

## Notice of Intent to Adopt the 2018 Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code

The Department of Administrative Services, Office of the State Fire Marshal, in conjunction with the Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee, is announcing its intent to adopt a new State Fire Prevention Code to be titled the 2018 Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code. In accordance with the requirements of Connecticut General Statute 29-291e, the agency will accept comments from the public for a period of forty-five (45) days, beginning January 2, 2018 through the close of business February 16, 2018.

Written comments will be received by the agency via US mail, fax or email at:

Department of Administrative Services  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
450 Columbus Blvd. Suite 1303  
Hartford, CT 06103  
Fax number: 860-713-7410  
Email: DAS.CodesStandards@ct.gov

A Public Hearing will be held by the agency in conjunction with the Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee on January 24, 2018 starting at 10:00 in the following location:

Legislative Office Building, Room TBD  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

The 2018 Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code will adopt the following national model code, as amended in the 2018 Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code:

- 2015 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 – Fire Code

The Connecticut amendments to these model codes can be found here: [2018 CT State Fire Prevention Code](#)

The model codes can be viewed here: [ICC Free eCode Viewer](#); [NFPA Free Viewer](#)  
or purchased at: [Where to Purchase Model Code Books](#)

The intended effective date for this code is July 1, 2018.

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### Small Business Impact Statement/Flexibility Analysis

In accordance with C.G.S. Section 29-291a, the State Fire Marshal and the Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee analyzed the effect on small businesses of the 2018 State Fire Prevention Code and considered whether potential adverse impacts on small businesses could be minimized in a way that (1) will not interfere with the intended objectives of the code and (2) will allow the new code to remain consistent with public health, safety and welfare. The State Fire Marshal and the Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee determined the following:

**(Check all appropriate boxes):**

Adoption of the 2018 State Fire Prevention Code will not have an effect on small businesses.

Adoption of the 2018 State Fire Prevention Code will have an effect on small businesses, but will not have an adverse effect on such small businesses.

Adoption of the 2018 State Fire Prevention Code may have an adverse effect on small businesses, and no alternative considered would be both as effective in achieving the purpose of the action and less burdensome to potentially affected small business. Alternatives considered include the following:

- (1) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
- (2) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
- (3) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
- (4) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the new section or amendment; and
- (5) The exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the new section or amendment.

Adoption of the 2018 State Fire Prevention Code will have an adverse effect on small businesses that cannot be minimized in a manner that is consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

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### Fiscal Note

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 29-291a.

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED: Any agency which owns or operates facilities covered by the State Fire Prevention Code. The updated codes should have a minimal impact on the cost of operation of such facilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE USED IN COST ESTIMATE: July 2018

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: William Abbott, State Fire Marshal

### SUMMARY OF STATE COST AND REVENUE IMPACT OF 2018 STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE

AGENCY: DAS

POTENTIAL FUND AFFECTED: General

|                                   | First Year<br>2016 | Second Year<br>2017 | Full Operation<br>2018 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Number of Positions               | 0                  | 0                   | 0                      |
| Personal Services                 | 0                  | 0                   | 0                      |
| Other Expenses                    | 0                  | 0                   | 0                      |
| Equipment                         | 0                  | 0                   | 0                      |
| Grants                            | 0                  | 0                   | 0                      |
| <b>Total State Cost (Savings)</b> | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>               |
| Estimated Revenue Gain (Loss)     | 0                  | 0                   | 0                      |
| <b>Total Net Cost (Savings)</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>               |

The State Fire Marshal and the Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee are statutorily required to adopt the State Fire Prevention Code.

EXPLANATION OF STATE IMPACT: The fiscal impact to the state of adopting the 2018 State Fire Prevention Code is to provide educational programs to code users, which the state already does within existing resources under the authority of Section 29-251c of the Connecticut General Statutes. The change in codes means a change in subject matter for educational classes, and will have no impact on staffing. New code books for staff are funded from the educational fee collected on building permits, which doesn't impact the general fund.

EXPLANATION OF MUNICIPAL IMPACT: Municipalities will be required to purchase new ICC and NFPA code books and resources, if they have not purchased them already, at a total cost of between \$500 and \$2000 depending on staffing levels within the municipality. This expense occurs at every code change cycle and is appropriately budgeted for by the municipalities.