



# NEW HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Fire Prevention Division

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*“Protect, Prevent, Preserve”*

Chief,

Below are the listed reasons that I believe the Village should update our Fire Code.

Currently we are using the IFC 2021 version, the newest updated version is the 2024.

In the 2021, there are not enough codes or regulations needed to properly review a possible site plan for any industrial complexes that may come into our service area in the future.

In the 2024 version, there are multiple key points concerning battery storage mandates that are addressed such as:

**Requiring Fire-safe rooms.**

**Increased fire wall separation from 1-hour to 2-hour.**

**Explosion proof safety measures.**

**Exhaust ventilation systems for toxic gases during a battery fire.**

**Expansion of required clean agent fire suppression systems.**

**Threshold for the maximum number, weight and or kwh of batteries.**

This is not a complete list and does not give the specific codes, if needed I can reference and give more information.

Thank you,

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