Code Section	More / Less Stringent?	Appropriate?	Comments
101.1	Neutral	✓	Required changed to reference adopting jurisdiction.
102.1	Slightly More	✓	Expands applicability to substantial improvements and hazardous existing buildings. Reasonable.
102.2	Slightly More	✓	Similar expansion of administrative provisions to existing buildings. Appropriate.
104.1	Neutral	✓	Standard clarification.
104.9	Neutral	✓	Clarifies modification procedures.
106.1	More	✓	Sealed electronic submittals, TAS compliance. Very common, ***although refer to Section 105.3.5 since it seems to reference printed plans.***
109.4	More	✓	Adds criminal and civil penalties. Typical Texas practice. ***NOTE: this is Section 112.4 in the 2021 IFC.***
111.4	More	✓	Stronger stop-work enforcement. Reasonable. ***NOTE: this is Section 113.4 in the 2021 IFC.***
501.4	Less	✓	Removes the temporary street signage requirements. Seems reasonable.
104.1.1	Much More	?	**Administrative rules supersede the adopted code. This effectively allows requirements outside the adopted ordinance.** ***Allows flexibility for new systems and processes. Carry over from current 2015 IFC***
104.12.4	More	✓	Debris removal after fires. ***Reasonable, however it would be good to define "partially or totally burned" in Chapter 2.***
104.8.2	More	✓	Allows PE reports, code compliance certifications, sealed plans. Common.
104.8.3	Much More	?	**Gives AHJ authority to require third-party review at applicant expense and lets AHJ choose reviewer. Useful for workload but broad authority. Better if limited to complex projects or very specific criteria (i.e. construction value, square footage, etc)** ***City has same code allowance and this is part of the city ILA with ESD 12***
105.3.3	More	✓	Requires fire approval before occupancy. Common amendment to include changes in occupancy.
105.3.5	More	✓	Approved plans required onsite. ***Not clear if this is printed or digital copies. Should reference Section 106.***
105.6.25	More	✓	Permit for access control systems. Becoming common.
105.6.26	More	✓	Underground fire lines require permit. Common sense add.
1103.7.7 Animal Housing or Care Facilities.	Neutral	✓	Added requirement for existing animal care facilities.
1201.1 Scope.	More	✓	Good amendment to include the modern battery standard.
1207.1.7 New technology.	Neutral	✓	No significant increase in stringency beyond administrative updates.
202 Group B animal facilities	More	✓	Classifies kennels as Group B. Becoming common. It is this way in the 2024 IFC.
2305.5 Fire Extinguishers.	Slightly More	✓	Additional permitting and operational controls. Seems reasonable.
2401.2 Non-applicability.	Slightly More	✓	Additional permitting and operational controls. Seems reasonable.
307 Open Burning	Much More	✓	Detailed permitting and operational controls. Appropriate as wildland-urban interface requirements have started to increase countrywide.
308 Open Flame	More	✓	Adds balcony/open-flame restrictions. Common amendment to limit fires on combustible decks or balconies.
311 Vacant Buildings	More	?	**Removes grandfather status after 180 days. Could be difficult to administer consistently. I more commonly see this applied to a change of occupancy or rehabilitation.** ***180 days is consistent with County code, city code is 90 days***
319 Mobile Food Vehicles	More	✓	Additional extinguishers, LP-gas protection, egress, electrical, etc are very common amendments to increase protection for food trucks.
323 Off-site Construction	More	✓	References ICC/MBI 1205. Good modernization, ***but recommend updating Chapter 80 Reference Standards.***
3504.2.6 Portable fire extinguishers.	More	✓	More BC units for the extinguishers to correspond to welding activities.
403 Assembly/Public Safety	More	✓	Festival seating review, fire watch costs, public safety plans are all reasonable, but increase the cost for non-construction operations. Occassionally, building owners are unaware of these requirements.
503 Access Roads	Much More	✓	25-foot roads (normally 20-feet), 85,000-lb loading (normally 75,000 lb), gate requirements, modifications require permits. Reasonable amendments to include especially relating to power failure.
505 Addressing	More	✓	Larger address numbers and monument signs. Common.
507 Water Supply	More	✓	Flow tests, hydrant spacing, hydrant installation standards. Reasonable, but there may be a case when an FDC may not be present for a building with only a sprinkler system, and an extra hydrant may be an undue cost (especially for an NFPA 13R).
509 Electrical/Gas Shutoffs	Much More	✓	Common for 2024 code cycles. ***Will need to be confirmed with local utilities on if they can provide proper equipment to comply with this new requirement. Also recommend matching NEC provisions.***
5609 Temporary Storage of Fireworks	More	✓	Stricter requirements for fireworks, plus more easy to read than sending to NFPA 1124.
605 Extension Cords	Much More	?	**Are all of these approved plugged locations requiring surge protection or just the multiplug adapter? This would affect many instances (costs shouldered city-wide).** ***Consistent with County code***
803 Foam Plastics	Much More	?	**Blanket prohibition exceeds IBC allowance of finish materials. Will have a significant cost impact.** ***Consistent with County code***
807 School Artwork	Less	✓	Relaxes the restriction of the amount of artwork in school buildings if a building is sprinklered.
901 General	More	?/✓	**Riser room access (not just fire pump room access) is a significant increase in requirement.** Others such as outage notifications and system removal approval are reasonable. ***Carry over from current 2015 code and provides greater safety for first responders***
903 Sprinklers	Much More	✓	Hydraulic safety factor, rental townhouse sprinklers, animal facility sprinklers, balcony sprinklers. All exceed IFC.
903.1.2 Safety factor	More	✓	Reasonable to be specific about the limit of safety factor.
903.2.2.2 Sprinklers for Animal Housing/Care	More	✓	Requirements for animal occupancies seems reasonable.
903.2.8.5 Townhouses constructed as rental units in multi-family developments.	More	✓	Seems reasonable, ***but should reference some sort of definition perhaps in the zoning code.***
903.3.1.1.1 Exempt locations.	Less	✓	Subjective allowance, but a relaxation nevertheless.
903.3.1.2.1 Balconies and decks.	More	✓	Reasonable, seems to match intent of protection.
903.3.2.9 Group S-1	More	✓	Matches 2024 code. ***Should be "903.2.9"***
905.1.1 Safety factor	More	✓	Reasonable to be specific about the limit of safety factor.
905.3 Required installations.	More	?	**Deletes exemption for R-3 occupancies.** ***Can lower costs and is consistent with County code***
905.3.9 Distance.	More	?	**Additional standpipe is additional cost, may be minimally beneficial for single-story buildings.** ***Directly relates to hose line lengths and what is available to first responders***
905.4 #1 Location of Class I standpipe hose connections.	More	?	**Removal of option for mid-floor landing for connections may add cost. Approval for modifications are subjective, less "known" for the designer.** ***Provides safer access locations, and is in County code***
907 Fire Alarm for Animal Care	More	✓	Added requirement, but flexibility if a sprinkler system is present.
907.5.2.3.1 Fire Alarm Notification	Less	✓	Exemption for small mechanical spaces is reasonable and helpful.
910.2 Smoke and Heat Vents	More	?	**Adds subjectivity to when smoke exhaust system is required.** ***Allows determination that a smoke removal system won't impact sprinkler functioning***
912 Fire Department Connections	More	✓	Typically requires improved FDC location, visibility, signage, and access beyond the base IFC. These amendments generally improve firefighter operations with little impact on design cost.
913 Fire Pumps	More	✓	Mostly coordinates with the earlier amendments requiring dedicated pump rooms, exterior access, Knox access, and improved working clearances. Very common fire marshal amendments.
Appendix B Fire Flow	More	✓	More subjectivity in the reduction in fire flow for sprinkler for all buildings rather than prescriptive in the table.
Appendix C Fire Hydrants	More	✓	Increased number of hydrants based on more stringent distances.
Appendix D Fire Apparatus Access Roads	Much More	✓	Continues the earlier requirements for wider roads, larger turning radii, gates, dead-end requirements, and access standards. Appropriate if based on the District's apparatus specifications.
Chapter 10 Accessible Means of Egress	Slightly More	✓	Removes exceptions, making it more stringent.
Chapter 2 Definitions	Mostly Neutral	✓	Reasonable. ***Recommend adding "partially or totally burned" and "grandfathered".***