



# Fire Code Change Request

Suggestions for changes to the Fire Code can be made by any individual or group at any time. Requests for Fire Code changes will be processed for possible inclusion in the next edition of the (Ontario) Fire Code and may be shared for consideration in the development of the national model Fire Code of Canada. In some cases, interim amendments may be implemented as determined appropriate. To submit a request to the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, please complete and submit the form below.

## 1. Background Information:

Myself:

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Business/ Organization:

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Name of Business / Organization / Association: Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs	Approximate # of members: 700	Your Name: Mark Tishman	Fire Code Change Request Program and Policy Analyst	Are you authorized to speak on behalf of the group? Yes
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Fire Code Reference:

Division or Supplement:  
DIVISION B

Date:  
Tue July 27, 2021 1:50:59pm

Describe the type of change required to the Fire Code: combination of above

Describe the problem with the existing Fire Code provision:

Confusion exists in these sub-sections because compliance with NFPA 25 - The Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of the Water-Based Fire Protection Systems is limited to only the items outlined in the Ontario Fire Code and does not allow for the full application to the standard across all facets of these systems (e.g. identifying deficiencies and impairments, supply valve status testing, and forward flow testing of backflow preventers).

Describe the proposed change or provide recommended wording:

The proposed change is to use language consistent with the National Fire Code (6.4.1.1) that states: Inspections, testing, and maintenance of water-based fire protection systems shall be in conformance with Standard NFPA 25 - Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-based Fire Protection Systems.

Identify/describe other Fire Code provisions that may be affected by the proposed change:

Subsections: 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6

If the proposed change is a new requirement, please identify the objective(s) and functional statement(s) that the proposal addresses (see Division A of the Fire Code):

This is not a new requirement, it is a recommendation for using consistent language and the use of an existing, recognized, NFPA Standard that meets current "best practices".

Please indicate if any additional supporting materials will be forwarded separately:

Yes. Please see the formal Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs accompanying letter emailed to Ontario's Fire Marshal on July 27, 2021.

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