

**INITIAL EXPRESS TERMS  
FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS  
OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
REGARDING THE 2022 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE,  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 1  
(SFM 09/21)**

The State agency shall draft the regulations in plain, straightforward language, avoiding technical terms as much as possible and using a coherent and easily readable style. The agency shall draft the regulation in plain English. A notation shall follow the express terms of each regulation listing the specific statutes authorizing the adoption and listing specific statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific (Government Code Section 11346.2(a)(1)).

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**LEGEND for EXPRESS TERMS (California only codes - Parts 1, 6, 8, 11, 12)**

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The Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) proposes to adopt the 2022 edition of the California Administrative Code (CAC). SFM further proposes to:

Repeal the adoption by reference of the 2019 California Administrative Code and incorporate and adopt by reference in its place the 2022 California Administrative Code.

Adopt new building standards or necessary amendments to the 2022 California Administrative Code as they pertain to California laws.

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**INITIAL EXPRESS TERMS**

**CHAPTER 1**

**Item SFM 02/21-1-1**

**Chapter 1, Administration, Division I, California Administration, Section 1.1.1 Title**

**Item SFM 02/21-1-2**

**Chapter 1, Administration, Division I, Chapter 3, Administration Regulations for the Office of the State Fire Marshal**

(RESERVED) **ARTICLE 1**

**3-101. Purpose.** The State Fire Marshal Shall prepare and adopt building standards in the California Building Standards Code relating to fire and panic safety. The State Fire Marshal shall enforce these regulations in all state-owned buildings, specified state-occupied buildings, and state institutions. Facilities constructed or altered pursuant to these regulations shall be in compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 24 related to the design aspects of the Fire and Life Safety (FLS) elements, components and systems.

**Authority** - Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13145, 13146, 16022,5 and 17921

**Reference** - Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13145, 13146, 16022,5 and 17921

**3-102. Scope.** Title 24, California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.); known as the California Building Standards Code, designate building regulations that are applicable to the Fire and Life Safety portions of the design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, alteration of or addition to any state-owned buildings, specified state-occupied buildings, and state institutions as defined in Sections. The term “Specified State-Occupied Buildings” shall include all buildings, structures, appurtenances and related systems or facilities as defined in Section 13108 and Section 13146, Health and Safety Code, authorizes the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to carry out the functions and duties related to plan check, construction, use and inspections of the construction of state-owned buildings, specified state-occupied buildings, and state institutions.

**Authority** - Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13145, 13146, 16022,5 and 17921

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**3-103. Authority for Enforcement of Regulations.** All duties and functions that relate to the Fire and Life Safety aspects of state-owned buildings, specified state-occupied buildings, and state institutions construction plan checking, and inspections have been vested by law in the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

**Authority** - Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13145, 13146, 16022,5 and 17921

**Reference** - Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13145, 13146, 16022,5 and 17921

**3-104. Application of Building Standards.** Building standards applicable to state-owned buildings, specified state-occupied buildings, and state institutions are set forth in Parts 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Title 24, C.C.R., and have been adopted as minimum design and construction standards upon which to base the approval of plans and specifications. These regulations shall not be construed to prevent the use of higher design standards or to restrict the use of new or innovative

design or construction techniques. Where the designer desires to use innovative design or construction techniques not addressed in these regulations it shall be necessary to submit for review and approval information including computations, test data and recommendations covering the design in question. The designer shall confer with OSFM concerning the applicability of these innovative design or construction techniques to state-owned, specified state-occupied, and state institutions construction prior to the submittal of plans and specifications. OSFM must be satisfied that the degree of safety achieved by these innovative design and construction techniques is at least equivalent to that achieved by the regulations. The determination of the equivalency of the degree of safety shall be the responsibility of OSFM.

**Authority** - Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13145, 13146, 16022,5 and 17921

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**3-105. Approval of construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, alteration of or addition to any state-owned, specified state-occupied, and state institutions.**

Plans and specifications for any new state building or for the reconstruction, rehabilitation, alteration of or addition to state buildings shall be submitted to OSFM for approval as required by and in accordance with Sections 13108 through 13146. This approval shall include Fire and Life Safety.

**Authority** - Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13145, 13146, 16022,5 and 17921

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**ARTICLE 2**  
**DEFINITIONS**

**INSPECTOR** shall mean any person duly approved by OSFM to perform construction inspection for a particular project.

**PLANS** as used in these regulations shall mean the drawings associated with the project such as, but not limited to, specifications, vicinity maps, site plans, foundation plans, floor plans, ceiling plans, roof plans, cross-sections, interior elevations, exterior elevations and details which are used in conjunction with the project specifications and which are necessary to accomplish construction in conformance with the requirements of the Health and Safety Code 13108.

**SPECIFICATIONS** as used in these regulations shall mean the written document which is used in conjunction with the project plans to establish the job conditions, the quality and quantity of construction materials used in the project and the quality of workmanship required to accomplish the construction in conformance with the provisions of this Code.

**SPECIFIED STATE-OCCUPIED BUILDINGS** are any building, structure or area which:

- a. Is 100% state occupied.
- b. Or has a total floor area exceeding 55,000 square feet, is greater than 4 stories or 55 feet in height, and has assembly occupancy greater than 5,000 square feet and is 75 percent or more occupied by state entities,
- c. Or is of unusual design or construction as determined by the OSFM,
- d. Or that poses a high hazard risk to life or property,
- e. Or facilities housing records and/or artifacts of historical significance,
- f. Or properties leased by California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC)

Therefore, all leased buildings that do not meet the parameters listed above, become the responsibility of the local jurisdiction and are subject to ordinances.

**STATE INSTITUTION** shall mean any building owned or leased by the State educational institutions such as California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), etc.

**STATE OWNED BUILDING** shall mean any building owned by the State or political subdivision thereof. A building or property which are owned by or deeded to state.

**Authority** - Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13145, 13146, 16022,5 and 17921

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