



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE
BUILDING CODE AND FIRE SAFETY CODE

CODE INFORMATION

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Proposed change to: Building Code Fire Safety Code

Code section(s): **CSFSC 315.3.5**

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PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Description of change and reason for change (attach additional information as needed):

ADD code section and language addressing combustible storage in close proximity to fuel-fired appliances. All fuel-fired appliances have set-back distances to combustibles in their manufacturer’s installation instructions; however, there is no direct reference to this currently in the CSFSC, specifically in Section 605. This code addition would address the issue and make it easier for code officials to cite on field inspections and document in reports. It would also help ensure that this issue is enforced uniformly by all marshals and inspectors.

Proposed text change, addition or deletion (attach additional information as needed):

(ADD) **315.3.5 Fuel-fired appliances.** A minimum distance of 3 feet shall be maintained at all times between combustible storage and fuel-fired appliances.

Exception: Clearances of less than 3 feet shall be permitted where approved by the specific appliance manufacturer, provided that in no case shall combustibles be stored within 18 inches of fuel-fired appliances.

Supporting data and documents (attach additional information as needed):

Appliance manufacturer’s installation and maintenance guidelines and good fire safety practices dictate that a minimum safe distance is needed between a fuel-fired appliance and combustible storage. A minimum 3-foot clearance provides a sound safety measure without causing a hardship to building owners and tenants. Where written approval is provided by the appliance manufacturer, a clearance reduction may be permitted.

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