

September 7, 2021

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA – NORMAN
In conjunction with
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - OKC

OFFICES OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

Effective Code Changes

Permanent Rules and Executive Orders effective as of 9-14-21 (per the Oklahoma Secretary of State Office of Administrative Rules)

The University of Oklahoma Fire Marshal's Office – Norman in conjunction with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Fire Marshal's Office – OKC will begin to apply the currently adopted codes and standards in effect by the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC), for any new project not currently in design. Projects currently in design shall be permitted to continue under the original code and standards editions in effect prior to September 14, 2021.

OKLAHOMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (OAC)

Title 748 (Uniform Building Code Commission)

748: 20-1-1 to 748: 20-15-17

**TO BE THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION
WITHIN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

The following new codes, relevant to University of Oklahoma projects, have been adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission:

- 2018 International Building Code
- 2018 International Fire Code
- 2018 International Existing Building Code
- 2018 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2018 International Mechanical Code
- 2018 International Plumbing Code
- 2017 National Electric Code NFPA 70

Additionally, the University of Oklahoma is adopting the following:

- 2018 NFPA #99 Health Care Facilities Code (as referenced by 2018 NFPA #101)
- 2018 International Building Code – Appendix K

Standards in effect will be those as referenced in the adopted codes by the OUBCC and as specified in the Oklahoma Administrative Code Title 265 (State Fire Marshal Commission) Chapter 25 -

Adopted National Codes and Standards. Where conflicts arise between specific adopted and referred editions of a noted standard, the newer standard shall apply. Nothing shall prohibit the use of the “most current” standard if all parties are in agreement. (*Except on the condition that the most current standard is proven to be less stringent than those adopted or referred*). Updates will be sent pending any future legislative changes to specific codes or standards in Title 265 Chapter 25.

OKLAHOMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (OAC)
TITLE 265 (State Fire Marshal Commission)
Chapter 25-1-3

Incorporated National Codes and Standards

The following national codes and standards are incorporated by reference:

- (1) The adopted codes of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission.
- (2) NFPA #99 Health Care Facilities Code, 2018 Edition, as it applies for the life safety inspections of existing facilities and as required by other state referenced codes and federal mandates.
- (3) NFPA #101 Life Safety Code, 2018 Edition, as it applies for the life safety inspections of existing facilities and as required by other state referenced codes and federal mandates.

Permits and Plan Submittals

As the recognized permitting authorities for the University of Oklahoma – Norman campus and Health Sciences Center campus, all permits pertaining to construction, fire and life safety systems, special events, pyrotechnics and conditional use shall be submitted to the respective University Fire Marshal’s Office for review and approval prior to any action or activity on site. Submittal requirements for specific activities can be found on each campus’ Fire Marshal’s Office web page.

- OU Norman Fire Marshal’s Office: www.ou.edu/campussafety
- OU Health Sciences Center Fire Marshal’s Office: <http://firemarshalsoffice.ouhsc.edu>

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions about this process.



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