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This edition of NFPA 101®, *Life Safety Code*®, was prepared by the Technical Committees on Assembly Occupancies; Board and Care Facilities; Building Service and Fire Protection Equipment; Detention and Correctional Occupancies; Educational and Day-Care Occupancies; Fire Protection Features; Fundamentals of Safety to Life; Health Care Occupancies; Industrial, Storage, and Miscellaneous Occupancies; Interior Finish and Contents; Means of Egress; Mercantile and Business Occupancies; and Residential Occupancies; released by the Correlating Committee on Safety to Life and acted on by the NFPA membership during the 2023 NFPA Technical Meeting held June 22. It was issued by the Standards Council on August 25, 2023, with an effective date of September 14, 2023, and supersedes all previous editions.

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Origin and Development of NFPA 101

The *Life Safety Code* had its origin in the work of the Committee on Safety to Life of the National Fire Protection Association, which was appointed in 1913. In 1912, a pamphlet titled *Exit Drills in Factories, Schools, Department Stores and Theaters* was published following its presentation by the late Committee member R. H. Newbern at the 1911 Annual Meeting of the Association. Although the pamphlet's publication antedated the organization of the committee, it was considered a committee publication.

For the first few years of its existence, the Committee on Safety to Life devoted its attention to a study of the notable fires involving loss of life and to analyzing the causes of this loss of life. This work led to the preparation of standards for the construction of stairways, fire escapes, and other egress routes for fire drills in various occupancies, and for the construction and arrangement of exit facilities for factories, schools, and other occupancies. These reports were adopted by the National Fire Protection Association and published in pamphlet form as *Outside Stairs for Fire Exits* (1916) and *Safeguarding Factory Workers from Fire* (1918). These pamphlets served as a groundwork for the present *Code*. These pamphlets were widely circulated and put into general use.

In 1921, the Committee on Safety to Life was enlarged to include representatives of certain interested groups not previously participating in the standard's development. The committee then began to further develop and integrate previous committee publications to provide a comprehensive guide to exits and related features of life safety from fire in all classes of occupancy. Known as the *Building Exits Code*, various drafts were published, circulated, and discussed over a period of years, and the first edition of the Building Exits Code was published by the National Fire Protection Association in 1927. Thereafter, the committee continued its deliberations, adding new material on features not originally covered and revising various details in the light of fire experience and practical experience in the use of the *Code*. New editions were published in 1929, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1942, and 1946 to incorporate the amendments adopted by the National Fire Protection Association.

National attention was focused on the importance of adequate exits and related fire safety features after the Cocoanut Grove Nightclub fire in Boston in 1942 in which 492 lives were lost. Public attention to exit matters was further stimulated by the series of hotel fires in 1946 (LaSalle, Chicago — 61 dead; Canfield, Dubuque — 19 dead; and Winecoff, Atlanta — 119 dead). The *Building Exits Code*, thereafter, was used to an increasing extent for regulatory purposes. However, the *Code* was not written in language suitable for adoption into law, because it had been drafted as a reference document and contained advisory provisions that were useful to building designers but inappropriate for legal use. This led to a decision by the committee to re-edit the entire *Code*, limiting the body of the text to requirements suitable for mandatory application and placing advisory and explanatory material in notes. The re-editing expanded *Code* provisions to cover additional

occupancies and building features to produce a complete document. The *Code* expansion was carried on concurrently with development of the 1948, 1949, 1951, and 1952 editions. The results were incorporated into the 1956 edition and further refined in subsequent editions dated 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, and 1963.

In 1955, NFPA 101B, on nursing homes, and NFPA 101C, on interior finish, were published. NFPA 101C was revised in 1956. These publications have since been withdrawn.

In 1963, the Committee on Safety to Life was restructured to represent all interested factions and to include only those members with broad knowledge of fire matters. The committee served as a review and correlating committee for seven sectional committees whose personnel included members having a special knowledge and interest in various portions of the *Code*.

Under the revised structure, the sectional committees, through the Committee on Safety to Life, prepared the 1966 edition of the *Code*, which was a complete revision of the 1963 edition. The *Code* title was changed from *Building Exits Code* to *Code for Safety to Life from Fire in Buildings and Structures*. The *Code* text was written in enforceable code language, and all explanatory notes were placed in an appendix.

The *Code* was placed on a 3-year revision schedule, with new editions adopted in 1967, 1970, 1973, and 1976.

In 1977, the Committee on Safety to Life was reorganized as a technical committee, with an executive committee and standing subcommittees responsible for various chapters and sections. The 1981 edition contained major editorial changes, including reorganization within the occupancy chapters, to make them parallel to each other, and the splitting of requirements for new and existing buildings into separate chapters. Chapters on detention and correctional facilities were added, as well as new sections for ambulatory health care centers.

The 1985 edition contained a new Chapter 21 on residential board and care occupancies with related Appendix F and Appendix G, a new Appendix D on alternative calculations for stair width, and Appendix E, a fire safety evaluation system (FSES) for detention and correctional facilities.

The 1988 edition contained a major change in the method of determining egress capacity with the deletion of the traditional units of exit width and the substitution of a straight linear approach to calculating egress capacity. Appendix C through Appendix G were moved from NFPA 101 into a new document, NFPA 101M.

The 1991 edition contained numerous new requirements for mandatory sprinklers in new health care facilities, hotels, apartment buildings, lodging and room houses, and board and care facilities, as well as mandatory sprinkler requirements for existing high-rise hotels and apartment buildings. The requirements for board and care facilities were split into two chapters, Chapter 22 for new construction and Chapter 23 for existing buildings.

The 1994 edition contained new requirements for accessible means of egress, areas of refuge, and ramps, putting the *Code* in substantial agreement with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).

The 1997 edition relocated the material on day care occupancies from Chapters 10 and 11 for new and existing educational occupancies to new Chapters 30 and 31. The operating features requirements, previously contained in Chapter 31, were interspersed throughout the *Code*, as applicable.

The 2000 edition introduced a performance-based option via Section 4.4 and new Chapter 5. That edition also reformatted the *Code* for substantial compliance with the NFPA *Manual of Style*: (1) former Chapter 1, General, was split into Chapter 1, Administration, and Chapter 4, General; (2) the mandatory references list was moved from Chapter 33 to Chapter 2; (3) all definitions were moved into Chapter 3, and each defined term was numbered; (4) the paragraph numbering style that separated the chapter number from the section number using a hyphen was changed to the use of a decimal point as the separator; and (5) the appendixes were renamed annexes. Former Chapter 32 on special structures and high-rise buildings was moved to Chapter 11 to join the core chapters (i.e., the chapters that are not occupancy specific). The subject of interior finish, contents, and furnishings was moved from Section 6.5 into a separate new chapter, Chapter 10. The occupancy chapters, formerly Chapters 8 through 32, became Chapters 12 through 42, with some repositioning of chapters. For example, the daycare occupancies chapters were renumbered from Chapters 30/31 to Chapters 16/17, so as to be positioned immediately after the chapters for educational occupancies.

The 2003 edition reformatted all exceptions into numbered or lettered paragraphs. Some reformatting of paragraphs with multiple requirements was done for additional compliance with the NFPA *Manual of Style*.

The 2006 edition repositioned the inch-pound (US Customary) units to appear first, followed by the metric equivalent (SI) units in parentheses. New Chapter 43, Building Rehabilitation, was added to promote the adaptive reuse of existing buildings without sacrificing needed life safety.

The 2009 edition added provisions to Chapter 7 for electrically controlled egress doors, horizontal-sliding doors serving an area with an occupant load of fewer than 10, elevator lobby access door locking, and door inspection and maintenance. The remoteness criteria of Chapter 7 were expanded to have applicability to all three portions of the means of egress — exit access, exit, and exit discharge. Extensive revisions were made throughout the *Code* to standardize the use of the terms *stories in height*,

finished ground level, grade plane, basement, and level of exit discharge. Section 9.6 and the applicable occupancy chapters were revised to limit the use of public address systems for occupant alarm notification to large venue assembly occupancies and mercantile mall buildings, where the physical configuration, function, and human behavior present challenges with respect to effective occupant notification by standard means in accordance with NFPA 72®, *National Fire Alarm Code*®. A subsection was added to Chapter 11 for special provisions applicable to air traffic control towers. The criteria for assembly stage proscenium opening fire curtains were deleted from Chapter 12 and replaced by a reference to the new fire curtain provisions of NFPA 80, *Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives*. Provisions were added to Chapters 14 through 17 for the placement and use of alcohol-based hand-rub dispensers in educational and day-care occupancies. The provisions of Chapters 18 and 19 were expanded to address door locking where the needs of patients or clients require specialized protective measures for their safety and security in hospitals, nursing homes, and limited care facilities. Also, a limitation on common path of travel was added to Chapter 18 for new health care occupancies; the requirement for patient sleeping room windows was deleted for new and existing health care occupancies; and all existing high-rise health care occupancy buildings must be sprinklered within 12 years of the adoption of this edition of the *Code*. Numerous occupancy chapters were revised to require emergency plans in accordance with Section 4.8. Chapter 43 on building rehabilitation was revised to address issues not identified when the chapter was written for the 2003 edition and to delete redundancies. An adoptable annex was added for elevators for occupant evacuation prior to Phase I Emergency Recall Operations. Another adoptable annex was added for supplemental escape devices and systems.

The 2012 edition expanded what had been the definitions of *noncombustible material* and *limited-combustible material* and moved the material to new subsections in Chapter 4. The material addressing elevators for occupant controlled evacuation, which had comprised Annex B, was moved to Chapter 7. A new section was added to Chapter 7 to address normally unoccupied building service equipment support areas. The Chapter 8 table addressing minimum fire protection ratings for opening protectives was expanded. Provisions for carbon monoxide detection were added to Chapter 9. Requirements for carbon monoxide detection were added to some of the occupancy chapters. The health care occupancies provisions were modified to permit the health care setting to be made more homelike.

The 2015 edition included new provisions in Chapter 4 detailing the code requirements hierarchy to be applied where a provision in one chapter conflicts with a provision in another chapter. Means of egress provisions were revised or added relative to rooms opening directly onto an exit enclosure, door opening threshold height for spaces not normally occupied, door encroachment on egress width, existing door frames without labels, security access turnstiles, handrail orientation on flaring-width stairs, horizontal exit stacking, horizontal exit exterior wall extensions, elevators in towers, occupant evacuation elevators, and occupant load factors for ambulatory health care and concentrated business use. Atrium walls are permitted to serve as part of the separation for creating separated occupancies on a story-by-story basis. The provisions for the inspection of door assemblies were revised so that fire-rated doors are addressed in Chapter 8 and non-rated egress doors in Chapter 7. The Chapter 8 table addressing minimum fire protection rating for opening protectives was again expanded. Provisions for alcohol-based hand-rub dispensers were added to Chapter 8 so they can be referenced by the occupancy chapters. The high-rise building provisions of Chapter 11 were expanded to include remote video monitoring of exit stair enclosures. The assembly occupancy life safety evaluation provisions were expanded. The day care and residential board and care occupancy provisions were revised to permit more than one floor level to be considered the level of exit discharge. The health care occupancy provisions were further revised to permit facilities to be made more home-like, including a reduction in nursing home minimum corridor width and the clarification of permitted smoke alarm placement for kitchens that are open to the corridor. Health care occupancy doors subject to locking are permitted to be disguised with murals. Smoke barriers are permitted to be omitted on a non-health care floor below a health care floor. The ambulatory health care occupancy chapters were rewritten to be self-contained, removing the need to reference the business occupancy chapters.

The 2018 edition expanded the *Code's* scope to include hazardous materials emergencies, injuries from falls, and emergency communications. In Chapter 4, a reference was added to NFPA 241 for construction, alteration, and demolition operations, and new requirements for fire-retardant-treated wood. In Chapter 7, the terms *electrically controlled egress door assemblies*, *delayed-egress locking systems*, and *access-controlled egress door assemblies* were revised to *door hardware release of electrically locked egress door assemblies*, *delayed-egress electrical locking systems*, and *sensor-release of electrical locking systems*, respectively. New Chapter 7 criteria was added that permits occupant load to be reduced to available egress capacity as was previously permitted only for building rehabilitation. In Chapter 8, wall marking and identification provisions for fire barriers, smoke barriers, and smoke partitions were added. Opening protective requirements were substantially revised and reorganized. A reference to NFPA 4 was added to Chapter 9 for integrated fire protection and life safety system testing and new provisions for risk analyses for mass notification systems. In Chapter 10, the interior finish requirements for expanded vinyl wall coverings and textile wall and ceiling coverings were revised, and new provisions for laminated products and facings or wood veneers were added. In Chapter 11, the provisions for airport traffic control towers were revised, and the emergency lighting and standby power requirements for high-rise buildings were reorganized. Animal housing facilities were added as special structures. Carbon-monoxide detection requirements for new assembly occupancies were added to Chapter 12. In Chapters 14–17, 38, and 39, criteria for door locking to prevent unwanted entry in educational, day-care, and business occupancies were added. The sprinkler requirement threshold for new educational occupancies in Chapter 14 was revised. Health care corridor projection allowances in Chapters 18 and 19 were modified to correlate with accessibility standards and to permit the installation of emergency stair travel devices and self-retracting seats. New provisions were added to permit health care and ambulatory health care smoke compartments up to 40,000 ft² (3720 m²) in area. In Chapters 20 and 21, door locking provisions for patient special needs in ambulatory

health care occupancies were revised. In Chapter 24, criteria for bathtub and shower grab bars were added and then referenced by numerous occupancy chapters. Attic protection requirements were added to Chapters 28 and 30 for certain new hotels and dormitories and apartment buildings. In Chapter 32, carbon-monoxide detection requirements for new residential board and care occupancies were added. Mall terminology was revised in Chapters 36 and 37, and new provisions were added to differentiate between open and enclosed mall concourses. In Chapters 38 and 39, a reference to NFPA 99 for medical gases in business occupancies was added. A new Annex C was added to provide guidance on several NFPA hazardous materials standards.

The 2021 edition included allowance for a second door lock/latch releasing motion on existing educational and day care occupancy classroom doors to accommodate lockdown events; mandatory sprinklers in new day care occupancies with more than 12 clients; modified sprinkler requirements for existing high-rise buildings containing ambulatory health care, business, industrial, or apartment building occupancies; modified construction limits for existing nursing homes; clarification that non-required fire doors are not subject to the inspection requirements of NFPA 80; requirements for temporary barriers to separate areas under construction in health care and ambulatory health care occupancies; updated criteria for special amusement buildings; mandatory sprinkler requirement for new bars and restaurants with an occupant load of 50 or more; minimum requirements for fire department two-way communication signal strength in all new buildings; carbon monoxide detection requirements for existing hotels and dormitories; low-frequency fire alarm notification signal requirements in new hotel, dormitory, and apartment building sleeping rooms in accordance with *NFPA 72*; and requirements for burglar bars/grates on means of escape windows in residential occupancies.

Key revisions in the 2024 edition include updated emergency action plan requirements to address security features; allowance for other exits associated with horizontal exits to discharge through the building where sprinklered; revised listing and installation requirements for two-way communications systems in areas of refuge; allowance for additional exit discharge through interior building areas; updated alcohol-based hand-rub solution dispenser and storage requirements; new requirements for inflatable amusement devices, modular rooms, and sleep pods; smokeproof enclosure exemption for sprinklered high-rise buildings; additional carbon monoxide detection requirements for existing educational, new and existing day-care, new health care, new ambulatory health care, new and existing detention and correctional, existing one- and two-family dwelling, existing lodging or rooming house, and existing apartment building occupancies; new requirements for and guidance on alternate care sites (ACSs); revised door locking and suite supervision requirements for health care occupancies; new requirements for apartment building occupancy valet trash collection services; and mandatory automatic sprinkler system requirements for all new parking structures.

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Essentially, the *Code* comprises four major parts. The first part consists of Chapters 1 through 4, Chapters 6 through 11, and Chapter 43; these are often referred to as the base chapters or fundamental chapters. The second part is Chapter 5, which details the performance-based option. The next part consists of Chapters 12 through 42, which are the occupancy chapters. The fourth and last part consists of Annex A through Annex D, which contain useful additional information.

A thorough understanding of Chapters 1 through 4, Chapters 6 through 11, and Chapter 43 is necessary to use the *Code* effectively, because these chapters provide the building blocks on which the requirements of the occupancy chapters are based. Note that many of the provisions of Chapters 1 through 4 and Chapters 6 through 11 are mandatory for all occupancies. Some provisions are mandated only when referenced by a specific occupancy, while others are exempted for specific occupancies. Often, in one of the base chapters, especially in Chapter 7, the phrase “where permitted by Chapters 11 through 43” appears. In this case, that provision can be used only where specifically permitted by an occupancy chapter. For example, the provisions of 7.2.1.6.1 on delayed-egress electrical locking systems are permitted only when permitted by Chapters 11 through 43. Permission to use delayed-egress electrical locking systems is normally found in the “____.2.2” subsection of each occupancy chapter. For example, 12.2.2.2.5 specifically permits the use of delayed-egress electrical locking systems in new assembly occupancies. If this permission is not found in an occupancy chapter, delayed-egress electrical locking systems cannot be used. Similar types of restricted permission are found for such items as security grilles, double-cylinder locks, revolving doors, and so forth. In other locations in the base chapters, the wording “unless prohibited by Chapters 11 through 43” is used. In this case, the provision is permitted in all occupancies, unless specifically prohibited by an occupancy chapter.

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Chapter 1 Administration

1.1* Scope.

1.1.1 Title. NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, shall be known as the *Life Safety Code*®, is cited as such, and shall be referred to herein as “this Code” or “the Code.”

1.1.2 Danger to Life from Fire. The Code addresses those construction, protection, and occupancy features necessary to minimize danger to life from the effects of fire, including smoke, heat, and toxic gases created during a fire.

1.1.3 Egress Facilities. The Code establishes minimum criteria for the design of egress facilities so as to allow prompt escape of occupants from buildings or, where desirable, into safe areas within buildings.

1.1.4 Other Fire-Related Considerations. The Code addresses other considerations that are essential to life safety in recognition of the fact that life safety is more than a matter of egress. The Code also addresses protective features and systems, building services, operating features, maintenance activities, and other provisions in recognition of the fact that achieving an acceptable degree of life safety depends on additional safe-

guards to provide adequate egress time or protection for people exposed to fire.

1.1.5* Hazardous Materials Emergencies. The Code also addresses other considerations that provide for occupant protection during emergency events involving hazardous materials.

1.1.6 Injuries from Falls. The Code also addresses reducing injury to occupants from falls.

1.1.7 Emergency Communications. The Code also addresses other considerations that provide for communications to occupants under emergency conditions and to others.

1.1.8* Considerations Not Related to Fire. The Code also addresses other considerations that, while important in fire conditions, provide an ongoing benefit in other conditions of use, including non-fire emergencies.

1.1.9 Areas Not Addressed. The Code does not address the following:

- (1)* General fire prevention or building construction features that are normally a function of fire prevention codes and building codes
- (2) Prevention of injury incurred by an individual due to that individual's failure to use reasonable care
- (3) Preservation of property from loss by fire
- (4) The retail sale and associated storage of consumer fire-works

1.2* Purpose. The purpose of this Code is to provide minimum requirements, with due regard to function, for the design, operation, and maintenance of buildings and structures for safety to life from fire. Its provisions will also aid life safety in similar emergencies.

1.3 Application.

1.3.1* New and Existing Buildings and Structures. The Code shall apply to both new construction and existing buildings and existing structures.

1.3.2 Vehicles and Vessels. The Code shall apply to vehicles, vessels, or other similar conveyances, as specified in Section 11.6, in which case such vehicles and vessels shall be treated as buildings.

1.4* Equivalency. Nothing in this Code is intended to prevent the use of systems, methods, or devices of equivalent or superior quality, strength, fire resistance, effectiveness, durability, and safety over those prescribed by this Code.

1.4.1 Technical Documentation. Technical documentation shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction to demonstrate equivalency.

1.4.2 Approval. The system, method, or device shall be approved for the intended purpose by the authority having jurisdiction.

1.4.3* Equivalent Compliance. Alternative systems, methods, or devices approved as equivalent by the authority having jurisdiction shall be recognized as being in compliance with this Code.

1.5 Units and Formulas.

1.5.1 SI Units. Metric units of measurement in this *Code* are in accordance with the modernized metric system known as the International System of Units (SI).

1.5.2 Primary Values. The inch-pound value for a measurement, and the SI value given in parentheses, shall each be acceptable for use as primary units for satisfying the requirements of this *Code*.

1.6 Enforcement. This *Code* shall be administered and enforced by the authority having jurisdiction designated by the governing authority.

Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

2.1 General. The documents referenced in this chapter, or portions of such documents, are referenced within this *Code*, shall be considered part of the requirements of this *Code*, and the following shall also apply:

- (1)* Documents referenced in this chapter, or portion of such documents, shall only be applicable to the extent called for within other chapters of this *Code*.
- (2) Where the requirements of a referenced code or standard differ from the requirements of this *Code*, the requirements of this *Code* shall govern.
- (3)* Existing buildings or installations that do not comply with the provisions of the codes or standards referenced in this chapter shall be permitted to be continued in service, provided that the lack of conformity with these documents does not present a serious hazard to the occupants as determined by the authority having jurisdiction.

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- NFPA 11, *Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam*, 2021 edition.
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- NFPA 15, *Standard for Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection*, 2022 edition.
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NFPA 37, *Standard for the Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines*, 2021 edition.

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NFPA 80, *Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives*, 2022 edition.

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NFPA 88A, *Standard for Parking Structures*, 2023 edition.

NFPA 90A, *Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems*, 2024 edition.

NFPA 90B, *Standard for the Installation of Warm Air Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems*, 2024 edition.

NFPA 91, *Standard for Exhaust Systems for Air Conveying of Vapors, Gases, Mists, and Noncombustible Particulate Solids*, 2020 edition.

NFPA 92, *Standard for Smoke Control Systems*, 2021 edition.

NFPA 96, *Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations*, 2024 edition.

NFPA 99, *Health Care Facilities Code*, 2024 edition.

NFPA 101A, *Guide on Alternative Approaches to Life Safety*, 2022 edition.

NFPA 105, *Standard for Smoke Door Assemblies and Other Opening Protectives*, 2022 edition.

NFPA 110, *Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems*, 2022 edition.

NFPA 111, *Standard on Stored Electrical Energy Emergency and Standby Power Systems*, 2022 edition.

NFPA 150, *Fire and Life Safety in Animal Housing Facilities Code*, 2022 edition.

NFPA 160, *Standard for the Use of Flame Effects Before an Audience*, 2021 edition.

NFPA 170, *Standard for Fire Safety and Emergency Symbols*, 2021 edition.

NFPA 204, *Standard for Smoke and Heat Venting*, 2021 edition.

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Chapter 3 Definitions

3.1 General. The definitions contained in this chapter shall apply to the terms used in this *Code*. Where terms are not defined in this chapter or within another chapter, they shall be defined using their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context in which they are used. *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th edition, shall be the source for the ordinarily accepted meaning.

3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

3.2.1* Approved. Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3.2.2* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

3.2.3* Code. A standard that is an extensive compilation of provisions covering broad subject matter or that is suitable for adoption into law independently of other codes and standards.

3.2.4 Labeled. Equipment or materials to which has been attached a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation, that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled equipment or materials, and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner.

3.2.5* Listed. Equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that either the equipment, material, or service meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

3.2.6 Shall. Indicates a mandatory requirement.

3.2.7 Should. Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1 Accessible Area of Refuge. See 3.3.25.1.

3.3.2 Accessible Means of Egress. See 3.3.185.1.

3.3.3 Accessible Route. A continuous unobstructed path that complies with this Code and ICC A117.1, *Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities*. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.4* Actuating Member or Bar. The activating mechanism of a panic hardware or fire exit hardware device located on the egress side of a door. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.5 Addition. An increase in building area, aggregate floor area, building height, or number of stories of a structure. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.6 Airport Traffic Control Tower. See 3.3.303.1.

3.3.7 Aircraft Loading Walkway. An aboveground device through which passengers move between a point in an airport terminal building and an aircraft. Included in this category are walkways that are essentially fixed and permanently placed, or walkways that are essentially mobile in nature and that fold, telescope, or pivot from a fixed point at the airport terminal building. [415, 2022] (SAF-AXM)

3.3.8 Air-Inflated Structure. See 3.3.293.1.

3.3.9 Airport Terminal Building. See 3.3.37.1.

3.3.10 Air-Supported Structure. See 3.3.293.2.

3.3.11* Aisle Accessway. The initial portion of an exit access that leads to an aisle. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.12 Aisle Ramp. See 3.3.238.1.

3.3.13 Aisle Stair. See 3.3.286.1.

3.3.14 Alarm.

N 3.3.14.1 Carbon Monoxide Alarm. A single- or multiple-station alarm responsive to carbon monoxide. [72, 2022] (SAF-BSF)

N 3.3.14.2 Initiating Device. A system component that originates transmission of a change-of-state condition, such as in

a smoke detector, manual fire alarm box, or supervisory switch. [72, 2022]

3.3.14.3 Single-Station Alarm. A detector comprising an assembly that incorporates a sensor, control components, and an alarm notification appliance in one unit operated from a power source either located in the unit or obtained at the point of installation. [72, 2022] (SAF-BSF)

3.3.14.4 Smoke Alarm. A single or multiple-station alarm responsive to smoke. [72, 2022] (SAF-BSF)

N 3.3.15 Alcohol-Based Hand-Rub (ABHR). An alcohol-containing preparation designed for application to the hands for reducing the number of visible microorganisms on the hands and containing ethanol or isopropanol in an amount not exceeding 95 percent by volume. [30, 2024] (SAF-FIR)

N 3.3.16* Alternate Care Site (ACS). Any building, structure, or portion thereof not currently being used for health care that is temporarily reoccupied, converted, constructed, or relocated for health care use during an urgent need in capacity to provide additional capability for an affected community. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.17 Alternative Calculation Procedure. A calculation procedure that differs from the procedure originally employed by the design team but that provides predictions for the same variables of interest. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.18 Ambulatory Health Care Occupancy. See 3.3.205.1.

3.3.19 Analysis.

3.3.19.1 Sensitivity Analysis. An analysis performed to determine the degree to which a predicted output will vary given a specified change in an input parameter, usually in relation to models. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.19.2 Uncertainty Analysis. An analysis performed to determine the degree to which a predicted value will vary. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.20 Anchor Building. See 3.3.37.2.

3.3.21* Animal Housing Facility. Area of a building or structure, including interior and adjacent exterior spaces, where animals are fed, rested, worked, exercised, treated, exhibited, or used for production. [150, 2016] (SAF-FUN)

3.3.22 Apartment Building. See 3.3.37.3.

3.3.23 Approved Existing. See 3.3.86.1.

3.3.24 Area.

3.3.24.1 Detention and Correctional Residential Housing Area. Sleeping areas and any contiguous day room, group activity space, or other common space for customary access of residents. (SAF-DET)

3.3.24.2 Floor Area.

3.3.24.2.1* Clear Floor Area. Floor area that is accessible and unobstructed. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.24.2.2* Gross Floor Area. The floor area within the inside perimeter of the outside walls, or the outside walls and fire walls of a building, or outside and/or inside walls that bound an occupancy or incidental use area with no deductions for hallways, stairs, closets, thickness of interior walls, columns, elevator and building services shafts, or

other features, but excluding floor openings associated with atriums and communicating spaces. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.24.2.3* Gross Floor Area (Health Care and Ambulatory Health Care Occupancies). For determining the areas of smoke compartments in health care and ambulatory health care occupancies and determining the areas of health care suites, the floor area within the inside perimeter of the outside walls, or the outside walls and fire walls of a building, or outside and/or inside walls that bound an occupancy or incidental use area with no deductions for hallways, closets, thickness of interior walls, columns, or other features, but excluding floor openings associated with atriums and communicating spaces. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.24.2.4 Net Floor Area. The floor area within the inside perimeter of the outside walls, or the outside walls and fire walls of a building, or outside and/or inside walls that bound an occupancy or incidental use area with deductions for hallways, stairs, closets, shafts, thickness of interior walls, columns, and other features. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.24.2.3 Gross Leasable Area. Fifty percent of major tenant areas, and 100 percent of all other floor areas designated for tenant occupancy and exclusive use, including storage areas. The area of tenant occupancy is measured from the centerlines of joint partitions to the outside of the tenant walls. (SAF-MER)

3.3.24.4* Hazardous Area. An area of a structure or building that poses a degree of hazard greater than that normal to the general occupancy of the building or structure. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.24.5 Living Area. Any normally occupiable space in a residential occupancy, other than sleeping rooms or rooms that are intended for combination sleeping/living, bathrooms, toilet compartments, kitchens, closets, halls, storage or utility spaces, and similar areas. (SAF-RES)

3.3.24.6* Normally Unoccupied Building Service Equipment Support Area. A building service equipment support area in which people are not expected to be present on a regular basis. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.24.7 Occupiable Area. An area of a facility occupied by people on a regular basis. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.24.8 Rehabilitation Work Area. That portion of a building affected by any renovation, modification, or reconstruction work as initially intended by the owner, and indicated as such in the permit, but excluding other portions of the building where incidental work entailed by the intended work must be performed, and excluding portions of the building where work not initially intended by the owner is specifically required. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.25* Area of Refuge. An area that is either (1) a story in a building where the building is protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system and has not less than two accessible rooms or spaces separated from each other by smoke-resisting partitions; or (2) a space located in a path of travel leading to a public way that is protected from the effects of fire, either by means of separation from other spaces in the same building or by virtue of location, thereby permitting a delay in egress travel from any level. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.25.1 Accessible Area of Refuge. An area of refuge that complies with the accessible route requirements of ICC

A117.1, *Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities*. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.26 Assembly.

3.3.26.1 Door Assembly. Any combination of a door, frame, hardware, and other accessories that is placed in an opening in a wall that is intended primarily for access or for human entrance or exit. [252, 2022] (SAF-MEA)

3.3.26.1.1 Fire Door Assembly. Any combination of a fire door, a frame, hardware, and other accessories that together provide a specific degree of fire protection to the opening. [80, 2022] (SAF-FIR)

3.3.26.1.1.1 Floor Fire Door Assembly. A combination of a fire door, a frame, hardware, and other accessories installed in a horizontal plane that together provide a specific degree of fire protection to a through-opening in a fire-resistance-rated floor. [80, 2022] (SAF-FIR)

3.3.26.2 Fire Window Assembly. A window or glass block assembly having a fire protection rating. [80, 2022] (SAF-FIR)

3.3.27 Assembly Occupancy. See 3.3.205.2.

3.3.28 Atmosphere.

3.3.28.1 Common Atmosphere. The atmosphere that exists between rooms, spaces, or areas within a building that are not separated by an approved smoke barrier. (SAF-END)

3.3.28.2 Separate Atmosphere. The atmosphere that exists between rooms, spaces, or areas that are separated by an approved smoke barrier. (SAF-END)

3.3.29* Atrium. A large-volume space created by a floor opening or series of floor openings connecting two or more stories that is covered at the top of the series of openings and is used for purposes other than an enclosed stairway; an elevator hoistway; an escalator opening; or as a utility shaft used for plumbing, electrical, air-conditioning, or communications facilities. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.30* Attic. The space located between the ceiling of a story and the roof directly above that habitable story. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.31 Automatic. Capable of performing a function without the necessity of human intervention. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.32 Barrier.

3.3.32.1* Fire Barrier. A continuous membrane or a membrane with discontinuities created by protected openings with a specified fire protection rating, where such membrane is designed and constructed with a specified fire resistance rating to limit the spread of fire. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.32.2* Smoke Barrier. A continuous membrane, or a membrane with discontinuities created by protected openings, where such membrane is designed and constructed to restrict the movement of smoke. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.32.3* Thermal Barrier. A material that limits the average temperature rise of an unexposed surface to not more than 250°F (139°C) for a specified fire exposure complying with the standard time-temperature curve of ASTM E119, *Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*, or UL 263, *Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.33 Basement. Any story of a building wholly or partly below grade plane that is not considered the first story above grade plane. (See also 3.3.134.1, *First Story Above Grade Plane*.) (SAF-FUN)

3.3.34* Birth Center. A facility in which low-risk births are expected following normal, uncomplicated pregnancies, and in which professional midwifery care is provided to women during pregnancy, birth, and postpartum. (SAF-MER)

3.3.35 Bleachers. A grandstand in which the seats are not provided with backrests. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.36 Board and Care. See 3.3.205.12, Residential Board and Care Occupancy.

3.3.37* Building. Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.37.1 Airport Terminal Building. A structure used primarily for air passenger enplaning or deplaning, including ticket sales, flight information, baggage handling, and other necessary functions in connection with air transport operations. This term includes any extensions and satellite buildings used for passenger handling or aircraft flight service functions. Aircraft loading walkways and “mobile lounges” are excluded. [415, 2022] (SAF-AXM)

3.3.37.2 Anchor Building. A building housing any occupancy having low or ordinary hazard contents and having direct access to a mall structure, but having all required means of egress independent of the mall concourse. (SAF-MER)

3.3.37.3* Apartment Building. A building or portion thereof containing three or more dwelling units with independent cooking and bathroom facilities. (SAF-RES)

3.3.37.4 Bulk Merchandising Retail Building. A building in which the sales area includes the storage of combustible materials on pallets, in solid piles, or in racks in excess of 12 ft (3660 mm) in storage height. (SAF-MER)

3.3.37.5* Existing Building. A building erected or officially authorized prior to the effective date of the adoption of this edition of the *Code* by the agency or jurisdiction. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.37.6* Flexible Plan and Open Plan Educational or Day-Care Building. A building or portion of a building designed for multiple teaching stations. (SAF-END)

3.3.37.7* High-Rise Building. A building where the floor of an occupiable story is greater than 75 ft (23 m) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.37.8* Historic Building. A building or facility deemed to have historical, architectural, or cultural significance by a local, regional, or national jurisdiction. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.37.9* Special Amusement Building. A building or portion thereof that is temporary, permanent, or mobile and contains a ride or device that conveys patrons where the patrons can be contained or restrained, or provides a walkway along, around, or over a course in any direction as a form of amusement or entertainment, and arranged so that the egress path is not readily apparent due to visual or audio distractions, contains an intentionally confounded egress path, or is not readily available due to the mode of conveyance through the building or structure. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.38* Building Code. The building code enforced by the jurisdiction or agency enforcing this *Code*. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.39 Bulk Merchandising Retail Building. See 3.3.37.4.

3.3.40 Business Occupancy. See 3.3.205.3.

3.3.41 Carbon Monoxide Detector. A device that responds to carbon monoxide. [72, 2022] (SAF-BSF)

3.3.42 Categories of Rehabilitation Work. The nature and extent of rehabilitation work undertaken in an existing building. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.43* Cellular or Foamed Plastic. A heterogeneous system comprised of not less than two phases, one of which is a continuous, polymeric, organic material, and the second of which is deliberately introduced for the purpose of distributing gas in voids throughout the material. (SAF-INT)

3.3.44 Change of Occupancy Classification. The change in the occupancy classification of a structure or portion of a structure. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.45 Change of Use. A change in the purpose or level of activity within a structure that involves a change in application of the requirements of the *Code*. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.46 Combustible (Material). See 3.3.184.1.

3.3.47 Combustion. A chemical process of oxidation that occurs at a rate fast enough to produce heat and usually light in the form of either a glow or flame. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.48 Common Atmosphere. See 3.3.28.1.

3.3.49* Common Path of Travel. The portion of exit access that must be traversed before two separate and distinct paths of travel to two exits are available. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.50 Compartment.

3.3.50.1* Fire Compartment. A space within a building that is enclosed by fire barriers on all sides, including the top and bottom. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.50.2* Smoke Compartment. A space within a building enclosed by smoke barriers on all sides, including the top and bottom. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.51 Contents and Furnishings. Any movable objects in a building or adjacent to a building that normally are secured or otherwise put in place for functional reasons, excluding parts of the internal structure of the building and any items meeting the definition of *interior finish*. (SAF-INT)

3.3.52 Court. An open, uncovered, unoccupied space, unobstructed to the sky, bounded on three or more sides by exterior building walls. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.52.1 Enclosed Court. A court bounded on all sides by the exterior walls of a building or by the exterior walls and lot lines on which walls are permitted. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.52.2 Food Court. A public seating area located in a mall concourse that serves adjacent food preparation tenant spaces. (SAF-MER)

3.3.53* Critical Radiant Flux. The level of incident radiant heat energy in units of W/cm² on a floor-covering system at the most distant flameout point. (SAF-INT)

N 3.3.54 Damper.

N 3.3.54.1 Combination Fire-Smoke Damper. A listed device installed in the ducts or air transfer openings of fire-resistance-rated walls, barriers, partitions, or floors that meets both fire damper and smoke damper requirements. [90A, 2024] (SAF-FIR)

N 3.3.54.2* Fire Damper. A listed device installed in an air distribution system and designed to close automatically upon detection of heat, to interrupt migratory airflow, and to restrict the passage of flame. [90A, 2024] (SAF-FIR)

N 3.3.54.3* Smoke Damper. A listed device within an air distribution system to control the movement of smoke. [90A, 2024] (SAF-FIR)

3.3.55 Data Conversion. The process of developing the input data set for the assessment method of choice. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.56 Day-Care Home. See 3.3.154.1.

3.3.57 Day-Care Occupancy. See 3.3.205.4.

3.3.58 Deep-Fat Frying. A cooking method that involves fully immersing food in hot oil. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.59 Delayed Action Closer. Mechanical self-closing device that incorporates an adjustable delay prior to the initiation of closing. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.60 Design Fire Scenario. See 3.3.109.1.

3.3.61 Design Specification. See 3.3.282.1.

3.3.62 Design Team. A group of stakeholders including, but not limited to, representatives of the architect, client, and any pertinent engineers and other designers. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.63 Detention and Correctional Occupancy. See 3.3.205.5.

3.3.64 Detention and Correctional Residential Housing Area. See 3.3.24.1.

3.3.65 Device.

3.3.65.1* Emergency Stair Travel Device. Device designed and constructed to facilitate travel over interior floor surfaces, interior and exterior stairs, and exterior accessible pathways. (SAF-MEA)

Δ 3.3.65.2 Multiple-Station Alarm Device. Two or more single-station alarm devices that can be interconnected so that actuation of one causes all integral or separate audible alarms to operate; or one single-station alarm device having connections to other detectors or to a manual fire alarm box. (SAF-BSF)

3.3.66 Door.

3.3.66.1 Elevator Lobby Door. A door between an elevator lobby and another building space other than the elevator shaft. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.66.2 Fire Door. The door component of a fire door assembly. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.67 Door Assembly. See 3.3.26.1.

3.3.68* Dormitory. A building or a space in a building in which group sleeping accommodations are provided for more than 16 persons who are not members of the same family in one room, or a series of closely associated rooms, under joint

occupancy and single management, with or without meals, but without individual cooking facilities. (SAF-RES)

3.3.69 Draftstop. A continuous membrane used to subdivide a concealed space to resist the passage of smoke and heat. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.70* Dwelling Unit. One or more rooms arranged for complete, independent housekeeping purposes with space for eating, living, and sleeping; facilities for cooking; and provisions for sanitation. (SAF-RES)

3.3.70.1* One- and Two-Family Dwelling Unit. A building that contains not more than two dwelling units, each dwelling unit occupied by members of a single family with not more than three outsiders, if any, accommodated in rented rooms. (SAF-RES)

3.3.70.2 One-Family Dwelling Unit. A building that consists solely of one dwelling unit with independent cooking and bathroom facilities. (SAF-RES)

3.3.70.3 Two-Family Dwelling Unit. A building that consists solely of two dwelling units with independent cooking and bathroom facilities. (SAF-RES)

3.3.71 Educational Occupancy. See 3.3.205.6.

3.3.72* Electroluminescent. Refers to a light-emitting capacitor in which alternating current excites phosphor atoms placed between electrically conductive surfaces and produces light. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.73 Elevator Evacuation System. See 3.3.296.1.

3.3.74 Elevator Lobby. A landing from which occupants directly enter an elevator car(s) and into which occupants directly enter upon leaving an elevator car(s). (SAF-MEA)

3.3.75 Elevator Lobby Door. See 3.3.66.1.

3.3.76 Emergency Control Functions. Building, fire, and emergency control elements or systems that are initiated by the fire alarm or signaling system and either increase the level of life safety for occupants or control the spread of the harmful effects of fire or other dangerous products. [72, 2022] (SAF-BSF)

3.3.77 Emergency Stair Travel Device. See 3.3.65.1.

3.3.78 Enclosed Court. See 3.3.52.1.

3.3.79 Enclosed Parking Structure. See 3.3.293.8.1, Parking Structure, Enclosed.

3.3.80 Equipment or Fixture. Any plumbing, heating, electrical, ventilating, air-conditioning, refrigerating, and fire protection equipment; and elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, boilers, pressure vessels, or other mechanical facilities or installations that are related to building services. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.81 Equivalency. An alternative means of providing an equal or greater degree of safety than that afforded by strict conformance to prescribed codes and standards. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.82 Evacuation. The withdrawal of occupants from a building. [72, 2022] (SAF-BSF)

3.3.83* Evacuation Capability. The ability of occupants, residents, and staff as a group either to evacuate a building or to relocate from the point of occupancy to a point of safety. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.83.1 Impractical Evacuation Capability. The inability of a group to reliably move to a point of safety in a timely manner. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.83.2 Prompt Evacuation Capability. The ability of a group to move reliably to a point of safety in a timely manner that is equivalent to the capacity of a household in the general population. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.83.3 Slow Evacuation Capability. The ability of a group to move reliably to a point of safety in a timely manner, but not as rapidly as members of a household in the general population. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.84 Exhibit. A space or portable structure used for the display of products or services. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.85 Exhibitor. An individual or entity engaged in the display of the products or services offered. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.86* Existing. That which is already in existence on the date this edition of the *Code* goes into effect. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.86.1 Approved Existing. That which is already in existence on the date this edition of the *Code* goes into effect and is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.87 Existing Building. See 3.3.37.5.

3.3.88* Exit. That portion of a means of egress that is separated from all other spaces of the building or structure by construction, location, or equipment as required to provide a protected way of travel to the exit discharge. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.88.1* Horizontal Exit. A way of passage from one building to an area of refuge in another building on approximately the same level, or a way of passage through or around a fire barrier to an area of refuge on approximately the same level in the same building that affords safety from fire and smoke originating from the area of incidence and areas communicating therewith. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.89 Exit Access. That portion of a means of egress that leads to an exit. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.90 Exit Discharge. That portion of a means of egress between the termination of an exit and a public way. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.90.1* Level of Exit Discharge. The story that is either (1) the lowest story from which not less than 50 percent of the required number of exits and not less than 50 percent of the required egress capacity from such a story discharge directly outside at the finished ground level; or (2) where no story meets the conditions of item (1), the story that is provided with one or more exits that discharge directly to the outside to the finished ground level via the smallest elevation change. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.91 Exposition. An event in which the display of products or services is organized to bring together the provider and user of the products or services. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.92 Exposition Facility. See 3.3.95.1.

3.3.93* Exposure Fire. A fire that starts at a location that is remote from the area being protected and grows to expose that which is being protected. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.94 Externally Illuminated. See 3.3.158.1.

3.3.95 Facility.

3.3.95.1 Exposition Facility. A convention center, hotel, or other building at which exposition events are held. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.95.2* Limited Care Facility. A building or portion of a building used on a 24-hour basis for the housing of four or more persons who are incapable of self-preservation because of age; physical disability due to accident or illness; or intellectual disability, mental health condition, or substance abuse disorder. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.96 Festival Seating. See 3.3.257.1.

3.3.97 Finish.

3.3.97.1 Interior Ceiling Finish. The interior finish of ceilings. (SAF-INT)

3.3.97.2* Interior Finish. The exposed surfaces of walls, ceilings, and floors within buildings. (SAF-INT)

3.3.97.3* Interior Floor Finish. The interior finish of floors, ramps, stair treads and risers, and other walking surfaces. (SAF-INT)

3.3.97.4* Interior Wall Finish. The interior finish of columns, fixed or movable walls, and fixed or movable partitions. (SAF-INT)

3.3.98 Finished Ground Level (Grade). The level of the finished ground (earth or other surface on ground). (See also 3.3.134, *Grade Plane*.) (SAF-FUN)

3.3.99 Fire Barrier. See 3.3.32.1.

3.3.100 Fire Barrier Wall. See 3.3.312.1.

3.3.101* Fire Code. The fire code enforced by the jurisdiction or agency enforcing this *Code*. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.102 Fire Compartment. See 3.3.50.1.

3.3.103 Fire Door. See 3.3.66.2.

3.3.104 Fire Door Assembly. See 3.3.26.1.1.

3.3.105 Fire Exit Hardware. See 3.3.143.1.

3.3.106* Fire Model. A structured approach to predicting one or more effects of a fire. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.107 Fire Protection Rating. See 3.3.240.1.

3.3.108 Fire Resistance Rating. See 3.3.240.2.

3.3.109* Fire Scenario. A set of conditions that defines the development of fire, the spread of combustion products throughout a building or portion of a building, the reactions of people to fire, and the effects of combustion products. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.109.1 Design Fire Scenario. A fire scenario selected for evaluation of a proposed design. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.110 Fire Watch. The assignment of a person or persons to an area for the express purpose of notifying the fire department, the building occupants, or both of an emergency; preventing a fire from occurring; extinguishing small fires; protecting the public from fire or life safety dangers. [1, 2024] (SAF-BSF)

3.3.111 Fire Window Assembly. See 3.3.26.2.

3.3.112 Fire-Rated Glazing. Glazing with either a fire protection rating or a fire resistance rating. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.113 Fire-Retardant-Treated Wood. A wood product impregnated with chemical by a pressure process or other means during manufacture, treated to exhibit reduced surface-burning characteristics and resist propagation of fire. [703, 2024] (SAF-FUN)

3.3.114 Fire-Retardant Coating. A coating that reduces the flame spread index of Douglas fir, or of any other tested combustible surface to which it is applied, when tested in accordance with a test for assessing surface burning characteristics. [703, 2024] (SAF-INT)

3.3.115 First Story Above Grade Plane. See 3.3.134.1.

3.3.116 Fixed Seating. See 3.3.257.2.

3.3.117* Flame Spread. The propagation of flame over a surface. (SAF-INT)

3.3.118 Flame Spread Index. See 3.3.161.1.

3.3.119 Flaming Droplets. Liquefied material that separates and drips from the test specimen during the fire test and continues to burn with flame. (SAF-INT)

3.3.120 Flashover. A stage in the development of a contained fire in which all exposed surfaces reach ignition temperature more or less simultaneously and fire spreads rapidly throughout the space. (SAF-INT)

3.3.121 Flexible Plan and Open Plan Educational or Day-Care Building. See 3.3.37.6.

3.3.122 Floor Fire Door Assembly. See 3.3.26.1.1.1.

3.3.123 Flow Time. A component of total evacuation time that is the time during which there is crowd flow past a point in the means of egress system. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.124 Fly Gallery. A raised floor area above a stage from which the movement of scenery and operation of other stage effects are controlled. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.125 Foam Plastic Insulation. See 3.3.165.1.

3.3.126 Folding and Telescopic Seating. See 3.3.257.3.

3.3.127 Food Court. See 3.3.52.2.

N 3.3.128* Fuel-Burning Appliance. A device that burns solid, liquid, or gaseous fuel or a combination thereof. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.129 Fuel Load. See 3.3.177.1.

N 3.3.130 Fully Automated Parking System. See 3.3.294.1.

3.3.131 General Industrial Occupancy. See 3.3.205.8.1.

3.3.132 Goal. A nonspecific overall outcome to be achieved that is measured on a qualitative basis. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.133 Grade. See 3.3.98, Finished Ground Level (Grade).

3.3.134* Grade Plane. A reference plane upon which vertical measurements of a building are based representing the average of the finished ground level adjoining the building at all exterior walls. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.134.1 First Story Above Grade Plane. Any story having its finished floor surface entirely above grade plane, except that a basement is to be considered as a first story above

grade plane where the finished surface of the floor above the basement is (1) more than 6 ft (1830 mm) above grade plane or (2) more than 12 ft (3660 mm) above the finished ground level at any point. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.135* Grandstand. A structure that provides tiered or stepped seating. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.136 Gridiron. The structural framing over a stage supporting equipment for hanging or flying scenery and other stage effects. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.137 Gross Floor Area. See 3.3.24.2.2.

3.3.138 Gross Leasable Area. See 3.3.24.3.

3.3.139 Guard. A vertical protective barrier erected along exposed edges of stairways, balconies, and similar areas. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.140 Guest Room. An accommodation combining living, sleeping, sanitary, and storage facilities within a compartment. (SAF-RES)

3.3.141 Guest Suite. See 3.3.295.1.

3.3.142 Handrail. A bar, pipe, or similar member designed to furnish persons with a handhold. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.143 Hardware.

3.3.143.1 Fire Exit Hardware. A type of panic hardware that additionally provides fire protection where used as part of a fire door assembly. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.143.2 Panic Hardware. A door-latching assembly incorporating an actuating member or bar that releases the latch bolt upon the application of a force in the direction of egress travel. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.144 Hazard Material. See 3.3.184.2.

3.3.145 Hazardous Area. See 3.3.24.4.

3.3.146 Hazardous Material. See 3.3.184.3.

3.3.147 Health Care Occupancy. See 3.3.205.7.

3.3.148 Health Hazard Material. See 3.3.184.2.1.

3.3.149* Heat Release Rate (HRR). The rate at which heat energy is generated by burning. [921, 2021] (SAF-INT)

3.3.150 High Hazard Industrial Occupancy. See 3.3.205.8.2.

3.3.151 Highly Toxic Material. See 3.3.184.7.1.

3.3.152 High-Rise Building. See 3.3.37.7.

3.3.153 Historic Building. See 3.3.37.8.

3.3.154 Home.

3.3.154.1* Day-Care Home. A building or portion of a building in which more than 3 but not more than 12 clients receive care, maintenance, and supervision, by other than their relative(s) or legal guardians(s), for less than 24 hours per day. (SAF-END)

3.3.154.2 Nursing Home. A building or portion of a building used on a 24-hour basis for the housing and nursing care of four or more persons who, because of mental or physical incapacity, might be unable to provide for their

own needs and safety without the assistance of another person. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.155 Horizontal Exit. See 3.3.88.1.

3.3.156 Hospital. A building or portion thereof used on a 24-hour basis for the medical, psychiatric, obstetrical, or surgical care of four or more inpatients. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.157* Hotel. A building or groups of buildings under the same management in which there are sleeping accommodations for more than 16 persons and primarily used by transients for lodging with or without meals. (SAF-RES)

3.3.158 Illuminated.

3.3.158.1* Externally Illuminated. Refers to an illumination source that is contained outside of the device or sign legend area that is to be illuminated. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.158.2* Internally Illuminated. Refers to an illumination source that is contained inside the device or legend that is illuminated. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.159 Impractical Evacuation Capability. See 3.3.83.1.

3.3.160 Incapacitation. A condition under which humans do not function adequately and become unable to escape untenable conditions. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.161 Index.

3.3.161.1 Flame Spread Index. A comparative measure, expressed as a dimensionless number, derived from visual measurements of the spread of flame versus time for a material tested in accordance with ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, or UL 723, *Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*. (SAF-INT)

3.3.161.2 Smoke Developed Index. A comparative measure, expressed as a dimensionless number, derived from measurements of smoke obscuration versus time for a material tested in accordance with ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, or UL 723, *Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*. (SAF-INT)

3.3.162 Industrial Occupancy. See 3.3.205.8.

3.3.163 Inflatable Amusement Device. A device made of a flexible fabric, potentially with supports or anchors, inflated by one or more blowers, relying upon air pressure to maintain its shape and designed for patron activities that include, but are not limited to, bouncing, climbing, sliding, obstacle course running, and interactive play. (SAF-INT)

3.3.164 Input Data Specification. See 3.3.282.2.

3.3.165 Insulation.

3.3.165.1 Foam Plastic Insulation. A cellular plastic, used for thermal insulating or acoustical applications, having a density of 20 lb/ft³ (320 kg/m³) or less, containing open or closed cells, and formed by a foaming agent. (SAF-INT)

3.3.165.2 Reflective Insulation. Thermal insulation consisting of one or more low-emittance surfaces bounding one or more enclosed air spaces. (SAF-INT)

3.3.166 Interior Ceiling Finish. See 3.3.97.1.

3.3.167 Interior Finish. See 3.3.97.2.

3.3.168 Interior Floor Finish. See 3.3.97.3.

3.3.169 Interior Wall Finish. See 3.3.97.4.

3.3.170 Internally Illuminated. See 3.3.158.2.

3.3.171 Joint. A linear opening in or between adjacent assemblies that is designed to allow independent movement of the building. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.172 Level of Exit Discharge. See 3.3.90.1.

3.3.173 Life Safety Evaluation. A written review dealing with the adequacy of life safety features relative to fire, storm, collapse, crowd behavior, and other related safety considerations. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.174 Limited Access Structure. See 3.3.293.3.

3.3.175 Limited Care Facility. See 3.3.95.2.

3.3.176 Living Area. See 3.3.24.5.

3.3.177 Load.

3.3.177.1* Fuel Load. The total quantity of combustible contents of a building, space, or fire area. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.177.2 Occupant Load. The total number of persons that might occupy a building or portion thereof at any one time. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.178 Load-Bearing Element. Any column, girder, beam, joist, truss, rafter, wall, floor, or roof sheathing that supports any vertical load in addition to its own weight, or any lateral load. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.179 Lock-Up. An incidental use area in other than a detention and correctional occupancy where occupants are restrained and such occupants are mostly incapable of self-preservation because of security measures not under the occupants' control. (SAF-DET)

3.3.180 Lodging or Rooming House. A building or portion thereof that does not qualify as a one- or two-family dwelling, that provides sleeping accommodations for a total of 16 or fewer people on a transient or permanent basis, without personal care services, with or without meals, but without separate cooking facilities for individual occupants. (SAF-RES)

3.3.181 Major Tenant. A tenant space, in a mall structure, with one or more main entrances from the exterior that also serve as exits and are independent of the mall concourse. (SAF-MER)

3.3.182 Mall Concourse. A common pedestrian area within a mall structure that serves as access for two or more tenants and does not exceed three levels that are open to each other. (SAF-MER)

3.3.182.1* Open Mall Concourse. A mall concourse that either (1) has 50 percent or more of the total area of the solid mall concourse perimeter walls and solid roof area open to the atmosphere with openings distributed uniformly over the length of the mall concourse, or (2) has an approved open mall concourse engineering analysis. (SAF-MER)

3.3.182.2 Enclosed Mall Concourse. A mall concourse that does not meet the definition of open mall concourse. (SAF-MER)

3.3.183 Mall Structure. See 3.3.293.4.

3.3.184 Material.

3.3.184.1 Combustible (Material). A material that, in the form in which it is used and under the conditions anticipated, will ignite and burn; a material that does not meet the definition of noncombustible or limited-combustible. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.184.2 Hazard Material.

3.3.184.2.1 Health Hazard Material. A chemical or substance classified as a toxic, highly toxic, or corrosive material in accordance with definitions set forth in this code. [400, 2022] (SAF-IND)

3.3.184.2.2 Physical Hazard Material. A chemical or substance classified as an explosive, flammable cryogen, flammable gas, flammable solid, ignitable (flammable or combustible) liquid, organic peroxide, oxidizer, oxidizing cryogen, pyrophoric, unstable (reactive), or water-reactive material. [400, 2022] (SAF-IND)

3.3.184.3 Hazardous Material. A chemical or substance that is classified as a physical hazard material or a health hazard material, whether the chemical or substance is in usable or waste condition. [400, 2022] (SAF-IND)

3.3.184.4 Limited-Combustible (Material). See 4.6.14.

3.3.184.5 Metal Composite Material (MCM). A factory-manufactured panel consisting of metal skins bonded to both faces of a core made of any plastic other than foamed plastic insulation as defined in 3.3.165.1. (SAF-MER)

3.3.184.6 Noncombustible (Material). See 4.6.13.

3.3.184.7 Toxic Material. A material that produces a lethal dose or a lethal concentration within any of the following categories: (1) a chemical or substance that has a median lethal dose (LD_{50}) of more than 50 mg/kg but not more than 500 mg/kg of body weight when administered orally to albino rats weighing between 200 g and 300 g each; (2) a chemical or substance that has a median lethal dose (LD_{50}) of more than 200 mg/kg but not more than 1000 mg/kg of body weight when administered by continuous contact for 24 hours, or less if death occurs within 24 hours, with the bare skin of albino rabbits weighing between 2 kg and 3 kg each, or albino rats weighing 200 g to 300 g each; (3) a chemical or substance that has a median lethal concentration (LC_{50}) in air of more than 200 parts per million but not more than 2000 parts per million by volume of gas or vapor, or more than 2 mg/L but not more than 20 mg/L, of mist, fume, or dust when administered by continuous inhalation for 1 hour, or less if death occurs within 1 hour, to albino rats weighing between 200 g and 300 g each. [400, 2022] (SAF-IND)

3.3.184.7.1 Highly Toxic Material. A material that produces a lethal dose or lethal concentration that falls within any of the following categories: (1) a chemical that has a median lethal dose (LD_{50}) of 50 mg/kg or less of body weight when administered orally to albino rats weighing between 200 g and 300 g each; (2) a chemical that has a median lethal

dose (LD_{50}) of 200 mg/kg or less of body weight when administered by continuous contact for 24 hours, or less if death occurs within 24 hours, with the bare skin of albino rabbits weighing between 2 kg and 3 kg each or albino rats weighing 200 g to 300 g each; (3) a chemical that has a median lethal concentration (LC_{50}) in air of 200 parts per million by volume or less of gas or vapor, or 2 mg/L or less of mist, fume, or dust, when administered by continuous inhalation for 1 hour, or less if death occurs within 1 hour, to albino rats weighing between 200 g and 300 g each. [400, 2022] (SAF-IND)

3.3.184.8 Weathered-Membrane Material. Membrane material that has been subjected to a minimum of 3000 hours in a weatherometer in accordance with ASTM G155, *Standard Practice for Operating Xenon Arc Lamp Apparatus for Exposure of Materials*, or approved equivalent. (SAF-IND)

3.3.185* Means of Egress. A continuous and unobstructed way of travel from any point in a building or structure to a public way consisting of three separate and distinct parts: (1) the exit access, (2) the exit, and (3) the exit discharge. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.185.1 Accessible Means of Egress. A means of egress that provides an accessible route to an area of refuge, a horizontal exit, or a public way. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.186 Means of Escape. A way out of a building or structure that does not conform to the strict definition of means of egress but does provide an alternate way out. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.187 Mechanical Parking System. See 3.3.294.2.

3.3.188* Membrane. A thin layer of construction material. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.189 Membrane Structure. See 3.3.293.5.

3.3.190 Mercantile Occupancy. See 3.3.205.9.

3.3.191 Metal Composite Material (MCM). See 3.3.184.5.

3.3.192 Mezzanine. An intermediate level between the floor and the ceiling of any room or space. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.193 Mixed Occupancy. See 3.3.205.10.

3.3.194* Modification. The reconfiguration of any space; the addition or elimination of any door or window; the addition or elimination of load-bearing elements; the reconfiguration or extension of any system; or the installation of any additional equipment. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.195 Modular Room. An occupiable, prefabricated structure consisting of walls and a ceiling, with or without an integrated floor, that might include integral electrical wiring, ventilation, and furnishings. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.196 Multilevel Play Structure. See 3.3.293.6.

3.3.197 Multiple Occupancy. See 3.3.205.11.

3.3.198 Multiple-Station Alarm Device. See 3.3.65.2.

3.3.199 Multipurpose Assembly Occupancy. See 3.3.205.2.1.

3.3.200 Net Floor Area. See 3.3.24.2.4.

3.3.201 Non-Patient-Care Suite (Health Care Occupancies). See 3.3.295.3.

3.3.202 Normally Unoccupied Building Service Equipment Support Area. See 3.3.24.6.

3.3.203 Nursing Home. See 3.3.154.2.

3.3.204* Objective. A requirement that needs to be met to achieve a goal. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.205 Occupancy. The purpose for which a building or other structure, or part thereof, is used or intended to be used. [ASCE/SEI 7:1.2] (SAF-FUN)

3.3.205.1* Ambulatory Health Care Occupancy. An occupancy used to provide services or treatment simultaneously to four or more patients that provides, on an outpatient basis, one or more of the following: (1) treatment for patients that renders the patients incapable of taking action for self-preservation under emergency conditions without the assistance of others; (2) anesthesia that renders the patients incapable of taking action for self-preservation under emergency conditions without the assistance of others; (3) treatment for patients who, due to the nature of their injury or illness, are incapable of taking action for self-preservation under emergency conditions without the assistance of others. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.205.2* Assembly Occupancy. An occupancy (1) used for a gathering of 50 or more persons for deliberation, worship, entertainment, eating, drinking, amusement, awaiting transportation, or similar uses; or (2) used as a special amusement building, regardless of occupant load. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.205.2.1 Multipurpose Assembly Occupancy. An assembly room designed to accommodate temporarily any of several possible assembly uses. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.205.3* Business Occupancy. An occupancy used for the transaction of business other than mercantile. (SAF-MER)

3.3.205.4* Day-Care Occupancy. An occupancy in which four or more clients receive care, maintenance, and supervision, by other than their relatives or legal guardians, for less than 24 hours per day. (SAF-END)

3.3.205.5* Detention and Correctional Occupancy. An occupancy, other than one whose primary intended use is health care, ambulatory health care, or residential board and care, used to lawfully incarcerate or lawfully detain one or more persons under varied degrees of restraint or security where such occupants are mostly incapable of self-preservation because of security measures not under the occupants' control. (SAF-DET)

3.3.205.6* Educational Occupancy. An occupancy used for educational purposes through the twelfth grade by six or more persons for 4 or more hours per day or more than 12 hours per week. (SAF-END)

3.3.205.7* Health Care Occupancy. An occupancy used to provide medical or other treatment or care simultaneously to four or more patients on an inpatient basis, where such patients are mostly incapable of self-preservation due to age, physical or mental disability, or because of security measures not under the occupants' control. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.205.8* Industrial Occupancy. An occupancy in which products are manufactured or in which processing, assembling, mixing, packaging, finishing, decorating, or repair operations are conducted. (SAF-IND)

3.3.205.8.1* General Industrial Occupancy. An industrial occupancy in which ordinary and low hazard industrial operations are conducted in buildings of conventional design suitable for various types of industrial processes. (SAF-IND)

3.3.205.8.2* High Hazard Industrial Occupancy. An industrial occupancy in which industrial operations that include high hazard materials, processes, or contents are conducted. (SAF-IND)

3.3.205.8.3 Special-Purpose Industrial Occupancy. An industrial occupancy in which ordinary and low hazard industrial operations are conducted in buildings designed for, and suitable only for, particular types of operations, characterized by a relatively low density of employee population, with much of the area occupied by machinery or equipment. (SAF-IND)

3.3.205.9* Mercantile Occupancy. An occupancy used for the display and sale of merchandise. (SAF-MER)

3.3.205.10 Mixed Occupancy. A multiple occupancy where the occupancies are intermingled. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.205.11 Multiple Occupancy. A building or structure in which two or more classes of occupancy exist. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.205.12* Residential Board and Care Occupancy. An occupancy used for lodging and boarding of four or more residents, not related by blood or marriage to the owners or operators, for the purpose of providing personal care services. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.205.13* Residential Occupancy. An occupancy that provides sleeping accommodations for purposes other than health care or detention and correctional. (SAF-RES)

3.3.205.14 Separated Occupancy. A multiple occupancy where the occupancies are separated by fire resistance-rated assemblies. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.205.15* Storage Occupancy. An occupancy used primarily for the storage or sheltering of goods, merchandise, products, or vehicles. (SAF-IND)

3.3.206 Occupant Characteristics. The abilities or behaviors of people before and during a fire. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.207 Occupant Load. See 3.3.177.2.

3.3.208 Occupiable Area. See 3.3.24.7.

3.3.209 Occupiable Story. See 3.3.290.1.

3.3.210 One- and Two-Family Dwelling Unit. See 3.3.70.1.

3.3.211 One-Family Dwelling Unit. See 3.3.70.2.

3.3.212 Open Parking Structure. See 3.3.293.8.2, **Parking Structure, Open.**

3.3.213 Open Structure. See 3.3.293.7.

3.3.214 Open-Air Mercantile Operation. An operation conducted outside of all structures, with the operations area devoid of all walls and roofs except for small, individual, weather canopies. (SAF-MER)

3.3.215 Outside Stair. See 3.3.286.2.

3.3.216 Panic Hardware. See 3.3.143.2.

3.3.217 Parking Structure. See 3.3.293.8.

3.3.218 Patient Care Non-Sleeping Suite (Health Care Occupancies). See 3.3.295.4.

3.3.219 Patient Care Sleeping Suite (Health Care Occupancies). See 3.3.295.5.

3.3.220 Patient Care Suite (Health Care Occupancies). See 3.3.295.2, Health Care Suite (Health Care Occupancies).

3.3.221* Performance Criteria. Threshold values on measurement scales that are based on quantified performance objectives. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.222 Permanent Structure. See 3.3.293.9.

3.3.223* Personal Care. The care of residents who do not require chronic, convalescent medical or continuous skilled nursing care. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.224* Photoluminescent. Having the ability to store incident electromagnetic radiation typically from ambient light sources, and release it in the form of visible light. [301, 2023] (SAF-MEA)

3.3.225 Physical Hazard Material. See 3.3.184.2.2.

3.3.226 Pinrail. A rail on or above a stage through which belaying pins are inserted and to which lines are fastened. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.227* Platform. The raised area within a building used for the presentation of music, plays, or other entertainment. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.227.1 Temporary Platform. A platform erected within an area for not more than 30 days. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.228 Plenum. A compartment or chamber to which one or more air ducts are connected and that forms part of the air-distribution system. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.229 Point of Safety. A location that (a) is exterior to and away from a building; or (b) is within a building of any construction type protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system and that is either (1) within an exit enclosure meeting the requirements of this *Code*, or (2) within another portion of the building that is separated by smoke barriers in accordance with Section 8.5 having a minimum ½-hour fire resistance rating, and that portion of the building has access to a means of escape or exit that conforms to the requirements of this *Code* and does not necessitate return to the area of fire involvement; or (c) is within a building of Type I, Type II (222), Type II (111), Type III (211), Type IV, or Type V (111) construction (see 8.2.1.2) and is either (1) within an exit enclosure meeting the requirements of this *Code*, or (2) within another portion of the building that is separated by smoke barriers in accordance with Section 8.5 having a minimum ½-hour fire resistance rating, and that portion of the building has access to a means of escape or exit that conforms to the requirements of this *Code* and does not necessitate return to the area of fire involvement. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.230 Previously Approved. That which was acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction prior to the date this edition of the *Code* went into effect. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.231 Power Doors.

3.3.231.1* Low-Energy Power-Operated Door. Swinging, sliding, or folding door that opens automatically upon an action by a pedestrian, closes automatically, and operates with decreased forces and decreased speeds.

3.3.231.2* Power-Assisted Door. Swinging door that opens by reduced pushing or pulling force on the door operating hardware, closes automatically after the pushing or pulling force is released, and functions with decreased forces.

3.3.231.3 Power-Operated Door. Swinging, sliding, or folding door that opens automatically when approached by a pedestrian or opens automatically upon an action by a pedestrian, closes automatically, and includes provisions to prevent entrapment.

3.3.232 Private Party Tent. See 3.3.301.1. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.233 Professional Engineer. A person registered or licensed to practice engineering in a jurisdiction, subject to all laws and limitations imposed by the jurisdiction. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.234 Prompt Evacuation Capability. See 3.3.83.2. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.235* Proposed Design. A design developed by a design team and submitted to the authority having jurisdiction for approval. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.236 Proscenium Wall. See 3.3.312.2.

3.3.237* Public Way. A street, alley, or other similar parcel of land essentially open to the outside air deeded, dedicated, or otherwise permanently appropriated to the public for public use and having a clear width and height of not less than 10 ft (3050 mm). (SAF-MEA)

3.3.238* Ramp. A walking surface that has a slope steeper than 1 in 20. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.238.1 Aisle Ramp. A ramp within a seating area of an assembly occupancy that directly serves rows of seating to the side of the ramp. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.239 Ramp Type Parking Structure. See 3.3.293.8.3, Parking Structure, Ramp Type.

3.3.240 Rating.

3.3.240.1* Fire Protection Rating. The designation indicating the duration of the fire test exposure to which an opening protective assembly was exposed. [221, 2024] (SAF-FIR)

3.3.240.2 Fire Resistance Rating. The time, in minutes or hours, that materials or assemblies have withstood a fire exposure as determined by the tests, or methods based on tests, prescribed by this *Code*. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.241* Reconstruction. The reconfiguration of a space that affects an exit or a corridor shared by more than one occupant space; or the reconfiguration of a space such that the rehabilitation work area is not permitted to be occupied because existing means of egress and fire protection systems, or their equivalent, are not in place or continuously maintained. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.242 Reflective Insulation. See 3.3.165.2.

3.3.243 Registered Architect. A person licensed to practice architecture in a jurisdiction, subject to all laws and limitations imposed by the jurisdiction. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.244 Registered Design Professional (RDP). An individual who is registered or licensed to practice his/her respective design profession as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.245 Regular Stage. See 3.3.285.2.

3.3.246 Rehabilitation Work Area. See 3.3.24.8

3.3.247 Relocation. The movement of occupants to a safer area within the same building. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.248 Renovation. The replacement-in kind, strengthening, or upgrading of building elements, materials, equipment, or fixtures that does not result in a reconfiguration of the building spaces within. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.249 Repair. The patching, restoration, or painting of materials, elements, equipment, or fixtures for the purpose of maintaining such materials, elements, equipment, or fixtures in good or sound condition. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.250 Residential Board and Care Occupancy. See 3.3.205.12.

3.3.251 Residential Board and Care Resident. A person who receives personal care and resides in a residential board and care facility. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.252 Residential Occupancy. See 3.3.205.13.

3.3.253 Safe Location. A location remote or separated from the effects of a fire so that such effects no longer pose a threat. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.254 Safety Factor. A factor applied to a predicted value to ensure that a sufficient safety margin is maintained. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.255 Safety Margin. The difference between a predicted value and the actual value where a fault condition is expected. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.256 Sally Port (Security Vestibule). A compartment provided with two or more doors where the intended purpose is to prevent continuous and unobstructed passage by allowing the release of only one door at a time. (SAF-DET)

3.3.257 Seating.

3.3.257.1* Festival Seating. A form of audience/spectator accommodation in which no seating, other than a floor or finished ground level, is provided for the audience/spectators gathered to observe a performance. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.257.2 Fixed Seating. Seating that is secured to the building structure. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.257.3 Folding and Telescopic Seating. A structure that is used for tiered seating of persons and whose overall shape and size can be reduced, without being dismantled, for purposes of moving or storing. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.257.4 Smoke-Protected Assembly Seating. Seating served by means of egress that is not subject to smoke accumulation within or under the structure. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.258 Self-Closing. Equipped with an approved device that ensures closing after opening. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.259* Self-Luminous. Illuminated by a self-contained power source and operated independently of external power sources. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.260 Self-Preservation Capability (Health Care and Ambulatory Health Care Occupancies). The ability of a patient to act on an innate desire to protect oneself from harm without staff intervention. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.261* Self-Preservation (Day-Care Occupancy). The ability of a client to evacuate a day-care occupancy without direct intervention by a staff member. (SAF-END)

3.3.262 Sensitivity Analysis. See 3.3.19.1.

3.3.263 Separate Atmosphere. See 3.3.28.2.

3.3.264 Separated Occupancy. See 3.3.205.14.

3.3.265 Severe Mobility Impairment. The ability to move to stairs but without the ability to use the stairs. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.266 Single-Station Alarm. See 3.3.14.3.

3.3.267 Site-Fabricated Stretch System. See 3.3.296.2.

3.3.268* Situation Awareness. The perception of the elements in the environment within a volume of time and space, the comprehension of their meaning, and the projection of their status in the near future. (SAF-FUN)

N 3.3.269 Sleep Pod. An occupiable, prefabricated structure that might include integral electrical wiring, ventilation, and furnishings, and that is designed and used for sleeping purposes. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.270 Slow Evacuation Capability. See 3.3.83.3.

3.3.271 Smoke Alarm. See 3.3.14.4.

3.3.272 Smoke Barrier. See 3.3.32.2.

3.3.273 Smoke Compartment. See 3.3.50.2.

3.3.274 Smoke Detector. A device that detects visible or invisible particles of combustion. [72, 2022] (SAF-BSF)

3.3.275 Smoke Developed Index. See 3.3.161.2.

3.3.276* Smoke Partition. A continuous membrane that is designed to form a barrier to limit the transfer of smoke. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.277* Smokeproof Enclosure. An enclosure designed to limit the movement of products of combustion produced by a fire. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.278 Smoke-Protected Assembly Seating. See 3.3.257.4.

3.3.279 Special Amusement Building. See 3.3.37.9.

3.3.280 Special Inspection. Services provided by a qualified person, retained by the owner and approved by the authority having jurisdiction, who observes the installation and witnesses the pretesting and operation of the system or systems. (SAF-BSF)

3.3.281 Special-Purpose Industrial Occupancy. See 3.3.205.8.3.

3.3.282 Specification.

3.3.282.1* Design Specification. A building characteristic and other conditions that are under the control of the design team. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.282.2 Input Data Specification. Information required by the verification method. (SAF-FUN)

N 3.3.283 Sprinkler System.

N 3.3.283.1 Automatic Sprinkler. A fire suppression or control device that operates automatically when its heat-activated element is heated to its thermal rating or above, allowing to discharge over a specified area. [13, 2022] (SAF-BSF)

N 3.3.283.2 Sprinkler System (NFPA 13/13R). A system, commonly activated by heat from a fire and discharges water over the fire area, that consists of an integrated network of piping designed in accordance with fire protection engineering standards that includes a water supply source, a control valve, a waterflow alarm, and a drain. The portion of the sprinkler system above ground is a network of specifically sized or hydraulically designed piping installed in a building, structure, or area, generally overhead, and to which sprinklers are attached in a systematic pattern. [13, 2022] (SAF-BSF)

N 3.3.283.3 Sprinkler System (NFPA 13D). A system that consists of an integrated network of piping designed in accordance with fire protection engineering standards that includes a water supply source, a water control valve, and a drain. The portion of the sprinkler system above ground is a network of specifically sized or hydraulically designed piping installed in a building, structure, or area, generally overhead, and to which sprinklers are attached in a systematic pattern. The system is commonly activated by heat from a fire and discharges water over the fire area. [13D, 2022] (SAF-BSF)

3.3.284 Staff (Residential Board and Care). Persons who provide personal care services, supervision, or assistance. (SAF-BCF)

3.3.285 Stage. A space within a building used for entertainment and utilizing drops or scenery or other stage effects. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.285.1 Legitimate Stage. A stage with a height greater than 50 ft (15 m) measured from the lowest point on the stage floor to the highest point of the roof or floor deck above. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.285.2 Regular Stage. A stage with a height of 50 ft (15 m) or less measured from the lowest point on the stage floor to the highest point of the roof or floor deck above. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.286* Stair.

3.3.286.1 Aisle Stair. A stair within a seating area of an assembly occupancy that directly serves rows of seats to the side of the stair, including transition stairs that connect to an aisle or a landing. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.286.2 Outside Stair. A stair with not less than one side open to the outer air. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.287 Stakeholder. An individual, or representative of same, having an interest in the successful completion of a project. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.288 Storage Occupancy. See 3.3.205.15.

3.3.289* Stories in Height. The story count starting with the level of exit discharge and ending with the highest occupiable story containing the occupancy considered. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.290* Story. The portion of a building located between the upper surface of a floor and the upper surface of the floor or roof next above. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.290.1 Occupiable Story. A story occupied by people on a regular basis. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.291 Street. A public thoroughfare that has been dedicated for vehicular use by the public and can be used for access by fire department vehicles. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.292* Street Floor. A story or floor level accessible from the street or from outside the building at the finished ground level, with the floor level at the main entrance located not more than three risers above or below the finished ground level, and arranged and utilized to qualify as the main floor. (SAF-MER)

3.3.293* Structure. That which is built or constructed. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.293.1 Air-Inflated Structure. A structure whose shape is maintained by air pressure in cells or tubes forming all or part of the enclosure of the usable area and in which the occupants are not within the pressurized area used to support the structure. (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.2* Air-Supported Structure. A structure where shape is maintained by air pressure and in which occupants are within the elevated pressure area. (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.3 Limited Access Structure. A structure or portion of a structure lacking emergency openings. (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.4* Mall Structure. A single structure enclosing a number of tenants and occupancies wherein two or more tenants or tenant buildings have a main entrance into one or more mall concourses. For the purpose of this Code, anchor buildings shall not be considered as a part of the mall structure. (SAF-MER)

3.3.293.5 Membrane Structure. A building or portion of a building incorporating an air-inflated, air-supported, tensioned-membrane structure; a membrane roof; or a membrane-covered rigid frame to protect habitable or usable space. (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.6 Multilevel Play Structure. A structure that consists of tubes, slides, crawling areas, and jumping areas that is located within a building and is used for climbing and entertainment, generally by children. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.293.7* Open Structure. A structure that supports equipment and operations not enclosed within building walls. (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.8* Parking Structure. A building, structure, or portion thereof used for the parking, storage, or both, of motor vehicles. [88A, 2023] (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.8.1 Parking Structure, Enclosed. Any parking structure that is not an open parking structure. [88A, 2023] (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.8.2 Parking Structure, Open. A parking structure that meets the requirements of 42.8.1.3. [88A, 2023] (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.8.3 Parking Structure, Ramp Type. A parking structure that utilizes sloped floors for vertical vehicle circulation. [88A, 2023] (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.9 Permanent Structure. A building or structure that is intended to remain in place for a period of more than 180 days in any consecutive 12-month period. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.293.10 Temporary Structure. A building or structure not meeting the definition of *permanent structure*. (See also 3.3.293.9, *Permanent Structure*.) (SAF-FUN)

3.3.293.11 Tensioned-Membrane Structure. A membrane structure incorporating a membrane and a structural support system such as arches, columns and cables, or beams wherein the stresses developed in the tensioned membrane interact with those in the structural support so that the entire assembly acts together to resist the applied loads. (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.12* Underground Structure. A structure or portions of a structure in which the floor level is located more than 30 ft (9.1 m) below the lowest level with an exit discharge. (SAF-IND)

3.3.293.13 Water-Surrounded Structure. A structure fully surrounded by water. (SAF-IND)

N 3.3.294 Parking Systems.

N 3.3.294.1 Fully Automated Parking System. An unoccupied, vehicle storage and retrieval system that transports vehicles in X (i.e., horizontal right to left), Y (i.e., forward and backward), and Z (i.e., up and down) directions. [88A, 2023] (SAF-IND)

N 3.3.294.2 Mechanical Parking System. A parking system that stores and retrieves vehicles on a platform, and that transports vehicles horizontally and vertically to an available parking location within the parking system. [88A, 2023] (SAF-IND)

3.3.295 Suite.

3.3.295.1 Guest Suite. An accommodation with two or more contiguous rooms comprising a compartment, with or without doors between such rooms, that provides living, sleeping, sanitary, and storage facilities. (SAF-RES)

3.3.295.2 Health Care Suite (Health Care Occupancies). A room or rooms sharing a means of egress separated from the remainder of the building by walls, doors, floors, and ceilings. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.295.3 Non-Patient-Care Suite (Health Care Occupancies). A health care suite that is not intended for patient sleeping or care. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.295.4 Patient Care Non-Sleeping Suite (Health Care Occupancies). A health care suite providing care for one or more patients not intended for overnight patient sleeping. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.295.5 Patient Care Sleeping Suite (Health Care Occupancies). A health care suite containing one or more beds intended for overnight patient sleeping. (SAF-HEA)

3.3.296 System.

3.3.296.1 Elevator Evacuation System. A system, including a vertical series of elevator lobbies and associated elevator lobby doors, an elevator shaft(s), and a machine room(s), that provides protection from fire effects for elevator passengers, people waiting to use elevators, and elevator equipment so that elevators can be used safely for egress. (SAF-MEA)

3.3.296.2 Site-Fabricated Stretch System. A system, fabricated on-site, and intended for acoustical, tackable, or aesthetic purposes, that is comprised of three elements: (1) a frame (constructed of plastic, wood, metal, or other material) used to hold fabric in place, (2) a core material (infill, with the correct properties for the application), and (3) an outside layer, comprised of a textile, fabric, or vinyl, that is stretched taut and held in place by tension or mechanical fasteners via the frame. (SAF-INT)

3.3.297 Technically Infeasible. A change to a building that has little likelihood of being accomplished because the existing structural conditions require the removal or alteration of a load-bearing member that is an essential part of the structural frame, or because other existing physical or site constraints prohibit modification or addition of elements, spaces, or features that are in full and strict compliance with applicable requirements. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.298 Temporary Platform. See 3.3.227.1.

3.3.299 Temporary Structure. See 3.3.293.10.

3.3.300 Tensioned-Membrane Structure. See 3.3.293.11.

3.3.301* Tent. A temporary structure, the covering of which is made of pliable material that achieves its support by mechanical means such as beams, columns, poles, or arches, or by rope or cables, or both. (SAF-IND)

3.3.301.1 Private Party Tent. A tent erected in the yard of a private residence for entertainment, recreation, dining, a reception, or similar function. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.302 Thermal Barrier. See 3.3.32.3.

3.3.303 Tower. An enclosed independent structure or portion of a building with elevated levels for support of equipment or occupied for observation, control, operation, signaling, or similar limited use. (SAF-IND)

3.3.303.1 Airport Traffic Control Tower. An enclosed structure or building at airports with elevated levels for support of equipment and occupied for observation, control, operation, and signaling of aircraft in flight and on the ground. (SAF-IND)

3.3.304 Toxic Material. See 3.3.184.7.

3.3.305 Two-Family Dwelling Unit. See 3.3.70.3.

3.3.306 Uncertainty Analysis. See 3.3.19.2.

3.3.307 Underground Structure. See 3.3.293.12.

3.3.308 Verification Method. A procedure or process used to demonstrate or confirm that the proposed design meets the specified criteria. (SAF-FUN)

3.3.309* Vertical Opening. An opening through a floor or roof. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.310 Vision Panel. A glazing material installed in a fire door assembly to allow for viewing through the fire door assembly. [252, 2017] (SAF-FIR)

3.3.311 Vomitory. An entrance to a means of egress from an assembly seating area that pierces the seating rows. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.312 Wall.

3.3.312.1 Fire Barrier Wall. A wall, other than a fire wall, that has a fire resistance rating. (SAF-FIR)

3.3.312.2 Proscenium Wall. The wall that separates the stage from the auditorium or house. (SAF-AXM)

3.3.313* Wall or Ceiling Covering. A textile-, paper-, or polymeric-based product designed to be attached to a wall or ceiling surface for decorative or acoustical purposes. (SAF-INT)

3.3.314 Water-Surrounded Structure. See 3.3.293.13.

3.3.315 Weathered-Membrane Material. See 3.3.184.8.

3.3.316 Yard. An open, unoccupied space other than a court, unobstructed from the finished ground level to the sky on the lot on which a building is situated. (SAF-MEA)

Chapter 4 General

4.1* Goals.

4.1.1* Fire. A goal of this *Code* is to provide an environment for the occupants that is reasonably safe from fire by the following means:

- (1)* Protection of occupants not intimate with the initial fire development
- (2) Improvement of the survivability of occupants intimate with the initial fire development

4.1.2* Comparable Emergencies. An additional goal is to provide life safety during emergencies that can be mitigated using methods comparable to those used in case of fire.

4.1.3* Hazardous Materials Emergencies. An additional goal is to provide reasonable life safety during emergency events involving hazardous materials regulated by NFPA 30, NFPA 45, NFPA 54, NFPA 55, NFPA 58, *NFPA* 72, NFPA 400, and NFPA 495.

4.1.4* Crowd Movement. An additional goal is to provide for reasonably safe emergency crowd movement and, where required, reasonably safe nonemergency crowd movement.

4.2 Objectives.

4.2.1 Occupant Protection. A structure shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to protect occupants who are not intimate with the initial fire development for the time needed to evacuate, relocate, or defend in place.

4.2.2 Structural Integrity. Structural integrity shall be maintained for the time needed to evacuate, relocate, or defend in

place occupants who are not intimate with the initial fire development.

4.2.3* Hazardous Materials Emergencies Protection. Fundamental safeguards shall be provided to reasonably prevent or mitigate events involving hazardous materials as addressed in 4.1.3 to allow the time needed to evacuate, relocate, or defend in place occupants who are not intimate with the initial emergency incident.

4.2.4* Security Features. Where buildings are designed and constructed to include security features to protect occupants or contents, such features shall not compromise compliance with other requirements of this *Code*.

4.2.5 Systems Effectiveness. Systems utilized to achieve the goals of Section 4.1 shall be effective in mitigating the hazard or condition for which they are being used, shall be reliable, shall be maintained to the level at which they were designed to operate, and shall remain operational.

4.3* Assumptions.

4.3.1* General. The protection methods of this *Code* are based on the hazards associated with fire and other events that have comparable impact on a building and its occupants.

4.3.2 Single Fire Source. The fire protection methods of this *Code* assume a single fire source.

4.4 Life Safety Compliance Options.

4.4.1 Options. Life safety meeting the goals and objectives of Sections 4.1 and 4.2 shall be provided in accordance with either of the following:

- (1) Prescriptive-based provisions per 4.4.2
- (2) Performance-based provisions per 4.4.3

4.4.2 Prescriptive-Based Option.

4.4.2.1 A prescriptive-based life safety design shall be in accordance with Chapters 1 through 4, Chapters 6 through 11, Chapter 43, and the applicable occupancy chapter, Chapters 12 through 42.

4.4.2.2 Prescriptive-based designs meeting the requirements of Chapters 1 through 3, Sections 4.5 through 4.8, and Chapters 6 through 43 of this *Code* shall be deemed to satisfy the provisions of Sections 4.1 and 4.2.

4.4.2.3 Where a requirement of this *Code* conflicts with another requirement of this *Code*, the following shall apply:

- (1)* Where a specific requirement contained in Chapters 11 through 43 conflicts with a general requirement contained in Chapters 1 through 4 and Chapters 6 through 10, the requirement of Chapters 11 through 43 shall govern.
- (2)* Where a requirement contained in Chapters 1 through 4 and Chapters 6 through 10 conflicts with another requirement contained in Chapters 1 through 4 and Chapters 6 through 10, the more specific requirement shall govern.
- (3)* Where a requirement contained in Chapters 11 through 43 conflicts with another requirement contained in Chapters 11 through 43, the more specific requirement shall govern.

4.4.3 Performance-Based Option. A performance-based life safety design shall be in accordance with Chapters 1 through 5.

4.5 Fundamental Requirements.

4.5.1 Multiple Safeguards. The design of every building or structure intended for human occupancy shall be such that reliance for safety to life does not depend solely on any single safeguard. An additional safeguard(s) shall be provided for life safety in case any single safeguard is rendered ineffective.

4.5.2 Appropriateness of Safeguards. Every building or structure shall be provided with means of egress and other fire and life safety safeguards of the kinds, numbers, locations, and capacities appropriate to the individual building or structure, with due regard to the following:

- (1) Character of the occupancy, including fire load
- (2) Capabilities of the occupants
- (3) Number of persons exposed
- (4) Fire protection available
- (5) Capabilities of response personnel
- (6) Height and construction type of the building or structure
- (7) Other factors necessary to provide occupants with a reasonable degree of safety

4.5.3 Means of Egress.

4.5.3.1 Number of Means of Egress. Two means of egress, as a minimum, shall be provided in every building or structure, section, and area where size, occupancy, and arrangement endanger occupants attempting to use a single means of egress that is blocked by fire or smoke. The two means of egress shall be arranged to minimize the possibility that both might be rendered impassable by the same emergency condition.

4.5.3.2 Unobstructed Egress. In every occupied building or structure, means of egress from all parts of the building shall be maintained free and unobstructed. Means of egress shall be accessible to the extent necessary to ensure reasonable safety for occupants having impaired mobility.

4.5.3.3 Awareness of Egress System. Every exit shall be clearly visible, or the route to reach every exit shall be conspicuously indicated. Each means of egress, in its entirety, shall be arranged or marked so that the way to a place of safety is indicated in a clear manner.

4.5.3.4 Lighting. Where artificial illumination is needed in a building or structure, egress facilities shall be included in the lighting design.

4.5.4* Occupant Notification. In every building or structure of such size, arrangement, or occupancy that a fire itself might not provide adequate occupant warning, fire alarm systems shall be provided where necessary to warn occupants of the existence of fire.

4.5.5* Situation Awareness. Systems used to achieve the goals of Section 4.1 shall be effective in facilitating and enhancing situation awareness, as appropriate, by building management, other occupants and emergency responders of the functionality or state of critical building systems, the conditions that might warrant emergency response, and the appropriate nature and timing of such responses.

4.5.6 Vertical Openings. Every vertical opening between the floors of a building shall be suitably enclosed or protected, as necessary, to afford reasonable safety to occupants while using the means of egress and to prevent the spread of fire, smoke, or fumes through vertical openings from floor to floor before occupants have entered exits.

4.5.7 System Design/Installation. Any fire protection system, building service equipment, feature of protection, or safeguard provided to achieve the goals of this *Code* shall be designed, installed, and approved in accordance with applicable NFPA standards.

4.5.8 Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance. Whenever or wherever any device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, or any other feature is required for compliance with the provisions of this *Code*, such device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, or other feature shall thereafter be inspected, tested, and maintained in accordance with applicable NFPA requirements or as directed by the authority having jurisdiction, unless the *Code* exempts such inspection, testing, or maintenance.

4.6 General Requirements.

4.6.1 Authority Having Jurisdiction.

4.6.1.1 The authority having jurisdiction shall determine whether the provisions of this *Code* are met.

4.6.1.2 Any requirements that are essential for the safety of building occupants and that are not specifically provided for by this *Code* shall be determined by the authority having jurisdiction.

4.6.1.3 Where it is evident that a reasonable degree of safety is provided, any requirement shall be permitted to be modified if, in the judgment of the authority having jurisdiction, its application would be hazardous under normal occupancy conditions.

4.6.1.4 Technical Assistance.

4.6.1.4.1 The authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to require a review by an approved independent third party with expertise in the matter to be reviewed at the submitter's expense. [1:1.16.1]

4.6.1.4.2 The independent reviewer shall provide an evaluation and recommend necessary changes of the proposed design, operation, process, or new technology to the authority having jurisdiction. [1:1.16.2]

4.6.1.4.3 The authority having jurisdiction shall be authorized to require design submittals to bear the stamp of a registered design professional. [1:1.16.3]

4.6.2 Previously Approved Features. Where another provision of this *Code* exempts a previously approved feature from a requirement, the exemption shall be permitted, even where the following conditions exist:

- (1) The area is being modernized, renovated, or otherwise altered.
- (2) A change of occupancy has occurred, provided that the feature's continued use is approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

4.6.3 Stories in Height. Unless otherwise specified in another provision of this *Code*, the stories in height of a building shall be determined as follows:

- (1) The stories in height shall be counted starting with the level of exit discharge and ending with the highest occupiable story containing the occupancy considered.
- (2) Stories below the level of exit discharge shall not be counted as stories.

- (3) Interstitial spaces used solely for building or process systems directly related to the level above or below shall not be considered a separate story.
- (4) A mezzanine shall not be counted as a story for the purpose of determining the allowable stories in height.
- (5) For purposes of application of the requirements for occupancies other than assembly, health care, detention and correctional, and ambulatory health care, where a maximum one-story abovegrade parking structure, enclosed, open, or a combination thereof, of Type I or Type II (222) construction or open Type IV construction, with grade entrance, is provided under a building, the number of stories shall be permitted to be measured from the floor above such a parking area.

4.6.4 Historic Buildings.

4.6.4.1 Rehabilitation projects in historic buildings shall comply with Chapter 43.

4.6.4.2* The provisions of this *Code* shall be permitted to be modified by the authority having jurisdiction for buildings or structures identified and classified as historic buildings or structures where it is evident that a reasonable degree of safety is provided.

4.6.5* Modification of Requirements for Existing Buildings. Where it is evident that a reasonable degree of safety is provided, the requirements for existing buildings shall be permitted to be modified if their application would be impractical in the judgment of the authority having jurisdiction.

4.6.6* Time Allowed for Compliance. A limited but reasonable time, commensurate with the magnitude of expenditure, disruption of services, and degree of hazard, shall be allowed for compliance with any part of this *Code* for existing buildings.

4.6.7 Building Rehabilitation.

4.6.7.1 Rehabilitation work on existing buildings shall be classified as one of the following work categories in accordance with 43.2.2.1:

- (1) Repair
- (2) Renovation
- (3) Modification
- (4) Reconstruction
- (5) Change of use or occupancy classification
- (6) Addition

4.6.7.2 Rehabilitation work on existing buildings shall comply with Chapter 43.

4.6.7.3 Except where another provision of this *Code* exempts a previously approved feature from a requirement, the resulting feature shall be not less than that required for existing buildings.

4.6.7.4* Existing life safety features that exceed the requirements for new buildings shall be permitted to be decreased to those required for new buildings.

4.6.7.5* Existing life safety features that do not meet the requirements for new buildings, but that exceed the requirements for existing buildings, shall not be further diminished.

4.6.8 Provisions in Excess of Code Requirements. Nothing in this *Code* shall be construed to prohibit a better building construction type, an additional means of egress, or an other-

wise safer condition than that specified by the minimum requirements of this *Code*.

4.6.9 Conditions for Occupancy.

4.6.9.1 No new construction or existing building shall be occupied in whole or in part in violation of the provisions of this *Code*, unless the following conditions exist:

- (1) A plan of correction has been approved.
- (2) The occupancy classification remains the same.
- (3) No serious life safety hazard exists as judged by the authority having jurisdiction.

4.6.9.2 Where compliance with this *Code* is effected by means of a performance-based design, the owner shall annually certify compliance with the conditions and limitations of the design by submitting a warrant of fitness acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction. The warrant of fitness shall attest that the building features, systems, and use have been inspected and confirmed to remain consistent with design specifications outlined in the documentation required by Section 5.8 and that such features, systems, and use continue to satisfy the goals and objectives specified in Sections 4.1 and 4.2. (*See Chapter 5.*)

4.6.10 Construction, Repair, and Improvement Operations.

4.6.10.1* Buildings, or portions of buildings, shall be permitted to be occupied during construction, repair, alterations, or additions only where required means of egress and required fire protection features are in place and continuously maintained for the portion occupied or where alternative life safety measures acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction are in place.

4.6.10.2 Where required by Chapters 11 through 43, construction, alteration, and demolition operations shall comply with NFPA 241.

4.6.10.3* In buildings under construction, adequate escape facilities shall be maintained at all times for the use of construction workers. Escape facilities shall consist of doors, walkways, stairs, ramps, fire escapes, ladders, or other approved means or devices arranged in accordance with the general principles of the *Code* insofar as they can reasonably be applied to buildings under construction.

4.6.10.4 Flammable or explosive substances or equipment for repairs or alterations shall be permitted in a building while the building is occupied if the condition of use and safeguards provided do not create any additional danger or impediment to egress beyond the normally permissible conditions in the building.

4.6.11 Change of Use or Occupancy Classification. In any building or structure, whether or not a physical alteration is needed, a change from one use or occupancy classification to another shall comply with 4.6.7.

4.6.12 Maintenance, Inspection, and Testing.

4.6.12.1 Whenever or wherever any device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or any other feature is required for compliance with the provisions of this *Code*, such device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or other feature shall thereafter be continuously maintained. Maintenance shall be provided in accordance with applicable NFPA requirements or require-

ments developed as part of a performance-based design, or as directed by the authority having jurisdiction.

4.6.12.2 No existing life safety feature shall be removed or reduced where such feature is a requirement for new construction.

4.6.12.3* Existing life safety features obvious to the public, if not required by the *Code*, shall be either maintained or removed.

4.6.12.4* Where a door or door frame is not required to be fire protection rated and is equipped with a fire protection listing label, the door and the door frame shall not be required to comply with NFPA 80.

4.6.12.5 Any device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or any other feature requiring periodic testing, inspection, or operation to ensure its maintenance shall be tested, inspected, or operated as specified elsewhere in this *Code* or as directed by the authority having jurisdiction.

4.6.12.6 Maintenance, inspection, and testing shall be performed under the supervision of a responsible person who shall ensure that testing, inspection, and maintenance are made at specified intervals in accordance with applicable NFPA standards or as directed by the authority having jurisdiction.

4.6.12.7 Maintenance, inspection, and testing records shall be documented using approved reports or forms and shall be permitted to be submitted, stored, accessed, and shared electronically in an approved format.

4.6.13* Noncombustible Material.

4.6.13.1 A material that complies with any one of the following shall be considered a noncombustible material:

- (1)* The material, in the form in which it is used, and under the conditions anticipated, will not ignite, burn, support combustion, or release flammable vapors when subjected to fire or heat.
- (2) The material is reported as passing ASTM E136, *Standard Test Method for Assessing Combustibility of Materials Using a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750°C*.
- (3) The material is reported as complying with the pass/fail criteria of ASTM E136 when tested in accordance with the test method and procedure in ASTM E2652, *Standard Test Method for Assessing Combustibility of Materials Using a Tube Furnace with a Cone-shaped Airflow Stabilizer, at 750°C*. [5000:7.1.4.1.1]

4.6.13.2 Where the term *limited-combustible* is used in this *Code*, it shall also include the term *noncombustible*. [5000:7.1.4.1.2]

4.6.14* Limited-Combustible Material. A material shall be considered a limited-combustible material where one of the following is met:

- (1) The conditions of 4.6.14.1 and 4.6.14.2, and the conditions of either 4.6.14.3 or 4.6.14.4, shall be met.
- (2) The conditions of 4.6.14.5 shall be met. [5000:7.1.4.2]

4.6.14.1 The material does not comply with the requirements for a noncombustible material in accordance with 4.6.13. [5000:7.1.4.2.1]

4.6.14.2 The material, in the form in which it is used, exhibits a potential heat value not exceeding 3500 Btu/lb (8141 kJ/kg) when tested in accordance with NFPA 259. [5000:7.1.4.2.2]

4.6.14.3 The material shall have a structural base of noncombustible material with a surfacing not exceeding a thickness of 1/8 in. (3.2 mm) where the surfacing exhibits a flame spread index not greater than 50 when tested in accordance with ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, or UL 723, *Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*. [5000:7.1.4.2.3]

4.6.14.4 The material shall be composed of materials that in the form and thickness used neither exhibit a flame spread index greater than 25 nor exhibit evidence of continued progressive combustion when tested in accordance with ASTM E84 or UL 723 and are of such composition that all surfaces that would be exposed by cutting through the material on any plane would neither exhibit a flame spread index greater than 25 nor exhibit evidence of continued progressive combustion when tested in accordance with ASTM E84 or UL 723. [5000:7.1.4.2.4]

4.6.14.5 Materials shall be considered limited-combustible materials where tested in accordance with ASTM E2965, *Standard Test Method for Determination of Low Levels of Heat Release Rate for Materials and Products Using an Oxygen Consumption Calorimeter*, at an incident heat flux of 75 kW/m² for a 20-minute exposure, and both the following conditions are met:

- (1) The peak heat release rate shall not exceed 150 kW/m² for longer than 10 seconds.
- (2) The total heat released shall not exceed 8 MJ/m². [5000:7.1.4.2.5]

4.6.14.6 Where the term *limited-combustible* is used in this *Code*, it shall also include the term *noncombustible*. [5000:7.1.4.2.6]

Δ 4.6.15 Fire-Retardant-Treated Wood. Fire-retardant-treated wood shall be a wood product impregnated with chemical by a pressure process or other means during manufacture meeting the requirements in 4.6.15.2 through 4.6.15.2.5. [703:4.1.1]

N 4.6.15.1 Materials treated by means other than those specified in 4.6.15 shall be considered a fire-retardant-coated material and shall meet the requirements of fire-retardant coatings in Chapter 5 of NFPA 5000. [703:4.1.1.1]

4.6.15.2 Fire-retardant-treated wood shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, or UL 723, *Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*. [703:4.1.1.2]

4.6.15.2.1 Fire-retardant-treated wood shall have a listed flame spread index of 25 or less. [703:4.1.1.2.1]

4.6.15.2.2 The flame front shall not progress more than 10.5 ft (3.2 m) beyond the centerline of the burners at any time during the test, when the test is continued for an additional 20-minute period. [703:4.1.1.2.2]

N 4.6.15.2.3 A wood product that has been impregnated with chemicals by a pressure process or other means during manufacture and has met the requirements of 4.6.15.2.1 and 4.6.15.2.2 when tested on the front and back faces in accordance with ASTM E2768, *Standard Test Method for Extended Duration Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials (30 min Tunnel Test)*, shall be considered fire-retardant-treated wood. [703:4.1.1.2.3]

4.6.15.2.4 Wood structural panels shall be permitted to be tested only on the front and back faces. [703:4.1.1.2.4]