
THE CITY OF ROCHELLE
Ogle County, Illinois

ORDINANCE
NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE ICC INTERNATIONAL
FIRE CODE AND AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 42 – FIRE PREVENTION
AND PROTECTION**

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WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle is a body politic and corporate, organized and existing pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle seeks to update its Fire Code regulations by adopting the 2021 edition of the International Code Council (“ICC”) International Fire Code including Appendices A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and N and amending Article II of Chapter 42 accordingly, (proposed amendments attached herein as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the city to adopt the 2021 edition of the ICC International Fire Code, with certain amendments thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The foregoing Recitals are not mere preparatory language but are hereby incorporated in this Section One as if said Recitals were fully set forth.

SECTION TWO: The 2021 edition of the ICC Fire Code including Appendices A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and N is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the City of Rochelle. “ARTICLE II. – FIRE DEPARTMENT” of “Chapter 42 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION” of the Rochelle Municipal Code is hereby amended as reflected in the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION THREE: If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

SECTION FOUR: Where the conditions imposed by any provisions of this Ordinance are more restrictive than comparable provisions imposed elsewhere in any other local law, ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation, the regulations of this Ordinance will govern.

SECTION FIVE: The City Clerk with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to correct any non-substantive drafting or formatting issues in Chapter 42 that may result from the adoption of this Ordinance. The City Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION SIX: This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2025.

PASSED THIS 23rd day of June 2025.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED THIS 23rd day of June, 2025.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A
International Fire Code

Article II of Chapter 42, of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle, Illinois, is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE II. - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sec. 42-71. - Adopted by reference.

The ICC International Fire Code/2021, as published by the International Code Council, Inc. including Appendices A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and N as amended is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the City of Rochelle in the State of Illinois; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said ICC International Fire Code are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in the section, with the additions, insertions, deletions and amendments contained in section 42-72 of this article. A copy of this code shall remain on file at the office of the city clerk and building division of the community development department for public review and inspection.

Sec. 42-72. - Amendments.

The ICC International Fire Code/2021 is amended as follows:

- (1) Section 101.1 is amended as follows:

[A] 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the *Fire Code* of The City of Rochelle, State of Illinois, hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

- (2) Section 102.7.1 is amended as follows:

102.7.1 Conflicts. Where conflicts occur between provisions of this code and referenced codes and standards, ~~the provisions of this code shall apply,~~ the stricter of the codes and standards shall apply, or as approved by the fire code official.

- (3) Section 103.1 is amended as follows:

103.1 Creation of agency. The ~~[INSERT NAME OF DEPARTMENT]~~ City of Rochelle Fire Department is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the Fire Code Official. The function of the agency shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

- (4) Section 103.4 is added as follows:

103.4 Restriction of employees. An official or employee connected with the enforcement of this code, except whose only connection is that of a member of the board of appeals established under the provisions of section 113 of this code, shall not

be engaged in or directly or indirectly connected with the furnishing of labor, materials or appliances for the construction, alteration or maintenance of a building, or the preparation of construction documents thereof, unless that person is the owner of the building; nor shall such officer or employee engage in any work that conflicts with official duties or with the interests of the department.

(5) Section 105.5.12 is amended as follows:

105.5.12 Cutting and welding. When required by the fire code official, an operational permit is required to conduct cutting or welding operations within the jurisdiction.

(6) Section 105.5.34 is amended as follows:

105.5.34 Open burning. An operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or commercial ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be complied with.

Exception: Recreational fires, as defined in City of Rochelle Municipal Code, which are located on private residential ground.

(7) **Section 105.6.24** is added as follows:

105.6.24 Temporary membrane structures, canopies and tents. A construction permit may be required to construct an air-supported temporary membrane structure and tent having an aggregate area in excess of 120 square feet. A construction permit may be required to construct a canopy having an aggregate area in excess of 400 square feet.

Exceptions:

1. One day use in conjunction with residential uses unless the tent, canopy requires electrical permit and inspections due to use of electric equipment.

2. Tents used exclusively for private recreational purposes.

3. Tents or canopies used in conjunction with funeral services.

4. Tents open on all sides which comply with all of the following:

a. Individual tents shall have a maximum size of 400 square feet.

b. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet shall not exceed 700 square feet total.

c. Tents, canopies or membrane structures shall not be located within 20 feet of

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lines, buildings or other tents or membrane structures, parked vehicles or combustion engines unless approved by the fire code official.

(8) Section 109.3 is amended as follows:

109.3 Recordkeeping. A record of periodic inspections, tests, servicing and other operations and maintenance shall be maintained on the premises or other approved location for not less than 3 years, or a different period of time where specified in this code or referenced standards. Records shall be made available for inspection by the Fire Code Official, and a copy of the records shall be provided to the fire code official on request.

The fire code official is authorized to prescribe the form and format of such recordkeeping. The fire code official is authorized to require that certain required records be filed with the fire code official.

109.3.1 Records submittal. All required records may be required to be submitted to the Fire Code Official through an online submittal process as prescribed by the Fire Code Official.

(9) Section 109.7 is added as follows:

109.7 Debris as nuisance. Debris remaining at the scene of a fire after the site has been authorized for removal by the fire department shall constitute a nuisance. Property owner shall be notified of said nuisance and, if not rectified to standards established by City of Rochelle inspectors, said debris shall be removed by the city or its duly authorized agent. Costs for removal shall become a lien against the property or other actions permitted by law.

(10) Section 112.4 is deleted and replaced as follows:

112.4 Violation penalties. Any person who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters or repairs a building or structure in violation of the approved *construction documents* or directive of the *building official*, or of a *permit* or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by law and punishable by a fine not less than \$200.00 or more than the maximum amount allowed by state statute for each offense and each day that said offense occurs or continues to occur.

(11) Section 113.4 is amended as follows:

Section 113.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by law and punishable by a fine not less than \$200.00 or more than the maximum amount allowed by state statute for each offense and each day that said offense occurs or continues to occur.

- (12) Section 307.1 is deleted and replaced as follows:

307.1 General. Open burning shall be prohibited.

Exceptions:

1. As permitted by local authority having jurisdiction.
2. Un-incorporated areas with a burn ordinance.

- (13) Section 307.1.1 is amended as follows:

307.1.1 Prohibited open burning. Open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

~~Exception: Prescribed burning for the purpose of reducing the impact of wildland fire when authorized.~~

- (14) Section 307.4.1.1 is added as follows:

Section 307.4.1.1 Permits. All permits, required by Section 105 shall be requested by and issued to the owner of the land upon which the bonfire is to be kindled.

- (15) Section 307.4.4 is added as follows:

Section 307.4.4 Materials. Fuel for all recreational fires and bonfires shall consist only of seasoned dry firewood and other materials approved by the fire code official. The fire shall be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fire shall not be utilized for waste disposal purposes, and the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation of air contaminants.

- (16) Section 308.1.6.3 is added as follows:

308.1.6.3 Sky lanterns. A person shall not release or cause to be released a sky lantern or any other airborne flame producing device.

- (17) Section 308.4.1 is amended as follows:

308.4.1 Group R-2 dormitories. Candles, incense and similar open-flame-producing items shall not be allowed in ~~sleeping units~~ in Group R-2 dormitory occupancies.

- (18) Section 313.2 is amended as follows:

313.2 Group R occupancies. Vehicles ~~powered by flammable liquids, Class II combustible liquids or compressed flammable gases~~ shall not be stored within the living space of Group R buildings.

Exception: Areas of Group R buildings designed in accordance with 2021 IBC, or applicable code at the time of construction, for vehicle storage.

- (19) Section 505.3 shall be added as follows:

Section 505.3 Strip Malls. When a strip mall has multiple tenant spaces and a dedicated sprinkler control/fire alarm room, the room shall have its own street address.

- (20) Section 506.1.2 is amended as follows:

506.1.2 Key boxes for ~~nonstandardized~~ fire service elevator keys. Key boxes provided for ~~nonstandardized~~ fire service elevator keys shall comply with Section 506.1 and all of the following:

1. The key box shall be compatible with an existing rapid entry key box system in use in the

jurisdiction and *approved by the Fire Code Official.*

2. ~~The front cover shall be permanently labeled with the words "FIRE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY — ELEVATOR KEYS."~~

3. ~~The key box shall be mounted at each elevator bank at the lobby nearest to the lowest level of fire department access.~~

4. ~~The key box shall be mounted 5 feet 6 inches (1676 mm) above the finished floor to the right side of the elevator bank.~~

5. ~~Contents of the key box are limited to fire service elevator keys. Additional elevator access tools, keys and information pertinent to emergency planning or elevator access shall be permitted where authorized by the fire code official.~~

6. ~~In buildings with two or more elevator banks, a single key box shall be permitted to be used where such elevator banks are separated by not more than 30 feet (9144 mm). Additional key boxes shall be provided for each individual elevator or elevator bank separated by more than 30 feet (9144 mm).~~

Exception: ~~A single key box shall be permitted to be located adjacent to a fire command center or the nonstandard fire service elevator key shall be permitted to be secured in a key box used for other purposes and located in accordance with Section 506.1.~~

- (21) Section 507.5.1.2 is added as follows:

507.5.1.2 Private Fire Hydrants. Where a private fire hydrant water supply is provided from a building or structure, a room constructed in accordance with 2021 IBC shall be provided with a minimum fire separation of 2 hours and structurally capable to resist early collapse. Provided rooms shall be accessible from no less than one exterior door and heated to a minimum of 50 degrees Fahrenheit in accordance with 2021 International Mechanical Code.

Exception:

1. Buildings provided throughout with an automatic fire suppression sprinkler system shall provide a room with a minimum fire separation of 1 hour.
2. Separate building or structure provided for the sole purpose of private fire water service constructed in accordance with this code, 2021 International Building Code, and referenced NFPA standards.

(22) Section 507.5.3 is amended as follows:

507.5.3 Private fire service mains and water tanks. Private fire service mains and water tanks shall be periodically inspected, tested and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25 at the following intervals:

1. Private fire hydrants of all types: Inspection annually and after each operation; flow test and maintenance annually.
2. Fire service main piping: Inspection of exposed, annually; flow test every 5 years.
3. Fire service main piping strainers: Inspection and maintenance after each use.

Records of inspections, testing and maintenance shall be maintained and a copy submitted to the City of Rochelle Fire Department in accordance with section 109.3.1

(23) Section 901.4.2.1 is added as follows:

Section 901.4.2.1 Discontinuance of Use. All non-required fire protection systems shall be approved for discontinuance by the fire code official. All discontinued equipment and devices, such as pull stations, nozzles, detectors, sprinklers, sensors, panels, and hose connections, shall be removed so as not to give a false indication that the structure, area or space is protected.

(24) Section 901.4.8 is added as follows:

901.4.8 Fire Alarm Installation Personnel Qualifications. Manual fire alarm, automatic fire detection systems, and emergency communication systems installation personnel shall be certified to a NICET Fire Alarm level II or higher, or IMSA Interior Fire Alarm level II. A trainee to trainer ratio of 2:1 is allowed. Qualified installer shall be on site during all fire alarm installation activities.

(25) Section 901.4.9 is added as follows:

901.4.9 Fire and Life Safety Protection Systems Labels, Tags, and Information Plates: All required identification labels, tags, and information plates for fire and life safety protection systems shall be approved and constructed of material designed to resist weathering or loss of required information due to environmental exposures. All required labels on control valves and system deactivation switches shall be reflective with lettering contrasting to the background.

(26) Section 901.6.3.2 is added as follows:

901.6.3.2 Fire Protection and Life Safety Systems Records submittal. All required service and maintenance records may be submitted to the fire code official through an online submittal process as prescribed by the Fire Code Official.

(27) Section 901.6.4 is added as follows:

901.6.4 Fire Alarm Service Personnel Qualifications. Manual fire alarm, automatic fire detection systems, and emergency communication systems inspection, testing, and maintenance personnel shall be certified in NICET Inspection and Testing of Fire Alarm Systems, IMSA Interior Fire Alarm level I, or specialized training from the fire alarm system manufacture. A trainee to trainer ratio of 2:1 is allowed. Qualified personnel shall be on site during all fire alarm inspection, testing, and maintenance activities.

(28) Section 901.6.5 is added as follows:

901.6.5 Fire Sprinkler Suppression System Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance Personnel Qualifications. Fire sprinkler suppression system inspection, testing, and maintenance personnel shall be NICET qualified or completed a trade journeyman course. A trainee to trainer ratio of 2:1 is allowed. Qualified personnel shall be on site during all sprinkler suppression system inspection, testing, and maintenance activities.

(29) Section 901.6.6 is added as follows:

901.6.6 Evidence of Qualification. Life safety and fire protections installation and service personnel must keep on their person evidence of qualifications while performing their duties. Evidence of qualification must be presented at the request of the fire code official.

1. If evidence of qualification cannot be produced when requested by the Fire Code Official, the Fire Code Official may issue a stop work order, issue fines, and require corrective action by the responsible contractor or property owner.

(30) Section 903.2.4.2 is amended as follows:

903.2.4.2 New and existing Group F-1 distilled spirits. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout a building or structure with a Group F-1 fire area used for the manufacture of distilled spirits.

(31) Section 903.2.9.3 is amended as follows:

903.2.9.3 New and existing Group S-1 distilled spirits or wine. An *automatic sprinkler system* shall be provided throughout a building or structure with a Group S-1 fire area used for the bulk storage of distilled spirits or wine.

(32) Section 903.2.10 is amended as follows:

903.2.10 Group S-2 parking garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings classified as parking garages where any of the following conditions exist:

1. Where the *fire area* of the enclosed parking garage, in accordance with Section 406.6 of the *International Building Code*, exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115 m²).
2. Where the enclosed parking garage, in accordance with Section 406.6 of the *International Building Code*, is located beneath other groups.
Exception: Enclosed parking garages located beneath Group R-3 occupancies.
3. Where the *fire area* of the open parking garage, in accordance with Section 406.6 of the *International Building Code*, exceeds 48,000 square feet (4460 m²).
4. Any new or existing parking garages with electric vehicle charging stations.

(33) Section 903.2.10.3 is added as follows:

903.2.10.3 Parking Garages. New sprinkler systems installed in any parking garage shall be designed to a minimum hazard classification of Ordinary Hazard 2.

(34) Section 903.2.11.1 is amended as follows:

903.2.11.1 Stories 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 m²) and where the story does not comply with the following criteria for 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* 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 not fewer than 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 not less than 20 square feet (1.86 m²) in each 50 linear feet (15 240 mm), or fraction thereof, of *exterior wall* in the story on not fewer than 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.
3. An interior stairway that conforms to the requirements of Section 1005 with a fire separation assembly enclosure of not less than 1 hour, which has a door directly to the exterior and the stairway does not connect more than 2 stories. The basement or windowless story floor level shall be 15 feet (4572 mm) or less vertically from the exterior door threshold level and the door threshold shall be within 10 feet (3048 mm)

of grade. Interior stair doors or openings shall be provided in each 50 linear feet (15240 mm) or fraction thereof on at least one side of the basement or windowless story.

(35) Section 903.3.8.4 is amended as follows:

903.3.8.4 Supervision. Control valves shall not be installed between the water supply and sprinklers unless the valves are of an *approved* indicating type that are supervised ~~or~~ and secured in the open position.

(36) Section 903.3.9 is added as follows:

Section 903.3.9 Interior Control Valves. The fire code official may require interior control valves to be installed to isolate occupancies that share a fire suppression system. Where valves are installed in a system, valves shall be supervised and secured in the open position.

(37) Section 903.3.10 is added as follows:

Section 903.3.10 Exterior Control Valves. All exterior fire suppression control valves shall have an exterior Indicator Valve (PIV or WPIV) provided in a location approved by the fire code official. Valves shall be supervised and/or locked in the open position.

(38) Section 903.4.2.1 shall be added as follows:

Section 903.4.2.1 Strip Malls. Strip Malls shall provide individual tenant space notification to comply with Section 907.1 of the Fire Code.

(39) Section 907.1.2.1 shall be added as follows:

Section 907.1.2.1 Qualifications. Shop drawings for fire alarm systems shall be prepared by on the following:

1. An Illinois licensed Professional Engineer with formal training in fire alarm layout/design
2. A holder of a valid NICET Level III or higher certification in Fire Alarm System Layout, who is either employed by or hired by the fire alarm installation contractor.

(40) Section 907.1.4 shall be added as follows:

Section 907.1.4 Strip Malls. Fire alarm systems shall be capable of identifying a fire alarm device activation or waterflow device activation in each tenant space. An audio/visual device shall be provided at the front entrance to each tenant space to identify the location of an activated device(s) to responding fire apparatus.

(41) Section 907.2.4 is amended as follows:

907.2.4 Group F. A manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed in Group F occupancies where both any of the following conditions exist:

1. The Group F occupancy is two or more stories in height with a combined fire area of 12,000 square feet or greater.
2. The Group F occupancy has a combined *occupant load* of 500 100 or more above or below the lowest *level of exit discharge*.
3. The Group F occupancy has a combined occupant load of 300 or more.
4. The Group F occupancy is 12,000 square feet or greater and is occupied by more than one tenant.

Exception: Manual fire alarm boxes are not required where the building is equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 and the occupant notification appliances will activate throughout the notification zones upon sprinkler water flow.

(42) Section 907.2.9. is amended as follows:

907.2.9. Group R-2 and R-4. Fire alarm systems and smoke alarms shall be installed in Group R-2 and R-4 occupancies as required in Sections 907.2.9.1 through 907.2.9.4.2

(43) Section 907.2.9.4 is added as follows:

907.2.9.4 Group R-4. Fire alarm systems and smoke alarms shall be installed in Group R-4 occupancies as required in Sections 907.2.9.4.1 through 907.2.9.4.2.

(44) Section 907.2.9.4.1 is added as follows:

907.2.9.4.1 Manual fire alarm system. A manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed in Group R-4 occupancies.

Exceptions:

1. A manual fire alarm system is not required in buildings not more than two stories in height where all individual *sleeping units* and contiguous attic and crawl spaces to those units are separated from each other and public or common areas by not less than 1-hour *fire partitions* and each individual *sleeping unit* has an *exit* directly to a *public way, egress court* or *yard*.
2. Manual fire alarm boxes are not required throughout the building where all of the following conditions are met:

- 2.1. The building is equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2.
- 2.2. The notification appliances will activate upon sprinkler water flow.
- 2.3. A minimum of one manual fire alarm box is installed at an *approved location*.

(45) Section 907.2.9.4.2 is added as follows:

907.2.9.4.2 Automatic smoke detection system. An automatic smoke detection system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed throughout all interior *corridors* serving *sleeping units*.

Exception: An automatic smoke detection system is not required in buildings that do not have interior *corridors* serving *sleeping units* and where each *sleeping unit* has a *means of egress* door opening directly to an *exit* or to an exterior *exit access* that leads directly to an *exit*.

(46) Section 907.2.10 is deleted and replaced as follows:

907.2.10 Group S. A manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed in Group S occupancies where any of the following conditions exist:

- 1. The Group S occupancy is two or more stories in height.
- 2. The Group S occupancy has an *occupant load* of 100 or more above or below the lowest *level of exit discharge*.
- 3. The Group S occupancy has a combined occupant load of 300 or more.
- 4. The Group S occupancy is 12,000 square feet or greater and is occupied by more than one tenant.

Exceptions:

- 1. Manual fire alarm boxes are not required where the building is equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 and the occupant notification appliances will activate throughout the notification zones upon sprinkler water flow.
- 2. Visible notification appliances are not required within individual storage units under 1,000 square feet.

(47) Section 912.2.2 is deleted and replaced as follows:

Section 912.2.2 Existing Buildings. On existing buildings, wherever the fire department connection is not visible to approaching fire apparatus, the fire department

connection shall be indicated by an *approved* sign mounted on the street front or on the side of the building. Such sign shall be reflective and constructed of a material designed to resist weathering. The sign shall have a white background with all lettering and graphics red in color. Such sign shall have the letters "FDC" not less than 6 inches (152 mm) high and words in letters not less than 2 inches (51 mm) high or an arrow to indicate the location not less than 3 inches (75 mm) high. Such signs shall be subject to approval of the fire code official.



(48) Section 912.6 is deleted and replaced as follows:

912.6 Backflow protection. A water supply serving a fire suppression system shall be protected against backflow with a Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) backflow device and comply with the requirements of *Illinois Plumbing Code*.

(49) Section 1103.5.3 is amended as follows:

1103.5.3 Group I-2, Condition 2. In addition to the requirements of Section 1103.5.2, existing building of Group I-2, Condition 2 occupancy shall be equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1. The automatic sprinkler system shall be installed as established by the adopting ordinance ~~(DATE BY WHICH SPRINKLER SYTEM MUST BE INSTALLED)~~ a compliance plan submitted by the property owner and approved by the fire code official.

(50) Section 1103.7.5.2 is amended as follows:

1103.7.5.2 Group R-1 and R-3 boarding and rooming houses manual fire alarm system. A manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed in existing Group R-1 and R-3 boarding and rooming houses.

Exceptions:

1. Buildings less than two stories in height where all *sleeping units*, attics and crawl spaces are separated by 1-hour *fire-resistance-rated* construction and each *sleeping unit* has direct access to a *public way*, *egress court* or yard.
2. Manual fire alarm boxes are not required where the building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2 and the occupant notification appliances will activate throughout the notification zones upon sprinkler water flow.
3. Not fewer than one manual fire alarm box is installed and an *approved* location.

(51) Section 1103.7.5.1 is amended as follows:

1103.7.5.1 Group R-1 hotel and motel manual fire alarm system. A manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed in existing Group R-1 hotels and motels more than one story above or below the level of exit discharge or with more than ~~20~~ 16 *sleeping units*.

Exceptions:

1. A manual fire alarm system is not required in buildings less than two stories in height where all *sleeping units*, attics and crawl spaces are separated by 1-hour *fire-resistance-rated* construction and each *sleeping unit* has direct access to a *public way*, *egress court* or yard.
2. A manual fire alarm system is not required in buildings not more than three stories in height with not more than 20 *sleeping units* and equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2.
3. Manual fire alarm boxes are not required throughout the building where the following conditions are met:
 - 3.1. The building is equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2.
 - 3.2. The notification appliances will activate upon sprinkler water flow.
 - 3.3. Not less than one manual fire alarm box is installed at an *approved* location.

(52) Section 1103.7.5.1.1 is amended as follows:

1103.7.5.1.1 Group R-1 hotel and motel automatic smoke detection system. An automatic smoke detection system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed ~~in~~ throughout all existing Group R-1 hotels and motels ~~throughout all interior corridors serving sleeping rooms~~ not equipped with an *approved*, supervised *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.

Exception: An automatic smoke detection system is not required in buildings that do not have interior *corridors* serving *sleeping units* and where each *sleeping unit* has a *means of egress* door opening directly to an *exit* or to an exterior *exit access* that leads directly to an *exit*.

(53) Section 1103.7.5.2.1 is amended as follows:

1103.7.5.2.1 Group R-1 and R-3 boarding and rooming house automatic smoke detection system. An automatic smoke detection system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed in existing Group R-1 and R-3 boarding and rooming houses throughout all interior *corridors* serving *sleeping units* not equipped with an *approved*, supervised sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.

~~**Exception:** Buildings equipped with single station smoke alarms meeting or exceeding the requirements of Section 907.2.11.1 and where the fire alarm system includes not less than one manual fire alarm box per floor arranged to initiate the alarm.~~

(54) Section 1103.7.7 is added as follows:

1103.7.7 Group F. A manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed in existing Group F occupancies where any of the following conditions exist:

1. The Group F occupancy is two or more stories in height with a combined fire area of 12,000 square feet or greater.
2. The Group F occupancy has an *occupant load* of 100 or more above or below the lowest *level of exit discharge*.
3. The Group F occupancy has a combined occupant load of 300 or more.
4. The Group F occupancy is 12,000 square feet or greater and is occupied by more than one tenant.

Exception: Manual fire alarm boxes are not required where the building is equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 and the occupant notification appliances will activate throughout the notification zones upon sprinkler water flow.

(55) Section 3305.5.1 is amended as follows:

3305.5.1 Fire watch during construction. A fire watch shall be provided during nonworking hours for new construction that exceeds 40 feet (12 192 mm) in height above the lowest adjacent grade at any point along the building perimeter, for new multistory construction ~~with an aggregate area exceeding 50,000 square feet (4645 m²) per story~~ or as required by the *fire code official*.

(56) Section 3305.5.2.1 is amended as follows:

3305.5.2.1 Duties. The ~~primary~~ sole duty of fire watch personnel shall be to perform constant patrols and watch for the occurrence of fire. The combination of fire watch duties and site security duties is acceptable.

(57) Section 3305.5.2.2 is amended as follows:

3305.5.2.2 Training. Personnel shall be trained to serve as an on-site fire watch. Training shall include the use of portable fire extinguishers, use of on-site fire protection systems, and response to fire, medical, and weather emergencies. Fire extinguishers and fire reporting shall be in accordance with Section 3310. Documentation of training for fire watch personnel shall be made available to the fire code official upon request.

(58) Section 5601.2.2 is deleted and replaced as follows:

5601.2.2 Sale and retail display. Persons shall not construct a retail display nor offer for sale explosives, explosive materials, or fireworks (1.3G or 1.4G).

(59) Section 5608.1 is amended as follows:

5608.1 General. Outdoor fireworks displays, use of pyrotechnics before a proximate *an audience*, and pyrotechnic special effects in motion picture, television, theatrical, and group entertainments productions shall comply with Section 5608.2 through 5608.10, NFPA 1123 and 1126, all requirements of the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshall (OSFM), and all other governing federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF OGLE) SS.

CERTIFICATE

I, Rose Hueramo, City Clerk of the City of Rochelle, County of Ogle and State of Illinois,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. _____,
“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE ICC INTERNATIONAL FIRE
CODE AND AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 42 – FIRE PREVENTION AND
PROTECTION” which was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochelle on
June 23, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of
the City of Rochelle this 23rd day of June, 2025.

CITY CLERK