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RULES:

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AMEND: 837-040-0010

RULE TITLE: Adoption of the International Fire Code

NOTICE FILED DATE: 07/30/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Adopts the Oregon Fire Code and updates the edition of the International Fire Code.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) The Oregon Fire Code is generally adopted every three years, coinciding with the publication of a nationally recognized fire code.
- (2) Effective October 1, 2025, the 2025 Oregon Fire Code which is the 2024 edition of the International Fire Code, as published by the International Code Council, and as amended by the Department of the State Fire Marshal, is adopted. (Referenced publications are available for review at the agency. See agency web site for information on where to purchase publications.)
- (3)(a) For the purposes of implementing a phase-in period for the 2025 Oregon Fire Code in new construction plan review only, the 2022 Oregon Fire Code is adopted for a period of 180-days beginning October 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026.
- (b) During the 180-day phase-in period established in subsection (3)(a), new construction plan reviews will be reviewed to either the 2025 Oregon Fire Code or the 2022 Oregon Fire Code as directed by the local building official.
- (c) For the purposes of implementing an electronic code integration in the records management system (RMS) a phase-in period for the 2025 Oregon Fire Code, the 2022 Oregon Fire Code will remain the adopted code for a period of 180-days beginning October 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 476.030

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 476.030

AMEND: 837-040-0015

RULE TITLE: Proposed Code Amendment Criteria

NOTICE FILED DATE: 07/30/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies the Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board will review proposed amendments to code.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) All proposed code amendments are submitted to the Department of the State Fire Marshal in writing or on an agency approved form.
- (2) All proposed code amendments must provide justification and the particular circumstances requiring the amendment.
- (3) The Department of the State Fire Marshal screens proposed code amendments to determine whether they substantially meet the requirements of OAR 837-040-0015(5). Proposed code amendments not substantially meeting the requirements of 837-040-0015(5) may be returned to the applicant with specific reasons included in the returned application.
- (4) Proposed Code amendments that substantially meet the requirements of OAR 837-040-0015(5) will be reviewed by the Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board (OFCAB). Final approval or denial of the proposed code amendment will be at the discretion of the State Fire Marshal.
- (5) As required by OAR 837-040-0015(2), a proposed code amendment must address, where applicable, whether or not the proposed code amendment:
 - (a) Is necessary to correct any unforeseen or probable outcomes resulting from the application of a code section, and if so, why;
 - (b) Is needed to protect the health, safety, welfare, comfort and security of occupants, emergency responders, and the public, and if so, why;
 - (c) Corrects inadequate application by a code section to a method, material or design, and if so, how;
 - (d) Is necessary to address unique geographic or climatic conditions within Oregon, and if so, why;
 - (e) Is needed to eliminate conflicting, obsolete, or duplicative code provisions or standards between Oregon adopted codes, statutes or regulations, and if so, why;
 - (f) Provides for the use of unique or emerging technologies, or promote advances in construction methods, devices, materials and techniques, and if so, how;
 - (g) Any adverse fiscal impact or cost savings passed on to the general public, the construction industry, local and state governments, and small businesses. If applicable, an interested person must describe the added or reduced cost of a proposed code amendment, describe the adverse fiscal impact or cost savings in relation to the current Oregon Fire Code and include any standards of measure used to arrive at the result given.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 476.030

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 476.030

AMEND: 837-040-0020

RULE TITLE: Amendments to the Oregon Fire Code

NOTICE FILED DATE: 07/30/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Amends the Oregon Fire Code; update to fix a capitalization mistake.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The Department of the State Fire Marshal may amend the Oregon Fire Code approximately midway between publications of the International Fire Code based on proposed code amendments submitted for consideration by interested persons.

(2) Any time between publications of the International Fire Code, the Department of the State Fire Marshal may initiate and adopt code amendments to the Oregon Fire Code, as circumstances merit (Referenced publications are available for review at the agency. See agency web site for information on where to purchase publications). [Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 476.030

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 476.030

AMEND: 837-040-0140

RULE TITLE: Adoption of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code and Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code

NOTICE FILED DATE: 07/30/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Updates the Oregon Structural Specialty Code and Oregon Mechanic Specialty Code to the 2025 edition.

RULE TEXT:

The fire and life safety provisions of the 2025 edition of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code and the 2025 edition of the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code are hereby adopted as standards for the purpose of evaluation of existing buildings. (Referenced publications are available for review at the agency. See Building Codes Division web site for information on where to purchase publications.)

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 476.030

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 476.030