



**Georgia State Amendments  
to the  
Standard Fire Prevention  
Code  
(2000 Edition)**



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**GEORGIA STATE MINIMUM  
STANDARD FIRE PREVENTION CODE  
(International Fire Code)**

The STANDARD FIRE PREVENTION CODE (International Fire Code), 2000 Edition, published by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., when used in conjunction with these Georgia Amendments, shall constitute the official Georgia State Minimum Standard Fire Prevention Code.

**Appendices**

Appendices are not enforceable unless they are specifically referenced in the body of the code or adopted for enforcement in the ordinance of the authority having jurisdiction.

**GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS**

**CODE REFERENCE:**

- (a) Change all references from the ICC Electrical Code to the Georgia State Minimum Standard Electrical Code.
- (b) Change all references from the International Energy Conservation Code to the Georgia State Energy Code for Buildings. The Georgia State Energy Code for Buildings shall be used for efficiency and coefficient of ratings of equipment.

**SCOPE:**

This code establishes regulations affecting or relating to structures, processes and premises and safeguards from the hazard of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling or use of structures, materials or devices; from conditions hazardous to life, property or public welfare in the occupancy of structures or premises from fire hazards in the structure or on the premise from occupancy or operation; and matters related to the construction, extension, repair, alteration or removal of fire suppression and alarm systems.

*\* Revise the Standard Fire Prevention Code, (International Fire Code) 2000 Edition, as follows:*

**CHAPTER 1  
ADMINISTRATION**

\* Delete Chapter 1 without substitution. Chapter 1 is to remain in the Code as a (*reference and*) guide for local governments in development of their own Administrative Procedures. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**CHAPTER 2  
DEFINITIONS**

**SECTION 201  
GENERAL**

\* Revise Section 201.1 to read as follows:

**201.1 Scope.** Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and terms shall be established by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code, with the exception of those definitions established by the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner and with the exception of the definitions of occupancy classifications or sub-classifications. Where any definitions are not specifically addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code but are specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code or the Georgia State Minimum Standard Fire Prevention Code, then the Life Safety Code and the Standard Fire Prevention Code shall be used as supplements. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**SECTION 202  
GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

\* Revise Section 202 to add a new definition for **OVERCROWDING** as follows:

**OVERCROWDING.** A condition that exists when either there are more people in a building, structure or portion thereof than have been authorized or posted by the authority having jurisdiction, or when the authority having jurisdiction, or his or her representative, determines that a threat exists to the safety of the occupants due to persons sitting and/or standing in locations so that in the event of an emergency, said persons may obstruct or impede the use of aisles, passages, corridors, stairways, exits or other components of the means of egress. (Effective January 1, 2002)

\* Revise Section 202 to add a new definition for **TIRES, BULK STORAGE OF** as follows:

**TIRES, BULK STORAGE OF.** Storage of tires where the area designated for storage exceeds 20,000 cubic feet (566 m<sup>3</sup>). (Effective January 1, 2002)

## **CHAPTER 6 BUILDING SERVICES AND SYSTEMS**

### **[M] SECTION 609 COMMERCIAL KITCHEN HOODS**

\* Delete Section 609.1 and substitute with the following:

**609.1 General.** The State's minimum requirements for commercial kitchen hoods shall be established by the Life Safety Code and NFPA 96. Areas not specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code and NFPA 96 and which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Mechanical Code (International Mechanical Code), the Standard Mechanical Code shall be used as a supplement. (Effective January 1, 2002)

## **CHAPTER 7 FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED CONSTRUCTION**

### **SECTION 701 GENERAL**

• Revise Section 701.1 to read as follows:

**701.1 Scope.** The requirements for and maintenance of fire-resistance-rated construction and requirements for enclosing floor openings and shafts shall be established by the Life Safety Code. Areas not specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code and which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code, the Standard Building Code shall be used as a supplement. New construction shall comply with the Life Safety Code for establishing protection for vertical openings. Areas not specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code and which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code, the Standard Building Code shall be used as a supplement. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**CHAPTER 8**  
**INTERIOR FINISH, DECORATIVE MATERIALS AND FURNISHINGS**

**SECTION 801**  
**GENERAL**

\* Add a new Section 801.2 to read as follows:

**801.2 Scope.** The State's minimum requirements for interior finishes shall be established by the Life Safety Code. Areas not specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code and which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code, the Standard Building Code shall be used as a supplement. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**CHAPTER 9**  
**FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

**SECTION 903**  
**AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

\* Delete Section 903.1 in its entirety and substitute to read as follows:

**903.1 General.** The State's minimum requirements for fire sprinkler systems shall be established by the Life Safety Code. Areas not specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code and which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code, the Standard Building Code shall be used as a supplement.

**Exception:**

Fire sprinkler systems required by minimum construction requirements for height and area shall be established by the Standard Building Code. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**SECTION 904**  
**ALTERNATIVE AUTOMATIC FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS**

\* Delete Section 904.11 and substitute with the following:

**904.11 Commercial Cooking Systems.** The State's minimum requirements for commercial cooking systems shall be established by the Life Safety Code and NFPA 96. Areas not specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code and NFPA 96 and which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Mechanical Code, the Standard Mechanical Code shall be used as a supplement. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**SECTION 905  
STANDPIPE SYSTEMS**

\* Delete Section 905.1 in its entirety and substitute with the following:

**905.1 General.** The State's minimum requirements for standpipes shall be established by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code. Areas not specifically addressed by the Standard Building Code and which are addressed by the Life Safety Code or the Georgia State Minimum Standard Fire Prevention Code, the Life Safety Code and the Standard Fire Prevention Code shall be used as supplements. The requirements for occupant hoses have been eliminated in new and existing buildings subject to approval by the authority having jurisdiction. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**SECTION 906  
PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

\* Delete Section 906.2 and substitute with the following:

**906.2 General Requirements.** The State's minimum requirements for portable fire extinguishers shall be established by the Life Safety Code. Areas not specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code and which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code or the Georgia State Minimum Standard Fire Prevention Code, the Standard Building code and the Standard Fire Prevention Code shall be used as supplements. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**SECTION 907  
FIRE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS**

\* Delete Section 907.1 and substitute with the following:

**907.1 General.** The State's minimum requirements for fire alarms shall be established by the Life Safety Code. Areas not specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code and which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code and the Georgia State Minimum Standard Fire Prevention Code, the Standard Building Code and the Standard Fire Prevention Code shall be used as supplements.

The State's minimum requirements for smoke detectors shall be established by the Life Safety Code except where they are specifically addressed by O.C.G.A. Title 25, Chapter 2. Areas not specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code or O.C.G.A. Title 25, Chapter 2 and which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code or the Georgia State Minimum Standard Fire Prevention Code, The Standard Building code and the Standard fire Prevention Code shall be used as supplements. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**CHAPTER 10  
MEANS OF EGRESS**

**SECTION 1001  
GENERAL**

\* Delete Section 1001.1 and substitute with the following:

**1001.1 Scope.** The State's minimum requirements for means of egress and all components thereof shall be established by the Life Safety Code. Areas not specifically addressed by the Life Safety Code and which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code, the Standard Building Code shall be used as a supplement. Requirements of the Life Safety Code for smokeproof enclosures for exits from high rise buildings shall be maintained.

**EXCEPTION:**

The State's minimum construction requirements for smoke proof enclosures shall be established by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**CHAPTER 11  
AVIATION FACILITIES**

**SECTION 1103  
GENERAL PRECAUTIONS**

\* Delete Section 1103.5 and substitute with the following:

**1103.5 Dispensing of flammable and combustible liquids.** No dispensing, transfer or storage of flammable or combustible liquids shall be permitted inside any building or structure.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. As provided in Chapter 34 - Flammable and Combustible Liquids.
2. When the procedures used follow the guidelines and requirements set forth in NFPA 410 – Standard on Aircraft Maintenance. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**SECTION 1104  
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE**

\* Delete Section 1104.1 and substitute with the following:

**1104.1 Transferring flammable and combustible liquids.** No dispensing, transfer or storage of flammable or combustible liquids shall be permitted inside any building or structure.

**EXCEPTION:**

Aircraft fuel systems maintenance conducted in accordance with NFPA 410-Standard on Aircraft Maintenance. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**SECTION 1107  
HELISTOPS AND HELIPORTS**

\* Delete Section 1107.1 and substitute with the following:

**1107.1 General.** Helistops and heliports shall be maintained in accordance with Section 1107. Helistops and heliports on buildings or structures shall be constructed in accordance with the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code and the requirements as set forth by NFPA 418-Standard for Heliports. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**CHAPTER 22  
SERVICE STATIONS AND REPAIR GARAGES**

\* Delete Sections 2204.3 through 2204.3.7 and substitute with the following:

**2204.3 Unattended self-service stations.** Unattended self-service stations shall comply with Chapter 120-3-11 of the Rules and Regulations of Georgia's Safety Fire Commissioner. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**CHAPTER 27**  
**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 2701**  
**GENERAL**

\* Delete Section 2701.1 and substitute with the following:

**2701.1 Scope.** The State's minimum requirements for the storage, handling, use and transportation of hazardous materials such as but not limited to flammable and combustible liquids, flammable gases, compressed gases, explosives, blasting agents, oxidizers, toxic gases, fireworks and cryogenic materials shall be established by the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. Areas not specifically addressed by the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner but which are addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Fire Prevention Code, the Standard Fire Prevention Code shall be used as a supplement. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**CHAPTER 34**  
**FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS**

**SECTION 3404**  
**STORAGE**

\* Revise Section 3404.2.9.5.1 to add the following to the end of the paragraph:

**3404.2.9.5.1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited.** and as established by Chapter 120-3-11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. (Effective January 1, 2002)

**SECTION 3406**  
**SPECIAL OPERATIONS**

\* Revise Section 3406.4 to add the following to the end of the paragraph:

**3406.4 Bulk plants or terminals.** and as established in Chapter 120-3-11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner. (Effective January 1, 2002)