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Proponent : SFPC Rewrite Committee

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2012 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code

101.1 SFPC Rewrite

Chapters 2-8

Chapter 9 (Sections 901-908)

Chapter 9 (Sections 909-915)

Chapter 10 (Sections 1001-1010)

Chapter 10 (Sections 1011-1031) and Chapters 11-19

Chapters 20-24

Chapters 25-30

Chapters 31-49

Chapter 50

Chapters 51-56

Chapter 57

Chapters 58-59

Chapters 60-79

Reason: As requested by the Board of Housing and Community Development, DHCD staff established a committee of stakeholders involved in and affected by the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) to review the provisions of the International Fire Code (IFC), the nationally recognized model code incorporated into the SFPC, to identify and remove those provisions of the IFC that cannot be enforced under the SFPC due to either being related to construction, which in Virginia is under the purview of the Uniform Statewide Building Code, or were outside of the scope of the SFPC as established in state law, or in conflict with the administrative provisions of the SFPC. The current SFPC relies on administrative provisions in Chapter 1 to render such provisions unenforceable. In addition, since the IFC duplicates many construction provisions of the International Building Code and those provisions, while unenforceable, are used as reference for pre-certificate of occupancy inspections on new buildings by local fire officials, a new Appendix N, for reference only, was established in the SFPC so that those provisions would still be available without having to purchase an additional book.

The SFPC Rewrite Committee had numerous meetings and reviewed all of the chapters in the IFC. DHCD staff developed meeting summaries of the drafts considered. This proposal is the

final compilation of those meeting summaries and the drafts. Due to the length of the final document, it is divided into parts, with a link to each part on the proposal.

DHCD wishes to thank those participating in this Board-directed endeavor for all the time, efforts and collaboration involved in developing this much needed revision, to achieve greater uniformity in the application and enforcement of the SFPC.

Cost Impact: The proposal does not increase costs associated with the code as the changes are primarily editorial in nature.

Workgroup Recommendation

Workgroup 2 Recommendation: None

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Board Decision

None

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