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**IDAPA 18
TITLE 01
CHAPTER 50**

18.01.50 - ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

These rules are promulgated and adopted pursuant to the authority vested in the Director under Title 41, Chapter 2, Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

01. Title. These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 18.01.50, Rules of the Idaho Department of Insurance, Title 01, Chapter 50, "Adoption of the International Fire Code." (4-7-11)

02. Scope. Pursuant to the authority provided by Section 41-253, Idaho Code, the State Fire Marshal hereby adopts the 2000 edition of the International Fire Code, with appendices thereto, and such later editions that may be so published and adopted by the State Fire Marshal, as the minimum standard for the protection of life and property from fire and explosion in the state of Idaho. All such later editions, and appendices thereto, shall be adopted in accordance with Section 67-5229, Idaho Code. (4-7-11)

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, this agency may have written statements which pertain to the interpretation of the rules of the chapter, or the documentation of compliance with the rules of this chapter. These documents will be available for public inspection and copying at cost in the main office and each regional or district office of this agency. (7-1-99)

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.

Any administrative appeal regarding this chapter should be made in accordance with Chapter 2, Title 41, Idaho Code, and to the extent not in conflict therewith, Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code, as well as IDAPA 04.11.01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General." (5-3-03)

004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

01. 2009 International Fire Code. In accordance with Section 67-5229, Idaho Code, and pursuant to the authority provided by Section 41-253, Idaho Code, the State Fire Marshal hereby adopts the 2009 edition of the International Fire Code as published by the International Code Council. Any revisions, additions, deletions and/or appendices to the 2009 International Fire Code are included herein. (4-7-11)

02. Availability of Referenced Material. Copies of the 2009 edition of the International Fire Code are available for public inspection at the office of the State Fire Marshal. The 2009 International Fire Code and supplements thereto may be purchased by writing the International Code Council, Northwest Resource Center, 2122 112th Ave NE, Suite C, Bellevue, WA 98004 or online through the electronic store on the Council's website at the following [website](#). (4-7-11)

005. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS, MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS.

The office of the State Fire Marshal is located at 700 West State Street, third floor, Boise Idaho. The business hours are 8 am through 5 pm, Monday through Friday. The mailing address is State Fire Marshal, Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0043. The department's [website](#). (4-7-11)

006. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.

Any records associated with this rule are subject to the provisions of the Idaho Public records Law, Title 9, Chapter 3, Idaho Code. (4-7-11)

007. -- 009. (RESERVED).

010. CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN PROVISIONS, SECTION 102.1, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

Delete Item No. 3 of Section 102.1, International Fire Code. (5-3-03)

011. GENERAL AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SECTION 104.1, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

Add the following second paragraph to Section 104.1, General, International Fire Code: (5-3-03)

01. Fire Chief's Authority. The fire chief is authorized to administer and enforce this code. Under the chief's direction, the fire department is authorized to enforce all ordinances of the jurisdiction pertaining to: (5-3-03)

- a. The prevention of fires; (5-3-03)
- b. The suppression or extinguishment of dangerous or hazardous fires; (5-3-03)
- c. The storage, use and handling of hazardous materials; (5-3-03)
- d. The installation and maintenance of automatic, manual and other private fire alarm systems and fire-extinguishing equipment; (5-3-03)
- e. The maintenance and regulation of fire escapes; (5-3-03)
- f. The maintenance of fire protection and the elimination of fire hazards on land and in buildings, and other property, including those under construction; (5-3-03)
- g. The maintenance of means of egress; and (5-3-03)
- h. The investigation of the cause, origin and circumstances of fire and unauthorized releases of hazardous materials, for authority related to control and investigation of emergency scenes, see Section 104.11. (5-3-03)

012. -- 015. (RESERVED).

016. PERMIT REQUIRED, SECTION 105.1.1, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

A permit, if required by the local jurisdiction, shall be obtained from the designated official prior to engaging in activities requiring a permit within the local jurisdiction. (4-2-08)

017. VIOLATION PENALTIES, SECTION 109.3, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

In Section 109.3, Violation Penalties, International Fire Code, delete the sentence that includes "shall be guilty of a," and replace with the word "misdemeanor." (4-2-08)

018. FAILURE TO COMPLY, SECTION 111.4, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

In Section 111.4, International Fire Code, delete this entire section. (5-3-03)

019. (RESERVED).

020. DEFINITION OF CODE OFFICIAL, SECTION 202, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

Add "or as appropriate the Idaho State Fire Marshal" to the end of the definition for code official. (5-3-03)

021. CHAPTER 5 FIRE SERVICE FEATURES.

01. Section 501. (4-7-11)

a. To section 501.3 after the phrase, Construction documents for proposed, add the word "driveways." (4-7-11)

b. To section 501.4 after the phrase, When fire apparatus access roads, add the word "driveways." (4-7-11)

- 02. Section 502.** To section 502, add the following definition in, DRIVEWAY. A vehicular ingress and egress route that serves no more than five (5) single family dwellings, not including accessory structures. (4-7-11)
- 03. Section 503.** (4-7-11)
- a.** To section 503, add the following definition, “FIRE STATION, A building, or portion of a building that provides, at a minimum, all weather protection for fire apparatus. Temperatures inside the building used for this purpose must be maintained at above thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit.” (4-7-11)
- b.** To section 503 add the words, “AND DRIVEWAYS” to the section heading. (4-7-11)
- c.** To section 5031.1 add the following sentence, “Driveways shall be provided and maintained in accordance with Sections 503.7 through 503.11.” (4-7-11)
- d.** To section 503.6 delete the sentence, The installation of security gates across a fire apparatus access road shall be approved by the fire chief. (4-7-11)
- e.** Add the following section, “503.7 Driveways. Driveways shall be provided when any portion of an exterior wall of the first story of a building is located more than 150 feet (45720mm) from a fire apparatus access road. Driveways shall provide a minimum unobstructed width of 12 feet (3658mm) and a minimum unobstructed height of 13 feet 6 inches (4115mm). Driveways in excess of 150 feet (45720mm) in length shall be provided with turnarounds. Driveways in excess of 200 feet (60960mm) in length and 20 feet (6096mm) in width may require turnouts in addition to turnarounds.” (4-7-11)
- f.** Add the following section, “503.7.1 Limits. A driveway shall not serve in excess of five single family dwellings.” (4-7-11)
- g.** Add the following section, “503.7.2 Turnarounds. Driveway turnarounds shall have an inside turning radius of not less than 30 feet (9144mm) and an outside turning radius of not less than 45 feet (13716mm). Driveways that connect with an access road or roads at more than one point may be considered as having a turnaround if all changes of direction meet the radius requirements for driveway turnarounds.” (4-7-11)
- h.** Add the following section, “503.7.3 Turnouts. Where line of sight along a driveway is obstructed by a man-made or natural feature, turnouts shall be located as may be required by the fire code official to provide for safe passage of vehicles. Driveway turnouts shall be of an all-weather road surface at least 10 feet (3048mm) wide and 30 feet (9144mm) long.” (4-7-11)
- i.** Add the following section, “503.7.4 Bridge Load Limits. Vehicle load limits shall be posted at both entrances to bridges on driveways and private roads. Design loads for bridges shall be established by the fire code official.” (4-7-11)
- j.** Add the following section, “503.7.5 Address markers. All buildings shall have a permanently posted address, which shall be placed at each driveway entrance and be visible from both directions of travel along the road. In all cases, the address shall be posted at the beginning of construction and maintained thereafter. The address shall be visible and legible from the road on which the road on which the address is located. Address signs along one-way roads shall be visible from both the intended direction of travel and the opposite direction. Where multiple address’s are required at a single driveway, they shall be mounted on a single post, and additional signs shall be posted at locations where driveways divide.” (4-7-11)
- k.** Add the following section, “503.7.6 Grade. The gradient for driveways shall not exceed 10 percent unless approved by the fire code official.” (4-7-11)
- l.** Add the following section, “503.7.7 Security Gates. Where security gates are installed, they shall have an approved means of emergency operation. The security gates and emergency operation shall be maintained operational at all times.” (4-7-11)
- m.** Add the following section, “503.7.8 Surface. Driveways shall be designed and maintained to

support the imposed loads of local responding fire apparatus and shall be surfaced as to provide all weather driving capabilities.” (4-7-11)

04. Section 507. To section 507.2 Type of water supply. delete the existing language and add the following, “A water supply shall consist of water delivered by fire apparatus, reservoirs, pressure tanks, elevated tanks, water mains or other sources approved by the fire code official capable of providing the required fire flow. Exception. The water supply required by this code shall only apply to structures served by a municipal fire department or a fire protection district and within ten miles (16093m) of a responding fire station.” (4-7-11)

022. -- 026. (RESERVED).

027. SECTION 906.1, PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, WHERE REQUIRED.
Item 1 Exception: delete the exception. (4-6-05)

028. – 036. (RESERVED).

037. FIRE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS, SECTION 907.1, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.
Notification Devices. When fire alarm systems not required by the International Fire Code are installed, the notification devices shall meet the minimum design and installation requirements for systems which are required by this code. Intent: (Non-required fire alarm systems shall provide the same level of occupant notification that required systems provide). (5-3-03)

038. -- 040. (RESERVED).

041. EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS, CHAPTER 33, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.
Delete Sections 3301.1.3, 3301.2.2, 3301.2.3, 3301.2.4.1, 3301.2.4.2, and 3308.1 through 3308.3. (4-7-11)

042. -- 045. (RESERVED).

046. UNDERGROUND TANKS OUT OF SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR, SECTION 3404.2.13.1.3 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.
Add to Section 3404.2.13.1.3, International Fire Code, the following paragraph: Upon approval of the Chief underground tanks that comply with the performance standards for new or upgraded underground tanks set forth in Title 40 Section 280.20 or 280.21 of the Code of Federal Regulations may remain out of service indefinitely so long as they remain in compliance with the operation, maintenance and release detection requirements of the federal rule. (5-3-03)

047. -- 050. (RESERVED).

051. CHAPTER 46, CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS.
To section 4601.1 delete the period and add, “only if in the opinion of the fire code official, they constitute a distinct hazard to life or property.” (4-7-11)

052. REFERENCED STANDARDS, CHAPTER 45, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.
Beginning on Page 418, of the NFPA Referenced Standards, make the following changes to the listed editions:

Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add
10-2007	10-2010	25-2008		120-2004	120-2010
11-2005	11-2010	12-2005	12-2008	241-2004	241-2009
12A-2004	12A-2009	59A-2006	59A-2009	484-2006	484-2009
13-2007	13-2010	80-2007	80-2010	484-2006	484-2009
13D-2007	13D-2010	92A-2005		495-2006	495-2010
13R-2007	13R-2010	52-2006	52-2010	498-2006	498-2010

Delete	Add	Delete	Add	Delete	Add
14-2007	14-2010	72-2007	72-2010	750-2006	750-2010
17-2002	17-2009	101-2006	101-2009	1123-2006	1123-2010
17A-2002	17A-2009	110-2005	110-2010	701-2004	701-2010
20-2007	20-2010	211-2006	211-2010	703-2006	703-2009
22-2003	22-2008	260-2003	260-2009	111-2005	111-2010
24-2003	24-2010	261-2003	261-2009		

(4-7-11)

053. -- 055. (RESERVED).

056. REFERENCES TO APPENDIX, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

When this code references the appendix, the provisions of the appendix shall not apply unless specifically incorporated by reference. The following appendixes of the International Fire Code are incorporated by reference:

(5-3-03)

01. Appendix B, Fire Flow Requirements for Buildings. (5-3-03)

02. Appendix C, Fire Hydrant Location and Distribution. (5-3-03)

03. Appendix D, Fire Apparatus Access Roads. (4-2-08)

a. To section D101.1 Scope, add the following sentence, "Driveways as described in section 503.7 through 503.11 are not subject to the requirements of this appendix." (4-7-11)

b. To section D102.1, after the phrase, by way of an approved fire apparatus access road, add the following "designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of the responding fire apparatus and shall be surfaced so as to provide all-weather driving capabilities." And delete the remainder of the section. (4-7-11)

c. To section D103.2 Grade. Add the following. "The gradient of the fire apparatus access road shall be within the limits established by the fire code official based on the capabilities of the responding fire departments apparatus." Delete the remainder of the section and the exception. (4-7-11)

04. Appendix E, Hazard Categories. (5-3-03)

05. Appendix F, Hazard Rankings. (5-3-03)

057. -- 999. (RESERVED).

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