transportation and pedestrian tunnels.** An interior air fill panel shall be located within 200 feet of the tunnel entrance and at intervals not exceeding 400 feet thereafter as approved by the fire

code official. The panel shall be located a minimum of 36 inches, but not more than 60 inches above finished floor or stair landing.

**[F] 919.9.5 Purpose.** Air fill stations shall provide firefighters and other first responders the ability to safely and reliably replenish empty breathing air cylinders.

**[F] 919.9.6 Performance.** Air fill stations shall be capable of replenishing a minimum of two 66 cubic foot, 5,500 PSIG breathing air cylinders at 25 percent capacity within two minutes or less and shall provide for the refilling of breathing air cylinders within a certified rupture-proof fill containment enclosure. The design of the air fill station shall provide for the direct refilling of firefighter breathing air cylinders by means of a discharge outlet with a minimum of one cylinder filling hose that shall have a female quick connect (UAC). The female UAC shall be designed to connect to a male UAC. The assembled UAC shall meet the construction, performance and dimensional requirements of NFPA 1981, *Standard on Open Circuit Self-Contained Apparatus for Fire and Emergency Services*.

**[F] 919.9.7 Enclosure requirements.** Each air fill station shall be installed within a lockable enclosure (closet or room) by a means *approved by the fire code official*. Each enclosure shall be located between the fire service access elevator and an *approved enclosed interior exit stairway*. Features of the *approved stairway* shall include access to all above-grade floor levels of the building and proximity to the fire service access elevator.

The door to each enclosure shall be readily visible from the entrance to the *interior exit stairway* and readily accessible at all times by firefighters and other emergency responders and shall be maintained with a minimum of six (6) feet clear distance for a 180-degree clear unobstructed access to the front of the air fill station. The enclosure shall have emergency illumination and at least one 120-volt AC duplex grounded receptacle supplied from the building *emergency power system*.

**[F] 919.9.8 Security.** To prevent unauthorized access to or tampering with the system, each air fill station enclosure shall be maintained locked by a means *approved by the fire code official*.

**[F] 919.10 Markings.**

**[F] 919.10.1 Enclosure.** Each air fill station enclosure shall be marked FIREFIGHTER AIR REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM on a securely

fastened stainless steel engraved, plastic engraved or painted plate. The lettering shall be in a color that contrasts with the cabinet front and in letters that are a minimum of 2-inches high with 3/8-inch brush stroke. The marking of the cabinet shall be immediately visible and accessible to emergency response personnel.

**[F] 919.10.2 Stairway.** Immediately above stairway signage required by *International Fire Code* Section 1023.9, a sign as described in 919.10.1 shall be posted at every door on floors equipped with air fill stations.

**[F] 919.10.3 Air fill station marking.** The front of each air fill station shall be marked FIREFIGHTER AIR REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM on a securely fastened stainless steel engraved, plastic engraved or painted plate. The lettering shall be in a color that contrasts with the cabinet front and in letters that are a minimum of 2-inches high with 3/8-inch brush stroke. The marking of the cabinet shall be immediately visible and accessible to emergency response personnel.

**[F] 919.11 Air fill station components.** The air fill station shall contain all of the necessary gauges, isolation valves, pressure relief valves, pressure regulating valves, check valves, tubing, fittings, supports, connectors, adapters and other necessary components as may be required to allow firefighters and other first responders to safely and reliably replenish a minimum of two breathing air cylinders within a certified rupture-proof fill containment enclosure and an emergency connect directly to firefighter self-contained breathing apparatus equipment by means of quick fill adapters, hose and UAC fittings.

**[F] 919.11.1 Purpose.** Air fill panels shall provide firefighters and other first responders the ability to safely and reliably replenish empty breathing air cylinders during an emergency incident.

**[F] 919.11.2 Performance.** Air fill panels shall be capable of replenishing a minimum of two 66 cubic foot, 5,500 PSIG breathing air cylinders at 25 percent capacity within two minutes or less and shall provide for the direct refilling of firefighter breathing air cylinders by means of a discharge outlet with a minimum of two cylinder filling hoses that shall have a female quick connect (UAC). The female UAC shall be designed to connect to a male UAC. The assembled UAC shall meet the construction, performance and dimensional requirements of NFPA 1981, *Standard on Open Circuit Self-Contained Apparatus for Fire and Emergency Services*.

**[F] 919.11.3 Enclosure requirements.** Each air fill panel shall be in a cabinet constructed of minimum 18-gauge carbon steel. The depth of the cabinet shall not create an exit obstruction when installed in building stairways. All components, except the control valve, pressure gauges, fill hoses and ancillary components, shall be contained behind a minimum 18-gauge carbon steel interior panel.

**[F] 919.11.4 Cylinder filling hose.** The design of the cabinet shall provide a means for storing the hose to prevent kinking. The brackets shall be installed so that the hose bend radius is maintained at 4 inches (102 mm) or greater when the hose is coiled. The discharge outlet of each cylinder filling hose shall have a female Rapid Intervention Crew Universal Air Coupling (RIC/UAC). The female fitting shall be designed to connect to a male RIC/UAC. The assembled RIC/UAC shall meet the construction, performance and dimensional requirements of NFPA 1981, *Standard on Open Breathing Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire and Emergency Services*.

**[F] 919.11.5 Door.** Hinges for the cabinet door shall be located inside of the cabinet. The door shall be arranged such that when the door is open, it does not reduce the required exit width or create an obstruction in the path of egress. A minimum of 20 percent of the door surface area shall be a relite constructed of tempered glass. The thickness of the glass shall not be greater than 1/8 inch.

**[F] 919.11.6 Security.** To prevent unauthorized access to or tampering with the system, each air fill panel enclosure shall be maintained locked by a means approved by the fire code official.

**[F] 919.11.7 Cabinet marking.** The front of each panel shall be marked FIREFIGHTER AIR REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM on a securely fastened stainless steel engraved, plastic engraved or painted plate. The lettering shall be in a color that contrasts with the cabinet front and in letters that are a minimum of 2-inches high with 3/8-inch brush stroke. The marking of the cabinet shall be immediately visible and accessible to emergency response personnel.

**[F] 919.11.8 Air fill panel components.** The air fill panel shall contain all of the necessary gauges, isolation valves, pressure relief valves, pressure regulating valves, check valves, tubing, fittings, supports, connectors, adapters and other necessary components as may be required to allow firefighters and other first responders to safely and reliably replenish a minimum of 2 breathing air cylinders connecting

directly to firefighter self-contained breathing apparatus equipment by means of quick fill adapters, hose and RIC/UAC fittings.

**[F] 919.12 Air storage system.**

**[F] 919.12.1 Location.** An air storage system shall be installed in buildings and structures at locations approved by the *fire code official*.

**[F] 919.12.2 Purpose.** The air storage system along with interior air fill stations and air fill panels shall provide firefighters and other first responders the ability to safely and reliably replenish empty breathing air cylinders prior to the fire department mobile air unit arriving on scene.

**[F] 919.12.3 Performance.** The air storage system shall be capable of replenishing not less than 50 breathing air cylinders at a rate of 2 simultaneously, each pair within 2 minutes or less (25 repetitions) without fire department supplementation. The breathing air cylinders are fire department standard 66 cubic feet at 5,500 PSIG.

**[F] 919.12.4 Enclosure requirements.** The air storage system shall be contained within an enclosure (closet or room) which shall be separated from the remainder of the building by not less than 2-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or 2-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both. The enclosure shall be sufficiently sized to accommodate all air storage system components. The access door to the enclosure shall be of sufficient size to allow for the maintenance and removal of the air storage system. The enclosure shall be conditioned so that the temperature is no less than 40°F or more than 80°F and shall have an engineered pressure relief vent for over-pressurization in the event of component failure. The enclosure shall have emergency illumination and at least one 120-volt AC duplex grounded receptacle supplied from the building *emergency power system*.

**[F] 919.12.5 Security.** To prevent unauthorized access to or tampering with the air storage system, the enclosure shall be maintained locked by a means *approved* by the *fire code official*.

**[F] 919.12.6 Enclosure marking.** The air storage enclosure shall be marked FIREFIGHTER AIR REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM on a securely fastened stainless steel engraved, plastic engraved or painted plate. The lettering shall be in a color that contrasts with the cabinet front and in letters that are a minimum of 2-inches high with 3/8-inch

brush stroke. The marking of the enclosure shall be immediately visible and accessible to emergency response personnel.

**[F] 919.12.7 Air storage system marking.** The air storage system shall be marked FIREFIGHTER AIR REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM on securely fastened stainless steel engraved, plastic engraved or painted plates. The lettering shall be in a color that contrasts with the system components and in letters that are a minimum of 2-inches high with 3/8-inch brush stroke.

**[F] 919.13 Piping, distribution materials and methods.**

**[F] 919.13.1 Prohibition.** The use of carbon steel, iron pipe, malleable iron, high-strength gray iron, alloy steel, copper or plastic for pressurized breathing air components is prohibited.

**[F] 919.13.2 Materials of construction.** All components of the piping distribution system shall be protected from physical damage and shall be separated from the remainder of the building by not less than 2-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or 2-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both. All pressurized materials used in the construction of the piping distribution system shall be compatible for use with high pressure breathing air equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus. All pressurized breathing air components shall be rated for a minimum working pressure of 5,500 PSIG at 70°F with a minimum 4:1 safety factor. The internal surfaces of all pressurized material shall be free of contamination.

**[F] 919.13.3 Tubing.** Tubing shall be constructed of stainless-steel materials that are compatible with high pressure breathing air. When stainless steel tubing is used, it shall meet ASTM A-269, Grade 316 or an equal standard. Stainless steel tubing shall be a minimum .375 outside diameter x .065 wall 316 fully annealed seamless. Stainless steel tubing shall be at least Grade 316 and meet the requirements of ASTM A-479 or equal. Routing of tubing and bends shall be such as to protect the tubing from mechanical damage.

**[F] 919.13.4 Securement.** Tubing shall be supported at a maximum of five-foot intervals. Individual tubing clamps and mounting components shall be mechanically secured to the building structural support members in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and the applicable Bellevue Plumbing and Mechanical codes.

**[F] 919.13.5 Marking.** All tubing shall be clearly marked FIREFIGHTER AIR REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM and HIGH-PRESSURE BREATHING AIR using double-sided engraved 3-inch x 1-inch stainless steel or plastic markers placed at a minimum of 10-foot intervals and at each floor level whether concealed or not.

**[F] 919.13.6 Fittings.** Fittings shall be constructed of stainless-steel materials that are compatible with high-pressure breathing air. Stainless steel fittings shall be at least Grade 316 and meet the requirements of ASTM A-479 or an equal standard and rated to the maximum working pressure of the tubing used.

**[F] 919.13.7 System assembly requirements.** The piping distribution system shall be a welded system, except where the tubing joints are readily accessible and at the point of connection to the individual air fill stations. Welding procedures shall follow nationally recognized standards. Prior to and during the welding of sections of tubing, a continuous, regulated dry nitrogen purge at 3 PSIG shall be maintained to eliminate contamination with products of the oxidation or welding flux. The purge shall commence a minimum of 2 minutes prior to welding operations and continue until the welded joint is at ambient temperature of 72°F. When mechanical high-pressure tube fittings are used, they shall be listed for the type of materials to be joined and rated for the maximum pressure of the system. When mechanical tube fittings are used, prior approval by the fire code official must be obtained. All concealed mechanical fittings for tubing and valves shall be made accessible by means of a 90-minute fire-resistance-rated, self-closing, fire door with a fire department approved locking system. All concealed mechanical fittings for tubing and valves shall be readily accessible by means of a 90-minute fire-resistance-rated, self-closing, self-latching fire door. Each fire door shall be provided with a fire department approved locking system. Where tubing passes through fire-resistance-rated construction, it shall be protected by a sleeve at least three times the tube diameter. Penetrations of fire-resistance-rated assemblies shall comply with International Building Code Section 714.

**[F] 919.13.8 Prevention of contamination.** The installing contractor shall ensure that, at all times, the system components are not exposed to contaminants, including but not limited to, oils, solvents, dirt and construction materials. When known or suspected contamination of system components has occurred, the affected component shall not be installed in the system. The installation shall also conform to engineering standard of care.



**[F] 919.14 Air monitoring system.** An approved air monitoring system shall be provided. The system shall automatically monitor air quality, moisture and pressure on a continual basis. The air monitoring system shall be equipped with not less than two content analyzers capable of detecting carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen, oxygen, moisture and hydrocarbons. The air monitoring system shall be connected to the building fire alarm system as a supervisory alarm. The air monitoring system shall transmit a supervisory signal when any of the following levels are detected:

1. Carbon monoxide exceeds 5 ppm;
2. Carbon dioxide exceeds 1,000 ppm;
3. An oxygen level below 19.5 percent or above 23.5 percent;
4. A nitrogen level below 75 percent or above 81 percent;
5. Hydrocarbon (condensed) content exceeds 5 milligrams per cubic meter of air;
6. The moisture concentration exceeds 24 ppm by volume; or
7. The pressure falls below 4,950 PSIG at 70°F

The air quality and pressure status shall be displayed at the fire command center, within the exterior mobile air connection panel and at the air storage system. The building owner or authorized agent shall notify the fire department and testing contractor of any alarm signaling a rise in moisture or carbon monoxide levels within the system.

**[F] 919.15 Final testing, inspection and commissioning.**

**[F] 919.15.1** All components of the firefighter air replenishment system shall be pre-inspected and tested for proper assembly and operation prior to a functional fire department test and inspection.

**[F] 919.15.2 Testing procedures.**

**[F] 919.15.2.1 Pneumatic testing.** Following fabrication, assembly, and installation of the piping distribution system, exterior connection panel and interior cylinder fill panels, the fire code official shall witness the pneumatic testing of the complete system at a minimum test pressure of 6,050 PSIG using oil-free dry air, nitrogen or argon. A minimum 24-hour pneumatic test shall be performed. During this test all fittings, joints and system components shall be inspected for leaks. A solution compatible with the system component materials shall be used on each joint and fitting to detect any leaks. Any system defects or detected leaks shall be documented on an inspection report and either repaired or replaced.

As an alternate, a pressure decay test in accordance with ASME B31.3 is allowed. A test of the low-pressure monitoring switch shall be performed. Each air fill panel shall be tested for compatibility with the fire department self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) RIC/UAC. The pipe or tubing manufacturer mill report shall be provided to the fire code official.

**[F] 919.15.2.2 Low pressure monitor calibration.** Upon the successful completion of the twenty-four-hour pressure test, the system low pressure monitor shall be calibrated to not less than 4,950 PSIG descending and tested to verify that the signal is annunciated at the building main fire alarm panel.

**[F] 919.15.2.3 Grade D breathing air verification.** A minimum of two air samples shall be taken from separate air fill stations and submitted to an independent certified gas analyst laboratory to verify the system cleanliness and that the air meets all applicable standards for breathing air systems to include, but not limited to 1) NFPA 1500; 2) NFPA 1989 Standard on Breathing Air Quality for Emergency Services Respiratory Protection; and 3) OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.134(i)(1) – Grade D Breathing Air.

The laboratory shall submit a written report to the testing contractor and the fire code official documenting the air analysis complies with the above requirements.

**[F] 919.15.2.4 Air fill station inlets secured during testing.** During the period of air quality analysis, the air fill station inlets shall be secured so that no air can be introduced into the system and each air fill station shall be provided with a sign stating, "AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS IN PROGRESS, DO NOT FILL OR USE ANY AIR FROM THIS SYSTEM." This sign shall be a minimum of 8-1/2 X 11 inch with a minimum of 1-inch lettering.

**[F] 919.15.2.5 Mobile air unit compatibility verification.** Each external mobile air connection panel shall be tested for compatibility with the fire department mobile air unit.

**[F] 919.15.2.6 SCBA compatibility verification.** Each air fill station and air fill panel shall be tested for compatibility with the fire department self-contained breathing cylinders and apparatus.

**[F] 919.15.2.7 Performance criteria verification.** The air storage system shall be tested for its ability to meet the performance criteria outlined in section 919.12.3.

**[F] 919.15.2.8 Air monitoring system testing.** The air monitoring system shall be tested for the capability to meet the requirements of this section.

**[F] 919.15.2.9 Commissioning closeout.** Upon successful completion of all testing procedures, the system shall be filled to normal operating pressure of 5,500 PSIG, all control valves shall be placed in their normal operating position, and all doors shall be secured and locked. Five sets of keys properly identified shall be provided to the fire department.

**[F] 919.15.3 System acceptance and final commissioning.**

**[F] 919.15.3.1 Training.** The installing contractor shall provide training for the fire department upon the successful completion of all inspections, testing and commissioning procedures. The training shall be accomplished in three separate shifts of not more than three hours per session. The fire department may request additional training when the regular testing and certification contractor performs testing and certification procedures. Training sessions shall be by mutual consent with the building owner or authorized agent.

**Exception:** This requirement shall be waived when five projects with firefighter air replenishment systems have received a certificate of occupancy provided that subsequent installations have not been granted approval under an *Alternative Materials, Design and Methods of Construction and Equipment*.

**[F] 919.15.3.2 Certification.** A certificate documenting that the entire firefighter air replenishment system has been installed, tested and commissioned in accordance with this Section 919 and the *approved* plans shall be stamped by a Washington State licensed engineer and submitted to the *fire code official*.

**[F] 919.15.3.3 Final acceptance.** Prior to the final acceptance of the firefighter air replenishment system and issuance of the certificate of occupancy, the building owner or authorized agent shall provide for the regular testing and certification of the firefighter air replenishment system. Written verification of regular testing and certification shall be provided to the fire department.

**[F] 919.15.3.4 Regular testing and certification.** The firefighter air replenishment system shall be continuously maintained in an operative condition and shall be inspected not less than annually. This shall include verifying the system compatibility with the fire department

mobile air unit and self-contained breathing apparatus, and shall include verifying the system ability to maintain 5,500 PSIG working pressure at 70°F with a 4:1 safety factor, the operability of the low-pressure monitor, air monitoring system and the system ability to comply with the air quality requirements of this section. The building owner, authorized agent or testing contractor shall notify the fire department of any scheduled test of the system. On a quarterly basis two air samples shall be taken from two separate air fill stations and tested to verify compliance with NFPA 1989. The laboratory test results shall be maintained on site and readily available for review by the fire department.

**Point of Information**

Annual test reports shall be submitted online via [www.TheComplianceEngine.com](http://www.TheComplianceEngine.com) within 5 business days after completing the test.

**[F] 919.15.3.5 Final commissioning.** Upon satisfactory completion of all testing procedures, receipt of the Washington State licensed engineer's stamped certification, verification of a regular testing and maintenance contract, and fire department training (unless waived by the fire department), the system shall be considered complete. The firefighter air replenishment system shall then be considered ready for use by firefighters and other first responders in an emergency incident.

**[F] 919.16 Special requirements.** Any modification or changes to components contained within or to the "systems" described in this section shall be requested through the fire code official and approved in writing. This condition does not prohibit emergency repairs; however, a written report of the emergency repairs and testing is required to be submitted by the testing and certification contractor.

**23.10.1008.2.3 International Building Code Section 1008.2.3 amended – Exit discharge.** International Building Code Section 1008.2.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG13]:** Ensures that building occupants can safely egress away from the building in an emergency.

**1008.2.3 Exit discharge.** Illumination shall be provided along the path of travel for the exit discharge from each exit to the public way.

**Exception:** Illumination shall not be required where the path of the exit discharge meets both of the following requirements:

1. The path of *exit discharge* is illuminated from the *exit* to a safe dispersal area complying with Section 1028.5.

2. A dispersal area shall be illuminated to a level not less than 1 footcandle (11 lux) at the walking surface.

**23.10.1008.3.4 International Building Code Section 1008.3.4 amended –**

**Duration.** International Building Code Section 1008.3.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1008.3.4 Duration.** The emergency power system shall provide power for a duration of not less than 90 minutes, or such time as stipulated by Section 2702 and Table 2702 when applicable for high-rise or underground buildings, and shall consist of storage batteries, unit equipment or an on-site generator. The installation of the emergency power system shall be in accordance with Section 2702.

**Commented [SG14]:** Aligns with the National Electrical Code.

**23.10.1009.8.1 International Building Code Section 1009.8.1 amended – System requirements.** International Building Code Section 1009.8.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1009.8.1 System requirements.** Two-way communication systems shall provide communication between each required location and the fire command center or a central control point location approved by the fire department. Where the central control point is not a constantly attended location, a two-way communication system shall have a timed automatic telephone dial-out capability to a monitoring location. The two-way communication system shall include both audible and visible signals. The two-way communication system shall have a battery backup or an approved alternate source of power that is capable of a duration of operation in accordance with Section 2702 and Table 2702 upon failure of the normal power source.

**Commented [SG15]:** Aligns with the National Electrical Code.

**23.10.1011.12.2 International Building Code Section 1011.12.2 amended – Roof access.** International Building Code Section 1011.12.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG16]:** Aligns with Firefighting operations.

**1011.12.2 Roof access.** Where a stairway is provided to a roof, access to the roof shall be provided through a penthouse complying with Section 1510.2.

**Exception:** In buildings without an occupied roof, access to the roof shall be permitted to be a roof hatch or trap door not less than 16 square feet in area and having a minimum dimension of 32 feet ~~(6+0 mm)~~.

**23.10.1026 International Building Code Section 1026 amended – Horizontal exits.** International Building Code Section 1026 is hereby amended by the addition of a new section 1026.6 to read as follows:

**Commented [SG17]:** Aligns with Firefighting operations.

**1026.6 Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Zones.** When fire walls and/or horizontal exits are provided the fire alarm and sprinkler systems shall be zoned to coincide with the horizontal exits.

**Exception:** Sprinkler zoning is not required in existing construction if fire alarm initiating devices provide the same level of occupant notification that a zoned sprinkler system would provide.

**23.10.1105.1.8 International Building Code Section 1105.1.8 amended – Automatic doors.** International Building Code Section 1105.1.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG18]:** Requested by Fire Dept Emergency Medical Services.

**1105.1.8 Automatic doors.** In facilities with the occupancies and building occupant loads indicated in Table 1105.1.8, all public entrances that are required to be accessible shall have one door be either a full power-operated door or a low-energy power-operated door. Where the public entrance includes a vestibule, at least one door into and one door out of the vestibule shall meet the requirements of this section.

**Table 1105.1.8a  
PUBLIC ENTRANCE WITH POWER-OPERATED  
DOORS<sup>a</sup>**

OCCUPANCY	BUILDING OCCUPANT LOAD GREATER THAN
A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4	300
B, M, R-1	500

<u>B – Medical Office Building<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>10</u>
<u>I – Alcohol &amp; Drug Treatment Centers</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>I – Assisted Living Facilities, Hospitals &amp; Nursing Homes</u>	<u>Any</u>

**FOOTNOTES:**

a. In mixed-use facilities containing occupancies listed, when the total sum of the occupant load is greater than those listed, the most restrictive building occupant load shall apply.

b. Medical Office Building shall include Ambulatory Care Facilities, Outpatient Clinics and facilities licensed by Washington State DSHS as Ambulatory Surgery Facility License or Medicare licensed Ambulatory Surgery Centers.

**23.10.1607.3 International Building Code Section 1607.3 amended to add subsection 1607.3.1 – Floor and roof design load posting.** International Building Code Section 1607.3 is hereby amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

**Commented [SG19]:** Ensures that floor structural load limits for heavy storage loads are posted and clearly identified.

**1607.3.1 Floor and roof design load posting.** In commercial or industrial buildings, for each floor or portion thereof designed for live loads exceeding 125 psf, such design live loads shall be conspicuously posted, on durable signs, by the owner or the owner's authorized agent in that part of each story in which they apply. It shall be unlawful to remove or deface such signs.

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**23.10.1607.7.5 International Building Code Section 1607.7.5 amended – Posting.** International Building Code Section 1607.7.5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1607.7.5 Posting.** The maximum weight of vehicles allowed into or on a garage or other structure shall be posted by the owner or the owner's authorized agent in accordance with Section 1607.3.1406-4.

**Commented [SG20]:** Correcting reference since BCC 23.05 replaces IBC Chapter 1 in City of Bellevue adoption.

**23.10.1612.2 International Building Code Section 1612.2 amended – Design and construction.** International Building Code Section 1612.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG21]:** All Section 1612 amendments are to align with the FEMA National Floodplain Insurance Program and Bellevue Land Use Code.

**1612.2 Design and construction.** The design and construction of buildings and structures located in *flood hazard areas*, including ~~coastal high hazard areas and coastal A zones~~ *flood hazard areas* subject to high-velocity wave action, shall be in accordance with Chapter 5 of ASCE 7, ~~and~~ ASCE 24, and Bellevue City Code Section 20.25H.175.

**23.10.1612.3 International Building Code Section 1612.3 amended – Establishment of flood hazard areas.** International Building Code Section 1612.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1612.3 Establishment of flood hazard areas.** To establish *flood hazard areas*, the applicable governing authority shall adopt a flood hazard map and supporting data. The flood hazard map shall include, at a minimum, areas of special flood hazard as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in an engineering report entitled “The Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for ~~INSERT NAME OF JURISDICTION~~ King County, Washington, and Incorporated Areas,” dated ~~INSERT DATE OF ISSUANCE~~ August 19, 2020, and any revisions thereto, as amended or revised with the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), dated August 19, 2020, and any revisions thereto and Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM) and related supporting data along with any revisions thereto. The adopted flood hazard map and supporting data are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of this section.

**1612.3.1 Design flood elevations.** Where design flood elevations are not included in the flood hazard areas established in Section 1612.3, or where floodways are not designated, the building official is authorized to require the applicant to do one of the following:

1. Obtain and reasonably utilize any design flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal, state or other source.
2. Determine the design flood elevation or floodway in accordance with ~~accepted hydrologic and hydraulic engineering practices used~~ City of Bellevue Land Use Code Section



20.25H.175A and Surface Water Engineering Standards Section D4-04.5, "Floodplain/Floodway Analysis," to define special flood hazard areas. Determinations shall be undertaken by a *registered design professional* who shall document that the technical methods used reflect currently accepted engineering practice.

**1612.3.2 Determination of impacts.** In riverine *flood hazard areas* where design flood elevations are specified but floodways have not been designated, the applicant shall provide a floodway analysis that demonstrates that the proposed work will ~~not increase the design flood elevation more than 1 foot (305 mm) at any point within the jurisdiction of the applicable governing authority meet~~ City of Bellevue Surface Water Engineering Standards, Section D4-04.5, "Floodplain/Floodway Analysis."

**23.10.1612.4 International Building Code Section 1612.4 amended – Flood hazard documentation.** International Building Code Section 1612.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1612.4 Flood hazard documentation.** The following documentation shall be prepared and sealed by a *registered design professional* and submitted to the *building official*:

1. For construction in *flood hazard areas* other than *coastal high hazard areas* or *coastal A zones*:

1.1. The elevation of the lowest floor, including the basement, as required by the lowest floor elevation inspection in ~~Section 410.3.3~~ Bellevue City Code 23.05.130(C) and for the final inspection in ~~Section 410.3.11.1~~ Bellevue City Code 23.05.130(G).

1.2. For fully enclosed areas below the design flood elevation where provisions to allow for the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters do not meet the minimum requirements in Section 2.7.2.1 of ASCE 24, construction documents shall include a statement that the design will provide for equalization of hydrostatic flood forces in accordance with Section 2.7.2.2 of ASCE 24.

1.3. For dry floodproofed nonresidential buildings, *construction documents* shall include a statement that the dry floodproofing is designed in accordance with ASCE 24.

2. For construction in *coastal high hazard areas* and *coastal A zones*:

2.1. The elevation of the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member as required by the lowest floor elevation inspection in ~~Section 110.3.3~~Bellevue City Code 23.05.130(C) and for the final inspection in ~~Section 110.3.11.4~~Bellevue City Code 23.05.130(G).

2.2. *Construction documents* shall include a statement that the building is designed in accordance with ASCE 24, including that the pile or column foundation and building or structure to be attached thereto is designed to be anchored to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement due to the effects of wind and flood loads acting simultaneously on all building components, and other load requirements of Chapter 16.

2.3 For breakaway walls designed to have a resistance of more than 20 psf (0.96 kN/m<sup>2</sup>) determined using allowable stress design, *construction documents* shall include a statement that the breakaway wall is designed in accordance with ASCE 24.

**23.10.1613.1 International Building Code Section 1613.1 amended – Scope.**  
International Building Code Section 1613.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1613.1 Scope.** Every structure, and portion thereof, including nonstructural components that are permanently attached to structures and their supports and attachments, shall be designed and constructed to resist the effects of earthquake motions in accordance with Chapters 11, 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18 of ASCE 7, as applicable. The *seismic design category* for a structure is permitted to be determined in accordance with Section 1613 or ASCE 7.

**Exceptions:**

1. Detached one- and two-family dwellings, assigned to *Seismic Design Category* A, B, or C, or located where the mapped short-period spectral response acceleration,  $S_s$ , is less than 0.4 g.

**Commented [SG22]:** Aligns with National Fire Protection Association seismic bracing requirements.

2. The seismic force-resisting system of wood-frame buildings that conform to the provisions of Section 2308 are not required to be analyzed as specified in this section.

3. Agricultural storage structures intended only for incidental human occupancy.

4. Structures that require special consideration of their response characteristics and environment that are not addressed by this code or ASCE 7 and for which other regulations provide seismic criteria, such as vehicular bridges, electrical transmission towers, hydraulic structures, buried utility lines and their appurtenances and nuclear reactors.

5. References within ASCE 7 to Chapter 14 shall not apply, except as specifically required herein.

6. Seismic design of automatic sprinkler systems when hanging, bracing, and restraint is designed and installed in accordance with the currently adopted edition of NFPA 13 and the coefficient  $C_p$  for seismic bracing design calculations in accordance with NFPA 13 is either a value of 0.70, or a value based on site specific USGS data.

**23.10.1704.2 International Building Code Section 1704.2 amended – Special inspections and tests.** International Building Code Section 1704.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1704.2 Special inspections and tests.** Where application is made to the *building official* for construction as specified in ChapterSection 105 23.05 of the Bellevue City Code, the owner or the owner's authorized agent, other than the contractor, shall employ one or more *approved agencies* to provide *special inspections* and tests during construction on the types of work specified in Section 1705 and identify the *approved agencies* to the *building official*. These *special inspections* and tests are in addition to the inspections by the *building official* that are identified in Section 140 Bellevue City Code 23.05.130.

**Exceptions:**

**Commented [SG23]:** Section 1704 and 1705 proposed amendments are to correct 23.05 BCC administrative code references and clarify inspection procedures.

1. Special inspections and tests are not required for construction of a minor nature or as warranted by conditions in the jurisdiction as approved by the building official.
2. Unless otherwise required by the building official, special inspections and tests are not required for Group U occupancies that are accessory to a residential occupancy including, but not limited to, those listed in Section 312.1.
3. Special inspections and tests are not required for portions of structures designed and constructed in accordance with the cold-formed steel light-frame construction provisions of Section 2211.1.2 or the conventional light-frame construction provisions of Section 2308.
4. The contractor is permitted to employ the approved agencies where the contractor is also the owner.

**23.10.1704.2.3 International Building Code Section 1704.2.3 amended - Statement of special inspections.** International Building Code Section 1704.2.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1704.2.3 Statement of special inspections.** The applicant shall submit a statement of *special inspections* in accordance with ~~Section 107.4~~Bellevue City Code 23.05.105(A) as a condition for permit issuance. This statement shall be in accordance with Section 1704.3.

**Exception:** A statement of *special inspections* is not required for portions of structures designed and constructed in accordance with the cold-formed steel light-frame construction provisions of Section 2211.1.2 or the conventional light-frame construction provisions of Section 2308.

**23.10.1704.6 International Building Code Section 1704.6 amended – Structural observations.** International Building Code Section 1704.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1704.6 Structural observations.** Where required by the provisions of Section 1704.6.1, 1704.6.2 or 1704.6.3, the owner or the owner's authorized agent shall employ a *registered design professional* to perform structural observations. Structural observation does not include or waive the

responsibility for the inspections in ~~Section 110~~ Bellevue City Code 23.05.130 or the *special inspections* in Section 1705 or other sections of this code.

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**23.10.2701 International Building Code Section 2701 amended – GENERAL.** International Building Code Section 2701 is hereby amended to read as follows.

**Commented [SG24]:** Chapter 27 proposed amendments are to align with the National Electrical Code and Firefighting operations.

#### **SECTION 2701 GENERAL**

**2701.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter and ~~NFPA 70~~ the Washington Cities Electrical Code shall govern the design, construction, erection and installation of the electrical components, appliances, equipment and systems used in buildings and structures covered by this code. The *International Fire Code*, ~~the International Property Maintenance Code~~ Bellevue City Code, and ~~NFPA 70~~ the Washington Cities Electrical Code shall govern the use and maintenance of electrical components, appliances, equipment and systems. The *International Existing Building Code* and ~~NFPA 70~~ the Washington Cities Electrical Code shall govern the alteration, repair, relocation, replacement and addition of electrical components, appliances, or equipment and systems.

**23.10.2702 International Building Code Section 2702 amended – EMERGENCY AND STANDBY POWER SYSTEMS.** International Building Code Section 2702 is hereby amended to read as follows.

#### **SECTION 2702 EMERGENCY AND LEGALLY REQUIRED STANDBY POWER SYSTEMS**

**[F] 2702.1 General.** Emergency power systems and legally required standby power systems shall comply with Sections 2702.1.1 through 2702.1.8 and Table 2702.

**[F] 2702.1.1 Stationary generators.** Stationary emergency and legally required standby power generators required by this code shall be *listed* in accordance with UL 2200.

**[F] 2702.1.2 Fuel-line piping protection.** Fuel lines supplying a generator set inside a *high-rise building* shall be separated from

areas of the *building* other than the room the generator is located in by an *approved* method, or an assembly that has a fire-resistance rating of not less than 2 hours. Where the *building* is protected throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, the required fire-resistance rating shall be reduced to 1 hour.

**[F] 2702.1.3 Installation.** Emergency power systems and legally required standby power systems required by this code or the *International Fire Code* shall be installed in accordance with the *International Fire Code*, ~~NFPA-70~~ Washington Cities Electrical Code, NFPA 110 and NFPA 111.

**[F] 2702.1.4 Load transfer.** Emergency power systems shall automatically provide secondary power within 10 seconds after primary power is lost, unless specified otherwise in this code. Legally required standby power systems shall automatically provide secondary power within 60 seconds after primary power is lost, unless specified otherwise in this code. Transfer to full emergency or legally required standby power shall take place within the maximum time to energize loads specified in Table 2702.

**[F] 2702.1.5 Load duration.** Emergency power systems and legally required standby power systems shall be designed to provide the required power for a minimum duration of 28 hours for fire pumps serving high-rise buildings in accordance with NFPA 20, and a minimum duration of 2 hours for other systems without being refueled or recharged, unless specified otherwise in this code.

**[F] 2702.1.6 Uninterruptable power source.** An uninterrupted source of power shall be provided for equipment when required by the manufacturer's instructions, the listing, this code or applicable referenced standards.

**[F] 2702.1.7 Interchangeability.** Emergency power systems shall be an acceptable alternative for installations that require legally required standby power systems.

**[F] 2702.1.8 Group I-2 occupancies.** In Group I-2 occupancies located in flood hazard areas established in Section 1612.3, where new essential electrical systems are installed, and where new essential electrical system generators are installed, the systems and generators shall be located and installed in accordance with ASCE 24. Where connections for hookup of temporary generators are

provided, the connections shall be located at or above the elevation required in ASCE 24.

**[F] 2702.1.9 Equipment room.**

If a legally required standby or emergency power system includes a generator set inside or serving a building, the generator set shall be located in a separate room enclosed with 2-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both, to separate it from the remainder of the building, the transfer switches, and from the normal power source including transformers and distribution equipment. The transfer switches shall also be in a separate room enclosed with 2-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 or horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both, to separate it from the remainder of the building. Power distribution from the emergency source to the emergency transfer switch shall be by an independent route from the normal power source. Independent routes shall mean either a physical separation distance of not less than 50 feet, or a minimum of 1-hour fire-resistance rated separation. System supervision with manual start and transfer features shall be provided at the fire command center or an approved location when a fire command center is not required. Such equipment rooms shall be ventilated directly to the exterior for generator combustion air and radiator cooling air. Any ducts required for such ventilation shall not be dampered and shall be fire-resistance rated to the same level of protection as that required for the equipment room. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to optional tenant-owned or landlord-owned generator sets.

**Exception:** Transfer switches shall be permitted to be in the same room as the legally required standby or emergency power system generator sets when inside or serving other than: 1) a high-rise building in accordance with Section 403; 2) an underground building in accordance with Section 405; and 3) a hospital in accordance with Section 407.

**[F] 2702.1.10 Smoke control power systems**

Smoke control equipment and systems requiring legally required standby or emergency power shall be supplied with two sources of power. Primary power shall be from the normal building power system. Legally required standby power or emergency power shall be from an approved source complying with the *Washington Cities*

Electrical Code. The legally required standby power or emergency power source and its transfer switches shall be in separate rooms from the normal power transformers and switchgears, and ventilated directly to and from the exterior. The room shall be completely enclosed in not less than 1-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707, or 1-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both, except 2-hour fire-resistance construction shall be required for high-rise and underground buildings per Sections 403 and 405 respectively. Power distribution from the two sources shall be by independent routes to the room containing the automatic transfer switch(s). Independent routes shall mean a physical distance of 50 feet or a minimum 1-hour fire-resistance rated separation. Transfer to full emergency power shall be automatic and shall take place within the maximum time to energize loads. The systems shall comply with the *Washington Cities Electrical Code*.

**EXCEPTION:** Ventilation is not required for rooms containing only transfer switches.

**[F] 2702.1.11 Fuel-fired generator sets and fuel storage location.**

Fuel-fired generator sets and associated fuel storage, including optional landlord-owned or tenant-owned generator sets, located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of Fire Department vehicle access, or located at a floor level more than 30 feet below the lowest level of exit discharge, require the approval of the fire code official.

**[F] 2702.2 Where required.** Emergency and legally required standby power systems shall be provided where required by Sections 2702.2.1 through 2702.2.18 and other sections of this code.

**[F] 2702.2.1 Ambulatory care facilities.** Essential electrical systems for ambulatory care facilities shall comply with Section 422.6.

**[F] 2702.2.2 Elevators and platform lifts.** Legally required ~~S~~standby power shall be provided for elevators and platform lifts used as accessible means of egress as required in Sections 1009.4.1, and 1009.5, ~~3003.1, 3007.8 and 3008.8~~. Emergency power shall be provided for elevators in high-rise buildings where required by Table 2702.

**[F] 2702.2.3 Emergency responder radio coverage systems.** Legally required ~~S~~standby power shall be provided for emergency responder radio coverage systems required in Section 918 and the



*International Fire Code*. The standby power supply shall be capable of operating the emergency responder radio coverage system for a duration of not less than 12 hours at 100-percent system operation capacity.

**[F] 2702.2.4 Emergency voice/alarm communication systems.**

Emergency power shall be provided for emergency voice/alarm communication systems as required in Section 907.5.2.2.5. The system shall be capable of powering the required load for a duration of not less than 24 hours, as required in NFPA 72.

**[F] 2702.2.5 Exhaust systems.** Legally required ~~S~~standby power shall be provided for common exhaust systems for domestic kitchens located in multistory structures as required in Section 505.5 of the *International Mechanical Code*. Legally required ~~S~~standby power shall be provided for common exhaust systems for clothes dryers located in multistory structures as required in Section 504.10 of the *International Mechanical Code* and Section 614.10 of the *International Fuel Gas Code*.

**[F] 2702.2.6 Exit signs.** Emergency power shall be provided for exit signs as required in Section 1013.6.3. The system shall be capable of powering the required load for a duration of not less than 90 minutes.

**[F] 2702.2.7 Gas detection system.** Emergency or legally required standby power shall be provided for gas detection systems in accordance with the *International Fire Code*.

**[F] 2702.2.8 Group I-2 occupancies.** Essential electrical systems for Group I-2 occupancies shall be in accordance with Section 407.11.

**[F] 2702.2.9 Group I-3 occupancies.** Emergency power shall be provided for power-operated doors and locks in Group I-3 occupancies as required in Section 408.4.2.

**[F] 2702.2.10 Hazardous materials.** Emergency or legally required standby power shall be provided in occupancies with hazardous materials where required by the *International Fire Code*.

**[F] 2702.2.11 High-rise buildings.** Emergency and legally required standby power shall be provided in high-rise buildings as required in Table 2702Section 403.4.8.

[F] **2702.2.12 Laboratory suites.** ~~Legally required~~ ~~S~~standby or emergency power shall be provided for in accordance with Section 5004.7 of the *International Fire Code* where *laboratory suites* are located above the sixth story above grade plane or located in a story below grade plane.

[F] **2702.2.13 Means of egress illumination.** Emergency power shall be provided for means of egress illumination as required in Section 1008.3. The system shall be capable of powering the required load for a duration of not less than 90 minutes.

[F] **2702.2.14 Membrane structures.** ~~Legally required~~ ~~S~~standby power shall be provided for auxiliary inflation systems in permanent membrane structures as required in Section 3102.8.2. ~~Legally required~~ ~~S~~standby power shall be provided for a duration of not less than 4 hours. Auxiliary inflation systems in temporary air-supported and air-inflated membrane structures shall be provided in accordance with Section 3103.10.4 of the *International Fire Code*.

[F] **2702.2.15 Semiconductor fabrication facilities.** Emergency power shall be provided for semiconductor fabrication facilities as required in Section 415.11.10.

[F] **2702.2.16 Smoke control systems.** ~~Emergency~~~~Standby~~ power shall be provided for smoke control systems as required in Sections 404.7, 909.11, 909.20.6.2 and 909.21.5. ~~Legally required standby power systems shall be provided for pressurization systems in low-rise buildings in accordance with Washington State Building Code Section 504.4.1 and International Building Code Sections 909.20.6 and 909.21.5.~~

[F] **2702.2.17 Special purpose horizontal sliding, accordion or folding doors.** ~~Legally required~~ ~~S~~standby power shall be provided for special purpose horizontal sliding, accordion or folding doors as required in Section 1010.1.4.3. The standby power supply shall have a capacity to operate not fewer than 50 closing cycles of the door.

[F] **2702.2.18 Underground buildings.** Emergency and ~~legally required~~ standby power shall be provided in underground buildings as required in Section 405.

[F] **2702.3 Critical circuits.** Required critical circuits shall be protected using one of the following methods:

1. Cables, used for survivability of required critical circuits, that are listed in accordance with UL 2196 and have a fire-resistance rating of not less than 1 hour.

2. Electrical circuit protective systems having a fire-resistance rating of not less than 1 hour. Electrical circuit protective systems are installed in accordance with their listing requirements.

3. Construction having a fire-resistance rating of not less than 1 hour.

[F] **2702.4 Maintenance.** Emergency and legally required standby power systems shall be maintained and tested in accordance with the *International Fire Code*.

**TABLE 2702**  
**LEGALLY REQUIRED STANDBY AND EMERGENCY POWER**

<u>Type of Equipment</u>	<u>Maximum Time to Energize Loads</u>	<u>Minimum Run Time (Duration)</u>	<u>IBC Section</u>	<u>IFC or NFPA Section</u>
<b><u>Emergency Power Systems<sup>1</sup></u></b>				
<u>Exit signs</u>	<u>10 seconds</u>	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>1013.6.3</u>	<u>604.2.9 High-rises</u> <u>604.2.16 Underground buildings</u> <u>1013.6.3 Exit signs</u> <u>604.2.13 Temporary tents, canopies, membrane structures</u> <u>NFPA 70</u>
<u>Exit illumination</u>	<u>10 seconds</u>	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>1008.3</u>	<u>1008.3</u>

				<a href="#">604.2.9 High-rises</a> <a href="#">604.2.16 Underground buildings</a>
<a href="#">Any emergency voice/alarm communication including area of refuge communication systems (barrier-free and horizontal exits)</a>	<a href="#">Per NFPA 72</a>	<a href="#">24 hours (battery);</a> <a href="#">4 hours (generator)</a>	<a href="#">402.7.3, 402.7.4, and 907.5.2.2 Covered mall buildings</a> <a href="#">403.4.8 and 907.5.2.2 High-rises</a> <a href="#">405.8, and 907.5.2.2 Underground buildings</a> <a href="#">907.2.1, and 907.5.2.2 Assembly occupancies</a>	<a href="#">907.2.19 Covered mall buildings</a> <a href="#">604.2.9 High-rises</a> <a href="#">604.2.16 Underground buildings</a> <a href="#">907.2.1.1 Assembly occupancies</a> <a href="#">NFPA 72</a> <a href="#">907.2.11 Special amusement buildings</a>
<a href="#">Fire detection and fire alarm</a>	<a href="#">Per NFPA 72</a>	<a href="#">24 hours (battery);</a> <a href="#">4 hours (generator)</a>	<a href="#">403.4.8 High-rises</a> <a href="#">405.8 Underground buildings</a> <a href="#">909.20.6.2 Smokeproof enclosures</a>	<a href="#">604.2.9 High-rises</a> <a href="#">604.2.16 Underground buildings</a> <a href="#">907.6.2 Power supply</a>

			<u>907</u>	<u>907.2.11 Special amusement buildings</u> <u>NFPA 72</u>
<u>Smoke control systems in high-rise buildings, underground buildings, covered mall buildings, and atriums, including energy management systems if used for smoke control</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>403.4.8 High-rises</u> <u>404.7 Atriums</u> <u>405.8 Underground buildings</u> <u>909.11 Smoke control</u>	<u>909.11 Emergency power</u>
<u>Fire pumps in high-rise buildings and underground buildings</u>	<u>10 seconds</u>	<u>8 hours (NFPA 20)</u>	<u>403.4.8 High-rises</u> <u>405.8 Underground buildings</u>	<u>604.2.9 High-rises and NFPA 20</u> <u>604.2.16 Underground buildings</u> <u>913.2 All Fire Pumps</u>
<u>Smokeproof enclosures and elevator shaft pressurization</u>	<u>60 seconds for pressurization</u>	<u>4 hours</u>	<u>403.4.8 High-rises</u> <u>909 and 909.20.6.2</u>	-
<u>Any shaft exhaust fans required to run continuously in lieu of dampers in high-rise and underground buildings</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>4 hours</u>	<u>717.5.3</u>	-
<u>Fire service or occupant evacuation elevator car</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>4 hours</u>	<u>3003, 3007, and 3008</u>	<u>604.2.9 High-rises</u>

<u>operation in high-rise and underground buildings (including control system, motor controller, operation control, signal equipment, machine room cooling/heating, etc.)</u>				<u>604.2.16 Underground buildings</u>
<u>Elevator car lighting and communications in high-rise and underground buildings</u>	<u>10 seconds</u>	<u>4 hours</u>	<u>3003, 3007, and 3008</u>	<u>604.2.9 High-rises</u> <u>604.2.16 Underground buildings</u> <u>604.2.1 Elevators</u>
<u>Lights, heating, and cooling for building fire command center and mechanical equipment rooms serving the fire command center</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>24 hours</u>	-	<u>604.2.9 High-rises</u>
<u>Power (other than lights, heating and cooling) for building fire command center</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>4 hours</u>	-	-
<u>Mechanical and electrical systems required by IFC Chapter 27 (hazardous materials including UPS rooms)</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>4 hours</u>	-	<u>Chapter 27</u>
<b><u>Legally Required Standby<sup>1</sup></u></b>				
<u>Exhaust fans for any loading dock located interior to a building</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>4 hours</u>	-	-
<u>Transformer vault ventilation equipment</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>4 hours</u>	-	-

<u>Heat tape for sprinkler lines and heating in sprinkler riser rooms</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>24 hours</u>	-	-
<u>Fuel pump system for any legally required standby system</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>4 hours</u>	-	-
<u>Elevators used for accessible means of egress (in other than high-rise and underground buildings)</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>2 hours</u>		
<u>Elevators (other than fire service or occupant evacuation elevators) in high-rise and underground buildings</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>2 hours</u>		
<u>Any shaft exhaust fans required to run continuously in lieu of dampers (in other than high-rise and underground buildings)</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>4 hours</u>	<u>717.5.3</u>	
<u>Auxiliary inflation systems</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>3102.8.2</u>	<u>3103.10.4</u>
<u>Special purpose horizontal sliding, accordion or folding doors</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>1010.1.4.3</u>	<u>1010.1.4.3</u>
<u>Firefighter air replenishment systems (FARS)</u>	<u>60 seconds</u>	<u>2 hours</u>	<u>919.7.2</u>	<u>919.7.2</u>

**FOOTNOTE:**

1. The fuel pump and associated systems for the emergency or legally required standby generator shall be provided with power from the generator to maintain fuel supply.

**23.10.2801.1 International Building Code Section 2801.1 Amended – Scope.**  
International Building Code Section 3007.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG25]:** Correcting reference to BCC.

**[M] 2801.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter, the International Mechanical Code and the International Fuel Gas Code shall govern the design, construction, erection and installation of mechanical appliances, equipment and systems used in buildings and structures covered by this code. Masonry chimneys, fireplaces and barbecues shall comply with the International Mechanical Code and Chapter 21 of this code. The International Fire Code, ~~International Property Maintenance Code~~ Bellevue City Code, the International Mechanical Code and the International Fuel Gas Code shall govern the use and maintenance of mechanical components, appliances, equipment and systems. The International Existing Building Code, the International Mechanical Code and the International Fuel Gas Code shall govern the alteration, repair, relocation, replacement and addition of mechanical components, appliances, equipment and systems.

**Commented [SG26]:** Chapter 30 proposed amendments are to align with Firefighting operations and National Electrical Code.

**23.10.3007.1 International Building Code Section 3007.1 Amended – General.**  
International Building Code Section 3007.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3007.1 General.** Where required by Section 403.6.1 and 405.4.3.1, every floor, ~~above and including the lowest level of fire department vehicle access~~ of the building shall be served by fire service access elevators complying with Sections 3007.1 through 3007.9. Except as modified in this section, fire service access elevators shall be installed in accordance with this chapter and ASME A17.1/CSA B44.

**Exceptions:**

1. For underground buildings per Section 405, if no occupied floor levels served by elevators are more than 80 feet below the level of exit discharge, the floor levels are not required to be served by fire service access elevators.
2. Mezzanines located below the 7th story are not required to be served by fire service access elevators.

**23.10.3007.6.2 International Building Code Section 3007.6.2 Amended – Lobby enclosure.** International Building Code Section 3007.6.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3007.6.2 Lobby enclosure.** The fire service access elevator lobby shall be enclosed with a *smoke barrier* having a *fire-resistance rating*



of not less than 1 hour, except that lobby doorways shall comply with Section 3007.6.3.

**Exceptions:**

1. Enclosed fire service access elevator lobbies are not required at the levels of exit discharge.

2. Enclosed fire service access elevator lobbies are not required for elevators with pressurized hoistways.

**23.10.3007.8 International Building Code Section 3007.8 Amended – Electrical power.** International Building Code Section 3007.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3007.8 Electrical power.** The following features serving each fire service access elevator shall be supplied by both normal power and emergency Type 60/Class 2/Level 1 standby power in accordance with Section 2702 and Table 2702:

1. Elevator equipment.
2. Elevator hoistway lighting.
3. *Ventilation* and cooling equipment for elevator machine rooms, control rooms, machine spaces and control spaces.
4. Elevator car lighting.

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**23.10.3007.10 International Building Code Section 3007.10 Added – Phase I emergency recall operation.** International Building Code Section 3007.10 is hereby added to read as follows:

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**3007.10 Phase I emergency recall operation.** Actuation of any building fire alarm-initiating device shall initiate Phase I emergency recall operation on all fire service access elevators in accordance with the requirements in ASME

A17.1/CSA B44 with a 5-minute delay except for smoke detectors located in associated elevator lobbies, hoistways or elevator machine rooms. All other elevators shall remain in normal service unless Phase I emergency recall operation is manually initiated by a separate, required three-position, key-operated "Fire Recall" switch or automatically initiated by the associated elevator lobby, hoistway or elevator machine room smoke detectors. In addition, if the building also contains occupant evacuation elevators in accordance with Section 3008, an independent, three-position, key-operated "Fire Recall" switch conforming to the applicable requirements in ASME A17.1/CSA B44 shall be provided at the designated level for each fire service access elevator.

**23.10.3008.6 International Building Code Section 3008.6 amended – Occupant evacuation elevator lobby.** International Building Code Section 3008.6 is hereby amended to add new subsections 3008.6.7 and 3008.6.7.1 to read as follows:

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**3008.6.7 Lobby status indicator.** Each occupant evacuation elevator lobby shall be equipped with a status indicator arranged to display all of the following information:

1. An illuminated green light and the message, "Elevators available for occupant evacuation," when the elevators are operating in normal service and the fire alarm system is indicating an alarm in the building.
2. An illuminated red light and the message, "Elevators out of service, use exit stairs" when the elevators are in Phase I emergency recall operation in accordance with the requirements in ASME A17.1/CSA B44.
3. No illuminated light or message when the elevators are operating in normal service.

**3008.6.7.1 Location of lobby status indicator.** Visual signals for each elevator group shall be installed on each floor served. They shall be located 84 in. (2,130 mm) to 120 in. (3,000 mm) above the floor and centered above a hall call button. Lettering shall be a minimum of 2 in. (50 mm) high and conform to A117.1 requirement 703.2.

**23.10.3008.8 International Building Code Section 3008.8 Amended – Electrical power.** International Building Code Section 3008.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3008.8 Electrical power.** The following features serving each occupant evacuation elevator shall be supplied by both normal power and ~~emergency~~Type 60/Class 2/Level 1 standby power in accordance with Section 2702 and Table 2702:

1. Elevator equipment.
2. *Ventilation* and cooling equipment for elevator machine rooms, control rooms, machine spaces and control spaces.
3. Elevator car lighting.

**3008.8.1 Determination of ~~standby~~emergency power load.** ~~Standby~~Emergency power loads shall be based on the determination of the number of occupant evacuation elevators in Section 3008.1.1.

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**23.10.3102.8.2 International Building Code Section 3102.8.2 amended – Standby power.** International Building Code Section 3102.8.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG27]:** Aligning with National Electrical Code.

**3102.8.2 Legally required sStandby power.** Wherever an auxiliary inflation system is required, an approved legally required standby power-generating system shall be provided. The system shall be equipped with a suitable means for automatically starting the generator set upon failure of the normal electrical service and for automatic transfer and operation of all of the required electrical functions at full power within the time period indicated in Table 2702~~60 seconds~~ of such service failure. Legally required sStandby power shall be capable of operating independently for not less than the time period indicated in Table 2702~~4 hours~~.

**23.10.3114 Washington State Building Code Section 3114 amended – Fixed guideway transit and passenger rail systems.** Washington State Building Code Section 3114 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG28]:** Updated reference to BCC 23.85 Light-rail provisions.

**3114.1 Fixed guideway transit and passenger rail systems.** Construction of fixed guideway transit and passenger rail systems shall be in accordance with NFPA 130, *Standard for Fixed Guideway Transit and Passenger Rail Systems*, as adopted and amended in Chapter 23.85 of the Bellevue City Code.

**3114.1.1 Means of egress.** The means of egress for fixed guideway transit and passenger rail systems shall be in accordance with NFPA 130-107, as adopted and amended in Chapter 23.85 of the Bellevue City Code.

**23.10.3304.1 International Building Code Section 3304.1 amended – Excavation and fill.** International Building Code Section 3304.1 is hereby amended by the addition of a new subsection 3304.1.5 to read as follows:

**Commented [SG29]:** Existing code requirement for shoring protection of public streets and utilities adjacent to deep excavation.

**3304.1.5. Excavation and shoring near improved public places.** No person, firm or corporation shall excavate and/or install shoring in excess of four feet, measured vertically, on private property within any area between the vertical prolongation of the margin of an improved public place and a 100 percent slope plane (45 degrees from a horizontal plane) from the existing elevation of the margin of the traveled surface of an improved public place to the proposed elevation of the private property without first obtaining a permit from the building official to do so, and no work shall commence toward such excavation and shoring until a permit therefor has been issued by the building official. Improved public place means any street, alley, easement for water, sewer or storm drainage, or similar parcel of land which is deeded, dedicated or otherwise permanently made available to the City of Bellevue or the public for City or public use.

**23.10.3306.1 International Building Code Table 3306.1 amended – Protection of pedestrians.** International Building Code Table 3306.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG30]:** Existing code provision that clarifies required locations of pedestrian protection for large projects.

**TABLE 3306.1  
PROTECTION OF PEDESTRIANS**

HEIGHT OF CONSTRUCTION	DISTANCE FROM CONSTRUCTION TO <u>SIDEWALK, WALKWAY, OR</u> LOT LINE	TYPE OF PROTECTION REQUIRED
8 feet or less	Less than 5 feet	Construction railings
	5 feet or more	None
More than 8 feet	Less than 5 feet	Barrier and covered walkway
	5 feet or more, but not more than one-fourth the height of construction	Barrier and covered walkway
	5 feet or more, but between one-fourth and one-half the height of construction	Barrier
	5 feet or more, but exceeding one-half the height of construction	None

**23.10.3306.2 International Building Code Section 3306.2 amended – Walkways.** International Building Code Section 3306.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3306.2 Walkways.** A walkway shall be provided for pedestrian travel in front of every construction and demolition site unless the applicable governing authority authorizes the sidewalk to be fenced or closed. A walkway shall be provided for pedestrian travel that leads from a *building* entrance or exit of an occupied structure to a public way. Walkways shall be of sufficient width to accommodate the pedestrian traffic, but shall be not less than 4 feet (1219 mm) in width. Walkways shall be provided with a durable walking surface. Walkways shall be *accessible* in accordance with Chapter 11 and shall be designed to support all imposed loads, and the design live load shall be not less than 150 pounds per square foot (psf) (7.2 kN/m2). Where a sidewalk

or walkway passes into or through, or adjacent to, an area under construction or demolition, the building official is authorized to require protection as indicated in this chapter and Table 3306.1.

Section 6. Chapter 23.12 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Chapter 23.12 to read as follows:

**Chapter 23.12  
RESIDENTIAL CODE**

Sections:

- 23.12.010 Adoptions.
- 23.12.020 Amendments, additions, or exceptions to the 2018 International Residential Code.
- 23.12.301.2.1 International Residential Code Table R301.2(1) amended – Climatic and geographic design criteria.
- 23.12.322.1.4 International Residential Code Section 322.1.4 amended – Establishing the design flood elevation.
- 23.12.U101.1 International Residential Code Appendix U Solar-Ready Provisions Section U101.1 amended – General.

**23.12.010 Adoptions.**

The following code, as amended, added to or excepted in this chapter, together with all amendments and additions provided in this title, are adopted and shall be applicable within the City of Bellevue:

A. International Residential Code.

1. Code Adoption. The 2018 Edition of the *International Residential Code* published by the International Code Council, as adopted and amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapter 51-51 WAC, excluding Chapter 1, Chapter 11, and Chapter 25 through Chapter 43; including Appendix F, Appendix Q, and Appendix U, is adopted, together with the 2018 *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code* published by the International Code Council, as adopted and amended in WAC 51-51, shall be applicable within the City.

2. Scope. The provisions of the *International Residential Code*, as adopted, amended, added to, or excepted in this chapter, shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, removal and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures, including adult family homes, foster family care homes and

family day care homes licensed by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

**Exception:** Live/work units complying with the requirements of Section 419 of the *International Building Code* shall be permitted to be built as one- and two-family dwellings or townhouses. Fire suppression required by Section 419.5 of the *International Building Code* when constructed under the *International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings* shall conform to Section 903.3.1.3 of the *International Building Code*.

B. International Energy Conservation Code.

1. Code Adoption. The *International Energy Conservation Code*, as provided in RCW 19.27A.020 and as adopted and amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapter 51-11R WAC, including Appendices RA, RB, and RC, is adopted and shall be applicable within the City, as amended, added to, or excepted in this chapter.

**23.12.020 Amendments, additions, or exceptions to the 2018 International Residential Code.** Pursuant to RCW 19.27.060, the following contains amendments, additions, or exceptions to the *International Residential Code* applicable and enforceable within the City.

**23.12.301.2.1 International Residential Code Table R301.2(1) amended – Climatic and geographic design criteria.** *International Residential Code* Table R301.2(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG31]:** Existing table that stipulates local design conditions.

**IRC TABLE R301.2(1)  
CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA**

Ground Snow Load <sup>o</sup> ( <u>&gt; 700</u> <u>feet</u> <u>above</u> <u>sea level</u> <u>shall be</u> <u>per</u> <u>ASCE 7-</u> <u>16 Chap.</u> <u>7</u> )	WIND DESIGN <sup>l, m</sup>		Seismic Design Categor y <sup>i</sup>	SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM			Winte r Desig n Temp <sup>e</sup>	Ice Barrier Under- layment Require d <sup>h</sup>	Flood Hazards <sup>g</sup>	Air Freezin g Index <sup>i</sup>	Mean Annu al Temp <sup>j</sup>
	Spee d <sup>d</sup> (mph)	Topograph ic effects <sup>k</sup>		Weatherin g <sup>a</sup>	Frost line dept h <sup>b</sup>	Termite <sup>c</sup>					

25 (roof snow load shall also be 25 psf unless proven otherwise by the licensed structural engineer of-record.	110	NO	D2	MODERATE	12 inches	Slight to Moderate	22	NO	March 12, 1974 entry into National Flood Insurance Program. Current maps entitled "The Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for King County, Washington, and Incorporated Areas," dated August 19, 2020, and any revisions thereto, as amended or revised with the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) dated August 19, 2020, and any revisions thereto.	170	51
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**MANUAL J DESIGN CRITERIA<sup>n</sup>**

Elevation	Latitude	Winter heating	Summer cooling	Altitude correction factor	Indoor design temperature	Design temperature cooling	Heating temperature difference
Elevation shall be specific to the site.	Latitude shall be specific to the site.	See footnote n for all other values indicated in this table.	--	--	--	--	--
Cooling temperature difference	Wind velocity heating	Wind velocity cooling	Coincident wet bulb	Daily range	Winter humidity	Summer humidity	
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For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479 kPa, 1 mile per hour = 0.447 m/s.

- a. Weathering may require a higher strength concrete or grade of masonry than necessary to satisfy the structural requirements of this code. The weathering column shall be filled in with the weathering index (i.e., "negligible," "moderate" or "severe") for concrete as determined from the Weathering Probability Map [Figure R301.2(3)]. The grade of masonry units shall be determined from ASTM C 34, C 55, C 62, C 73, C 90, C 129, C 145, C 216 or C 652.
- b. The frost line depth may require deeper footings than indicated in Figure R403.1(1). The jurisdiction shall fill in the frost line depth column with the minimum depth of footing below finish grade.
- c. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table to indicate the need for protection depending on whether there has been a history of local subterranean termite damage.
- d. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the wind speed from the basic wind speed map [Figure R301.2(4)A]. Wind exposure category shall be determined on a site-specific basis in accordance with Section R301.2.1.4.
- e. ~~The applicable code to regulate the use and conservation of energy is the Washington State Energy Code – Residential (WSEC-R). The outdoor design dry-bulb temperature shall be selected from the columns of 97 1/2-percent values for winter from Appendix D of the International Plumbing Code. Deviations from the Appendix D temperatures shall be permitted to reflect local climates or local weather experience as determined by the building official.~~
- f. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the Seismic Design Category determined from Section R301.2.2.1.
- g. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with (a) the date of the jurisdiction's entry into the National Flood Insurance Program (date of adoption of the first code or ordinance for management of flood hazard areas), (b) the date(s) of the Flood Insurance Study and (c) the panel numbers and dates of all currently effective FIRMs and FBFMs or other flood hazard map adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, as amended.
- h. In accordance with Sections R905.2.7.1, R905.4.3.1, R905.5.3.1, R905.6.3.1, R905.7.3.1 and R905.8.3.1, where there has been a

history of local damage from the effects of ice damming, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with "YES." Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with "NO."

- i. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the 100-year return period air freezing index (BF-days) from Figure R403.3(2) or from the 100-year (99 percent) value on the National Climatic Data Center data table "Air Freezing Index-USA Method (Base 32° Fahrenheit)" at [www.ncdc.noaa.gov/fpsf.html](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/fpsf.html).
- j. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the mean annual temperature from the National Climatic Data Center data table "Air Freezing Index-USA Method (Base 32°F)" at [www.ncdc.noaa.gov/fpsf.html](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/fpsf.html).
- k. In accordance with Section R301.2.1.5, where there is local historical data documenting structural damage to buildings due to topographic wind speed-up effects, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with "YES." Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall indicate "NO" in this part of the table.
- l. In accordance with Figure R301.2(4) A, where there is local historical data documenting unusual wind conditions, the *jurisdiction* shall fill in this part of the table with "YES" and identify any specific requirements. Otherwise, the *jurisdiction* shall indicate "NO" in this part of the table. The City of Bellevue has "NO" requirements for unusual wind conditions.
- m. In accordance with Section R301.2.1.2.1, the *jurisdiction* shall indicate the wind-borne debris wind zone(s). Otherwise, the *jurisdiction* shall indicate "NO" in this part of the table. The City of Bellevue has "NO" requirements for wind-borne debris wind zones.
- n. The applicable code to regulate the use and conservation of energy is the Washington State Energy Code – Residential (WSEC-R)~~The jurisdiction shall fill in these sections of the table to establish the design criteria using Table 1a or 1b from ACCA Manual J or established criteria determined by the jurisdiction.~~
- o. The jurisdiction shall fill in this section of the table using the Ground Snow Loads in Figure R301.2(6) or established criteria determined by the jurisdiction.

**23.12.322.1.4 International Residential Code Section R322.1.4 amended – Establishing the design flood elevation.** International Residential Code Section R322.1.4 is hereby amended to read as follows.

**Commented [SG32]:** Aligns with the FEMA National Floodplain Insurance Program and Bellevue Land Use Code.

**R322.1.4 Establishing the design flood elevation.** The design flood elevation shall be used to define flood hazard areas. At a minimum, the design flood elevation shall be one foot above the higher of the following:

1. The base flood elevation at the depth of peak elevation of flooding, including wave height, that has a 1 percent (100-year flood) or greater chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year, or
2. The elevation of the design flood associated with the area designated on a flood hazard map as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in an engineering report entitled "The Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for King County, Washington, and Incorporated Areas," dated August 19, 2020, and any revisions thereto, with the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), dated August 19, 2020, and any revisions thereto. The adopted flood hazard map and supporting data are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of this section adopted by the community, or otherwise legally designated.

**R322.1.4.1 Determination of design flood elevations.** If design flood elevations are not specified, the *building official* is authorized to require the applicant to comply with either of the following:

1. Obtain and reasonably use data available from a federal, state or other source.
2. Determine the design flood elevation in accordance with accepted hydrologic and hydraulic engineering practices used and/or floodway in accordance with City of Bellevue LUC 20.25H.175A and Surface Water Engineering Standards, Section D4-04.5, "Floodplain/Floodway Analysis" in order to define special flood hazard areas. Determinations shall be undertaken by a registered *design professional* who shall document that the technical methods used reflect currently accepted engineering practice and complied with accepted hydrologic and hydraulic engineering practices in accordance with accepted hydrologic and hydraulic engineering practices used to define special flood hazard areas. Studies, analyses and computations shall be

submitted in sufficient detail to allow thorough review and approval.

**R322.1.4.2 Determination of impacts.** In riverine flood hazard areas where design flood elevations are specified but floodways have not been designated, the applicant shall provide a floodway analysis that demonstrates that the proposed work will meet the City of Bellevue Surface Water Engineering Standards, Section D4.04.5, "Floodplain/Floodway Analysis." ~~demonstrate that the effect of the proposed buildings and structures on design flood elevations, including fill, when combined with other existing and anticipated flood hazard area encroachments, will not increase the design flood elevation by more than 1 foot (305 mm) at any point within the jurisdiction.~~

**23.12.U101.1 International Residential Code Appendix U Section U101.1 amended – General.** International Residential Code Appendix U Section U101 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG33]:** Existing code language to identify the voluntary option to design a solar system per this Appendix.

**U101.1 General.** These provisions shall only be applicable for new construction where the building owner voluntarily elects to construct a solar-ready installation ~~provisions are required.~~

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Section 7. Chapter 23.13 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **Chapter 23.13 EXISTING BUILDING CODE**

Sections:

23.13.010 Amendments and adoptions.

23.13.015 Amendments, additions, or exceptions to the 201~~85~~ International Existing Building Code.

23.13.302 International Existing Building Code Section 302 amended – General provisions.

23.13.1401.2 International Existing Building Code Section 1401.2 repealed.

23.13.1501.6 International Existing Building Code Table 1501.6 amended – Protection of pedestrians.

23.13.1501.6.1 International Existing Building Code Section 1501.6.1 amended  
– Walkways.

**23.13.010 Amendments and adoptions.**

The following code, as amended, added to or excepted in this chapter, together with all amendments and additions provided in this title, are adopted and shall be applicable within the City of Bellevue:

A. International Existing Building Code.

1. Code Adoption. The 201~~85~~ Edition of the *International Existing Building Code* published by the International Code Council, as adopted and amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapter 51-50 WAC, including Appendix A “Guidelines for the Seismic Retrofit of Existing Buildings,” shall be applicable within the City, as amended, added to and excepted in this chapter. The provisions of the *International Existing Building Code* shall be applied to the repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition and relocation of existing buildings.

**23.13.302 International Existing Building Code Section 302 amended – General provisions.** International Existing Building Code Section 302 is hereby amended by the addition of a new section 302.7 to read as follows:

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**F1 302.7 Buildings exceeding 10,000 square feet.** An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout all newly constructed buildings where the total floor area exceeds 10,000 square feet including basements. An automatic sprinkler system shall also be installed throughout existing buildings when an addition is made to the building and the total floor area, including the basements, of the existing building and the addition combined exceeds 10,000 square feet, or when the value of a structural alteration or repair of an existing building 10,000 square feet in area or greater exceeds 50 percent of the assessed valuation of such existing building, or exceeds 50 percent of the recognized replacement cost of the structure, without consideration of depreciation, as determined under the Marshall Valuation Service Cost Handbook, whichever is greater. For purposes of this section, portions of buildings separated by one or more fire walls shall not be considered a separate building. To the extent this section conflicts with any other provision of the *International Building Code* or the *International Fire Code* adopted by the City, this section shall control.

**23.13.1401.2 Bellevue City Code Section 1401.2 repealed – Applicability.**

Bellevue City Code Section 1401.2 is hereby repealed in its entirety:

~~**1401.2 Applicability.** When approved by the building official, existing structures in which there is work involving additions, alterations or changes of occupancy shall be made to conform to the requirements of this chapter or the provisions of Chapters 5 through 13. The provisions of Sections 1401.2.1 through 1401.2.5 shall apply to existing occupancies that will continue to be, or are proposed to be, in Groups A, B, E, F, I-2, M, R, S and U. These provisions shall not apply to buildings with occupancies in Group H or I-1, I-3 or I-4.~~

**23.13.1501.6 International Existing Building Code Table 1501.6 amended – Protection of pedestrians.** International Existing Building Code Table 1501.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG34]:** Duplicating current building code provision to clarify required locations of pedestrian protection for existing large buildings undergoing construction modifications.

**[BS] TABLE 1501.6  
PROTECTION OF PEDESTRIANS**

HEIGHT OF CONSTRUCTION	DISTANCE FROM CONSTRUCTION TO <del>SEWALK, WALKWAY, OR</del> LOT LINE	TYPE OF PROTECTION REQUIRED
8 feet or less	Less than 5 feet	Construction railings
	5 feet or more	None
More than 8 feet	Less than 5 feet	Barrier and covered walkway
	5 feet or more, but not more than one-fourth the height of construction	Barrier and covered walkway
	5 feet or more, but between one-fourth and one-half the height of construction	Barrier
	5 feet or more, but exceeding one-half the height of construction	None

**23.13.1501.6.1 International Existing Building Code Section 1501.6.1 amended – Walkways.** International Existing Building Code Section 1501.6.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1501.6.1 Walkways.** A walkway shall be provided for pedestrian travel in front of every construction and demolition site unless the applicable governing authority authorizes the sidewalk to be fenced or closed. A walkway shall be provided for pedestrian travel that leads from a building entrance or exit of an occupied structure to a public way. Walkways shall be of sufficient width to accommodate the pedestrian traffic, but shall be not less than 4 feet (1219 mm) in width. Walkways shall be provided with a durable walking surface and shall be *accessible* in accordance with Chapter 11 *of the International Building Code*. Walkways shall be designed to support all imposed loads and the design live load shall be not less than 150 pounds per square foot (psf) (7.2 kN/m<sup>2</sup>). Where a sidewalk or walkway passes into or through, or adjacent to, an area under construction or demolition, the building official is authorized to require protection as indicated in this chapter and Table 3306.1.

Section 8. Section 23.16.010 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**23.16.010 Barrier requirements – Specifications.** The following requirements shall apply to all outdoor swimming pools, spas and hot tubs heretofore or hereafter constructed or presently under construction within the City. Each such pool, spa, or hot tub shall be designed per the 20185 *International Building Code* Section 3109.1 when applicable, as amended by the State of Washington, or Section 305 of the 20185 *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*, as amended by the State of Washington, whichever shall apply to the primary use and structure with which the pool, spa, or hot tub is associated.

Commented [SG35]: Updating code references.

**Exception:** Any outdoor swimming pool, spa or hot tub which was constructed prior to adoption of the *International Building Code* or the *International Residential Code* under Chapter 23.10 BCC or Chapter 23.12 BCC need not comply with the terms of this section if such swimming pool, hot tub or spa is enclosed with a pool or yard fence which complies with the applicable Bellevue City Code provision regarding pool, spa, or hot tub enclosures which was in effect at the time the enclosure was constructed.

Section 9. Chapter 23.50 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Chapter 23.50 to read as follows:

**Chapter 23.50  
MECHANICAL CODE**

Sections:

- 23.50.010 Adoptions.
- 23.50.020 Amendments, additions, or exceptions to the 2018 International Mechanical Code.
- 23.50.401.4 International Mechanical Code Section 401.4 amended – Intake opening location.
- 23.50.405.1 International Mechanical Code Section 405.1 amended – General
- 23.50.501.3 International Mechanical Code Section 501.3 amended – Exhaust discharge.
- 23.50.506.3.13.2 International Mechanical Code Section 506.3.13.2 amended – Termination through an exterior wall.
- 23.50.506.5.2 International Mechanical Code Section 506.5.2 amended – Pollution-control units.
- 23.50.507.2 International Mechanical Code Section 507.2 amended – Type I hoods.
- 23.50.510.8 International Mechanical Code Section 510.8 amended – Suppression required.
- 23.50.513.10 International Mechanical Code Section 513.10 amended – Equipment, inlets and outlets.
- 23.50.1104.4 International Mechanical Code Section 1104.4 amended – Noncommunicating spaces.

**23.50.010 Adoptions.**

The following codes, all as amended, added to or excepted in this chapter, together with all amendments and additions provided in this title, are adopted and shall be applicable within the City of Bellevue:

A. International Mechanical Code.

1. Code Adoption. The 2018 Edition of the *International Mechanical Code* published by the International Code Council, as adopted and amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapter 51-52 WAC, excluding Chapter 1, "Administration," is adopted and shall be applicable within the City, as amended, added to and excepted in this chapter.



2. Scope. This code shall regulate the design, installation, maintenance, alteration and inspection of mechanical systems that are permanently installed and utilized to provide control of environmental conditions and related processes within buildings. This code shall also regulate those mechanical systems, system components, equipment and appliances specifically addressed herein. The installation of fuel gas distribution piping and equipment, fuel gas-fired appliances and fuel gas-fired appliance venting systems shall be regulated by the *International Fuel Gas Code*.

**Exceptions:**

1. Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the *International Residential Code*.
2. The standards for liquefied petroleum gas installations shall be the 2017 Edition of NFPA 58 (*Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code*) and the 2018 Edition of NFPA 54 (ANSI Z223.12006 *National Fuel Gas Code*).

B. National Fuel Gas Code (NFPA 54, ANSI Z223.1). The 2018 Edition of the *National Fuel Gas Code* published by the National Fire Protection Association, as amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapter 51-52 WAC, is adopted and shall be applicable within the City, as amended, added to and excepted in this chapter.

C. Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code (NFPA 58). The 2017 Edition of the *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code* published by the National Fire Protection Association, as amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapter 51-52 WAC, is adopted and shall be applicable within the City, as amended, added to and excepted in this chapter.

D. International Fuel Gas Code. The 2018 Edition of the *International Fuel Gas Code* published by the International Code Council, as amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapter 51-52 WAC, excluding Chapter 1, "Administration," is adopted and shall be applicable within the City, as amended, added to and excepted in this chapter.

**23.50.020 Amendments, additions, or exceptions to the 2018 International Mechanical Code.** Pursuant to RCW 19.27.060, the following contains amendments, additions, or exceptions to the *International Mechanical Code* applicable and enforceable within the City.

**23.50.401.4 International Mechanical Code Section 401.4 amended – Intake opening location.** International Mechanical Code Section 401.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG36]:** Existing exception that provides flexibility for constrained urban conditions.

**401.4 Intake opening location.** Air intake openings shall comply with all of the following:

1. Intake openings shall be located a minimum of 10 feet (3048 mm) from lot lines or buildings on the same lot.
2. Mechanical and gravity outdoor air intake openings shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from any hazardous or noxious contaminant source, such as vents, streets, alleys, parking lots and loading docks, except as specified in Item 3 or Section 501.3.1. Outdoor air intake openings shall be permitted to be located less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from streets, alleys, parking lots and loading docks provided that the openings are located not less than 25 feet (7620 mm) vertically above such locations. Where openings front on a street or public way, the distance shall be measured from the closest edge of the street or public way.

**Exception:** For existing buildings, the building official may approve heights less than 25 feet with alternative designs that account for factors such as distance from lane of vehicle travel, prevailing wind, filtering of intake air, or other elements of the design or the site conditions that affect the adjacent exterior air quality.

3. Intake openings shall be located not less than 3 feet (914 mm) below contaminant sources where such sources are located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of the opening.
4. Intake openings on structures in flood hazard areas shall be at or above the elevation required by Section 1612 of the *International Building Code* for utilities and attendant equipment.

**23.50.405.1 International Mechanical Code Section 405.1 amended – General.** International Mechanical Code Section 405.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG37]:** Cross-referencing WA State Energy Code.

**405.1 General.** Mechanical ventilation systems shall be provided with manual or automatic controls that will operate such systems whenever the spaces are occupied. Air-conditioning systems that supply required ventilation air shall be provided with controls designed to automatically maintain the required outdoor air supply

rate during occupancy. For additional mechanical system control requirements, refer to the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code Section C403.4, HVAC System Controls, as amended by the State of Washington.

**23.50.501.3 International Mechanical Code Section 501.3 amended – Exhaust discharge.** International Mechanical Code Section 501.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG38]:** Updating exception that provides flexibility for constrained urban conditions and referencing related provisions in the Land Use Code.

**501.3 Exhaust discharge.** The air removed by every mechanical exhaust system shall be discharged outdoors at a point where it will not cause a public nuisance and not less than the distances specified in Section 501.3.1. The air shall be discharged to a location from which it cannot again be readily drawn in by a ventilating system. Air shall not be exhausted into an attic or crawlspace, or be directed onto walkways.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Whole-house ventilation-type attic fans shall be permitted to discharge into the attic space of dwelling units having private attics.
2. Commercial cooking recirculating systems.
3. Where installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and where mechanical or natural ventilation is otherwise provided in accordance with Chapter 4, listed and labeled domestic ductless range hoods shall not be required to discharge to the outdoors.

4. In the Downtown, as defined in Bellevue City Code 20.50.016 (Land Use Code), mechanical exhaust system discharge may be directed onto walkways if the discharge is located no less than 16 feet above the walkway per Bellevue City Code 20.25A.130D (Land Use Code) or if a reduced height is approved by the Land Use Director taking into consideration factors such as height above walkway, story height of building, horizontal distance from walkway, filtering of exhaust air, or other elements of the design or the site conditions that affect the exhaust air quality and the walkway environment.

**23.50.506.3.13.2 International Mechanical Code Section 506.3.13.2 amended - Termination through an exterior wall.** International Mechanical Code Section 506.3.13.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG39]:** Updated reference and clarification.

**506.3.13.2 Termination through an exterior wall.** Exhaust outlets shall be permitted to terminate through exterior walls where the smoke, grease, gases, vapors and odors in the discharge from such terminations do not create a public nuisance or a fire hazard. Such terminations shall not be located where protected openings are required by the *International Building Code*, as amended by the State of Washington. Such terminations shall be located in accordance with Section 506.3.13.3 and shall not be located within 3 feet (914 mm) of any opening in the exterior wall. An opening includes any window (fixed or openable), door, air exhaust or intake opening.

**23.50.506.5.2 International Mechanical Code Section 506.5.2 amended – Pollution-control units.** International Mechanical Code Section 506.5.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG40]:** Clarifying duct requirements for pollution control units.

**506.5.2 Pollution-control units.** The installation of pollution-control units shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and all the following:

- 1) Pollution-control units shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 1978.
- 2) Fans serving pollution-control units shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 762.
- 3) Pollution-control units shall be mounted and secured in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and the *International Building Code*.
- 4) Pollution-control units located indoors shall be listed and labeled for such use. Where enclosed duct systems, as required by Section 506.3.11, are connected to a pollution-control unit, such unit shall be located in a room or space having the same fire-resistance rating as the duct enclosure. Access shall be provided for servicing and cleaning of the unit. The space or enclosure shall be ventilated in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

- 5) A clearance of not less than 18 inches (457 mm) shall be maintained between the pollution-control unit and combustible material.
- 6) Roof mounted pollution-control units shall be listed for outdoor installation and shall not be mounted not less than 18 inches (457 mm) above the roof.
- 7) Exhaust outlets for pollution-control units shall be in accordance with Section 506.3.13.
- 8) An airflow differential pressure control shall be provided to monitor the pressure drop across the filter sections of a pollution-control unit. When the airflow is reduced below the design velocity, the airflow differential pressure control shall activate a visual alarm located in the area where cooking operations occur.
- 9) Pollution-control units shall be provided with a factory-installed fire suppression system.
- 10) Service space and replacement requirements shall be provided in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for the pollution control unit and Section 306.
- 11) Wash-down drains shall discharge through a grease interceptor and shall be sized for the flow. Drains shall be sealed with a trap or other approved means to prevent air bypass. Where a trap is utilized it shall have a seal depth that accounts for the system pressurization and evaporation between cleanings.
- 12) Protection from freezing shall be provided for the water supply and fire protection systems where such systems are subject to freezing.
- 13) Duct connections to pollution-control units shall be in accordance with Section 506.3.2.3. Where water splash or carryover can occur in the transition duct as a result of a washing operation, the transition duct shall slope downward toward the cabinet drain pan for a length not less than 18 inches (457 mm). Ducts shall transition to the full size of the unit's inlet and outlet openings.
- 14) Extra-heavy-duty appliance exhaust systems shall not be connected to pollution-control units except where such units are specifically designed and listed for use with solid fuels.

15) Pollution-control units shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

16) Both the upstream and downstream grease duct connected to the pollution-control unit shall be in accordance with Section 506.

**23.50.507.2 International Mechanical Code Section 507.2 amended – Type I hoods.** International Mechanical Code Section 507.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG41]:** Amending to align with and cross-reference building code requirements for exhaust hoods.

**507.2 Type I hoods.** Type I hoods shall be installed where cooking appliances produce grease or smoke as a result of the cooking process. Type I hoods shall be installed over *medium-duty, heavy-duty* and *extra-heavy-duty cooking appliances*.

**Exceptions:**

1) A Type 1 hood shall not be required for an electric cooking appliance where an approved testing agency provides documentation that the appliance effluent contains 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> or less of grease when tested at an exhaust flow rate of 500cfm (0.236 m<sup>3</sup>/s) in accordance with UL 710B.

2) A Type 1 hood shall not be required in an R-2 type occupancy with no more than 16 residents.

3) A Type 1 hood shall not be required in I-2 domestic cooking systems that meet IBC 904.13 requirements.

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**23.50.510.8 International Mechanical Code Section 510.8 amended – Suppression required.** International Mechanical Code Section 510.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG42]:** Clarifying dimensional requirement.

**23.50.510.8 Suppression required.** Duct shall be protected with an approved automatic fire suppression system installed in accordance with the International Building Code.

**Exceptions:**

- 1) An approved automatic fire suppression system shall not be required in ducts conveying materials, fumes, mists and vapors that are nonflammable and noncombustible under all conditions and at any concentrations.
- 2) Automatic fire suppression systems shall not be required in metallic and noncombustible, nonmetallic exhaust ducts in semiconductor fabrication facilities.
- 3) An approved automatic fire suppression system shall not be required in ducts where the largest cross-sectional diameter or width of the duct is less than 10 inches (254 mm).
- 4) For laboratories, as defined in Section 510.1, automatic fire protection systems shall not be required in laboratory hoods or exhaust systems

**23.50.513.10.3 International Mechanical Code Section 513.10.3 amended – Equipment, inlets and outlets.** International Mechanical Code Section 513.10.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG43]:** Existing language to ensure safe air intake.

**[F] 513.10.3 Equipment, inlets and outlets.** *Equipment* shall be located so as to not expose uninvolved portions of the building to an additional fire hazard. Outdoor air inlets shall be located so as to minimize the potential for introducing smoke or flame into the building. Exhaust outlets shall be so located as to minimize reintroduction of smoke into the building and to limit exposure of the building or adjacent buildings to an additional fire hazard. In addition, supply air shall be taken directly from an outside, uncontaminated source located a minimum distance of 20 feet from any air exhaust system or outlet.

**23.50.1104.4.1 International Mechanical Code Section 1104.4.1 amended- Noncommunicating spaces.** International Mechanical Code Section 1104.4.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG44]:** Defining size of opening that constitutes communication between spaces.

**1104.4.1 Noncommunicating spaces.** Where the refrigerant-containing parts of a system are located in one or more spaces that do not communicate through permanent openings with a minimum size of 100 square inches (645 sq. cm), or HVAC ducts, the volume of the

smallest, enclosed occupied space shall be used to determine the permissible quantity of refrigerant in the system.

Section 10. Chapter 23.60 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **Chapter 23.60 PLUMBING CODE**

Sections:

- 23.60.010 Uniform Plumbing Code.
- 23.60.020 Scope.
- 23.60.030 Amendments, additions, or exceptions to the 20~~1845~~ Uniform Plumbing Code.
- 23.60.1101.12.2.2.2 Uniform Plumbing Code Section 1101.12.2.2.2 amended – Combined system.

**23.60.010 Uniform Plumbing Code.**

The 20~~1845~~ Edition of the *Uniform Plumbing Code* published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, as adopted and amended by the State Building Code Council in Chapters 51-56 WAC, excluding Chapter 1, Chapter 12, and Chapter 14, is adopted, together with Appendix A, Appendix B, and Appendix C “Alternate Plumbing Systems” excluding Sections C 304.0 through C 601.9; and excluding “Lawn Sprinkler Heads” from Table 610.3 and Table 610.4; and including Appendix I, and shall be applicable within the City, as amended, added to and excepted in this chapter.

Commented [SG45]: Updating code references.

**23.60.020 Scope.**

The provisions of the 20~~1845~~ *Uniform Plumbing Code* shall apply to the installation, alteration, repair and replacement of plumbing systems, including equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances, and where connected to a water or sewage system and all aspects of a medical gas system. Where there is a conflict between the *Uniform Plumbing Code* and Bellevue City Code Title 24 (Utilities Codes) or utilities engineering standards related to water, sewer or storm drain improvements located more than 24 inches outside a building, the ~~C~~city of Bellevue utilities codes and standards shall prevail.

**23.60.030 Amendments, additions, or exceptions to the 20~~1845~~ Uniform Plumbing Code.** Pursuant to RCW 19.27.060, the following contains amendments, additions, or exceptions to the *Uniform Plumbing Code* are applicable and enforceable within the ~~C~~city.



**23.60.1101.12.2.2.2 Uniform Plumbing Code Section 1101.12.2.2.2 amended – Combined system.** Uniform Plumbing Code Section 1101.12.2.2.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Commented [SG46]:** Correcting language of an existing code provision.

**1101.12.2.2.2 Combined System.** The secondary roof drains shall connect to the vertical piping of the primary storm drainage ~~system~~ conductor downstream of ~~the last~~ any horizontal offset located below the roof. The primary storm drainage system shall connect to the building storm water that connects to an underground public storm sewer. The combined secondary and primary roof drain systems shall be sized in accordance with Section 11036.0 based on double the rainfall rate for the local area. A relief drain shall be connected to the vertical drain piping, within 20 feet of grade, using a wye-type fitting piped to daylight on the exterior of the building. The piping shall be sized as required for a secondary drain with a 4 inch maximum.

Section 11. Chapter 23.85 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 23.85

#### **FIXED GUIDEWAY TRANSIT AND PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEMS**

**Commented [SG47]:** Updating code references for current light-rail requirements.

Sections:

- 23.85.200 Bellevue City Code 23.85.200 amended – Referenced publications
- 23.85.335 Bellevue City Code 23.85.335 amended – Point of safety
- 23.85.501 Bellevue City Code 23.85.501 amended – Occupancy
- 23.85. 551 Bellevue City Code 23.85.551 amended – Means of egress (General)
- 23.85.552 Bellevue City Code 23.85.552 amended – Required stairway in enclosed stations
- 23.85.555 Bellevue City Code 23.85.555 amended – Horizontal exits
- 23.85.610 Bellevue City Code 23.85.610 amended – Platform evacuation
- 23.85.661 Bellevue City Code 23.85.661 amended – Means of egress illuminations
- 23.85.662 Bellevue City Code 23.85.662 amended – Emergency lighting

**23.85.200 Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.200 amended-Referenced publications.** Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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## 2.5 Bellevue City Codes (BCC)

Building Code (*International Building Code* as adopted and amended by the City of Bellevue – BCC 23.10). 201~~82~~ edition

Electrical Code (*Washington Cities Electrical Code* as adopted and amended by the City of Bellevue – BCC 23.30, 20~~2009~~ edition

Fire Code (*International Fire Code* as adopted and amended by the City of Bellevue – BCC 23.11). 201~~82~~ edition

Mechanical Code (*International Mechanical Code* as adopted and amended by the City of Bellevue – BCC 23.50), 201~~82~~ edition

Plumbing Code (*Uniform Plumbing Code* as adopted and amended by the City of Bellevue – BCC 23.60), 201~~82~~ edition

Clearing and Grading Code (BCC – 23.76)

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### 23.85.335 Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.335 amended – Point of safety

Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**3.3.35 Point of safety.** A point of safety is one of the following: (1) an enclosed fire rated exit as defined by the International Building Code that leads to a public way or safe location outside the station, trainway, or vehicle; (2) an at-grade point not less than 50' beyond the vehicle, enclosing station, or trainway in accordance with *International Building Code* ~~1028.54027.5~~; (3) any other approved location.

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### 23.85.501 Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.501 amended – Occupancy

Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.501 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**5.1.1.1** The primary purpose of a station shall be for the use of the

passengers who normally stay in a station structure for a period of time no longer than that necessary to wait for and enter a departing passenger-carrying vehicle or to exit the station after arriving on an incoming passenger-carrying vehicle.

**5.1.1.1.1** Fixed guideway transit and passenger rail stations are classified as Group A, Division 3 occupancies in accordance with the *International Building Code*

**5.1.1.1.2** Enclosed and elevated fixed guideway transit and passenger rail stations shall be posted with the maximum occupant load in accordance with Section ~~1004.9~~~~1004.3~~ of the *International Building Code*.

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**23.85.551 Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.551 amended – Means of egress (general).** Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.551 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**5.5.1\* General.** The provisions for means of egress for a station shall comply with Section 5.5 and the following *International Building Code* provisions, except as herein modified;

Maintenance of the means of egress (MOE) system; 1001.2, ~~1002.1~~~~1004.3~~, ~~1022.1~~~~1020.4~~  
Ceiling height; 1003.2, ~~1011.3~~~~1009.5~~  
Protruding objects and encroachment; 1003.3, 1005.7  
Elevation changes; 1003.5  
MOE system continuity; 1003.6, 1005.4, ~~1006.1~~~~1021.1~~  
Posting the maximum occupant load; ~~1004.9~~~~1004.3~~, Posting the maximum occupant load sign is required in enclosed and elevated stations in spaces with a total occupant load of 50 or more as determined by section 5.5.1, item (2).  
Outdoor areas; ~~1004.7~~~~1004.5~~, except for at-grade stations  
Multiple occupancies; ~~1004.4~~~~1004.6~~, ~~1016.2.1~~~~1014.2.1~~, ~~1006.1~~~~1021.2.1~~  
Egress width and capacity; 1005.2, 1005.3, 1005.5, 1005.6, ~~1012.2~~~~1009.4~~  
Accessible means of egress; ~~1009~~~~1007~~  
Doors, gates, turnstiles and door hardware; ~~1010~~~~1008~~

Stairway design; ~~1011.4.0.9~~  
Ramp design; ~~1012.4.0.10~~  
General signage; ~~1009.9.4.0.7.9~~, ~~1009.10.4.0.7.10~~,  
~~1010.1.9.4.0.8.1.9.3~~, ~~1010.1.9.8.4.0.8.1.9.7~~, ~~1010.1.9.9.4.0.8.1.9.8~~,  
~~1023.9.4.0.2.2.9~~  
Exit signs; ~~1013.4.0.14~~ Exception: Exit signs are not required for at-grade platform stations  
Handrail design; 1003.5, 1005.7.2, ~~1010.10.4.0.9.12~~, ~~1011.11.4.0.9.15~~,  
~~1012.8.4.0.10.9~~, ~~1012.10.2.4.0.10.10.2~~, ~~1014.4.0.12~~, ~~1015.3.4.0.13.3~~,  
~~1025.2.3.4.0.24.2.3~~, ~~1029.6.1.4.0.28.6.1~~, ~~1029.9.1.4.0.28.9.1~~,  
~~1029.13.1.4.0.28.10.1~~, ~~1029.16.4.0.28.13~~  
Guard rail design; ~~1015.4.0.13~~  
Arrangement of exits (exit spread); ~~1007.1.1.4.0.15.2~~  
Boiler, incinerator, furnace, refrigeration machinery and refrigerated rooms; ~~1006.2.4.0.15.3~~ through ~~1006.2.2.2.4.0.15.5~~  
Number of exits or exit access doorways from spaces; ~~1006.1.4.0.15.4~~, except for at-grade open stations  
Corridor design; ~~1020.4.0.18~~  
Egress balcony design; ~~1021.4.0.19~~  
Exit design; ~~1022.4.0.20~~  
Number of exits or exit access doorways from stories; ~~1006.4.0.21~~  
Intervening rooms, areas and spaces; ~~1004.2.1.4.0.4.1.1~~,  
~~1016.2.4.0.14.2~~, ~~1020.6.4.0.18.6~~  
Interior stairway and ramps; ~~1023.4.0.23.10.22~~  
Exit passageways; ~~1024.4.0.23~~  
Exterior exit stairways and ramps; ~~1027.4.0.26~~  
Exit discharge; ~~1028.4.0.27~~

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**23.85.552 Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.552 amended – Required stairway in enclosed stations.** Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.552 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**5.5.1.3.3** Every required stairway in enclosed stations serving floor levels more than 30 feet (9144 mm) below its level of exit discharge, except those regularly used by passengers shall comply with the requirements for a smokeproof enclosure in Section ~~1023.11.4.0.22.40~~ of the *International Building Code*.

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**23.85.555 Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.555 amended – Horizontal exits**

Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.555 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**5.5.1.5\*** Horizontal exits shall be in accordance with *International Building Code* Section ~~1026~~1025.

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**23.85.610 Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.610 amended – Platform**

**evacuation.** Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**5.5.6.1\* Platform Evacuation.** There shall be sufficient egress capacity to evacuate the platform occupant load as defined in 5.5.5.6 from the station platform in 4 minutes or less, but in no case shall the required egress width be less than prescribed by Section 1005 of the *International Building Code*, except as modified in this section.

**5.5.6.1.1** For open stations the maximum travel distance on the platform to a point at which a means of egress route leaves the platform shall not exceed 100 m (325 ft). For enclosed stations, the limits established in Section ~~1017~~1016 of the *International Building Code* shall apply.

**5.5.6.1.2\*** Modification of the evacuation time and travel distance shall be permitted based on an engineering analysis by evaluating material heat release rates, station geometry, and emergency ventilation systems.

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**23.85.661 Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.661 amended – Means of egress illuminations.** Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.661 is hereby amended to read as follows:

....

**5.6.1** Illumination of the means of egress in stations shall be in accordance with Section ~~1008.4006~~ of the *International Building Code*, except as otherwise noted herein.

....

**23.85.662 Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.662 amended – Emergency lighting.** Bellevue City Code Section 23.85.662 is hereby amended to read as follows:

....

**5.6.2** Means of egress shall be provided with a system of emergency lighting in accordance with Section ~~1008.34006.3~~ of the *International Building Code*, except as otherwise noted herein.

....

Section 12. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on February 1, 2021.

Passed by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
and signed in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

(SEAL)

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor

Approved as to form:

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Attachment C

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