

2007 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Adopted

The 2007 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code will be effective August 1, 2008. This should allow adequate time for printing and for code officials and design professionals to obtain the new code.

The 2007 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code is the result of countless hours of hard work by many dedicated individuals across Arkansas. I am not sure how I can adequately thank everyone that contributed to the successful adoption of the 2007 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code so I will just extend a simple, but heartfelt “thank you” to everyone.

The 2007 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, Volume II, will contain Appendix L which will provide an alternative to the seismic design provisions found in the structural design chapter of Volume II. Appendix L was not adopted by the State of Arkansas but will be available for local jurisdictions to adopt by ordinance.

The proposed 2007 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code was “Reviewed without objection” on April 3, 2008, by the Committee On Administrative Rules And Regulations Of The Arkansas Legislative Council. On January 3, 2008, the Rules Committee asked the State Fire Marshal’s Office to reconsider the seismic provisions found in Volume II (Building Code Volume) of the proposed 2007 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code. After several months of diligent work by many individuals and agencies, the conflict was resolved by means of an Appendix to address the seismic concerns.

Please feel free to contact the State Fire Marshal’s Office if you need additional information.

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