



# 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 2:03:29pm

Describe the type of change required to the Fire Code: revise existing code requirement

Describe the problem with the existing Fire Code provision:

Section 9.3 of the Fire Code is difficult to enforce and is problematic for a number of reasons such as: fire alarm and detection requirements apply to individual units - not the entire structure, inconsistent language with interior wall separations and fire-resistance ratings, confusion exists over requirements for fuel burning appliances, and a lack of a definition of kitchen facility to determine what is and what is not permitted within that room.

Describe the proposed change or provide recommended wording:

For full details please see accompanying letter sent to the Fire Marshal by the OAFC on July 27, 2021. The proposed changes would bring Section 9.3 in line with Sections 9.5 and 9.6 while allowing for leeway with other structures identified in Section 9. Current structures make it difficult to know if they're built with a 45 minute fire-resistance rating without destructive tests. The changes would also better define a "kitchen facility"

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

Proposed changes would affect Fire Code Sections: 9.3.1, 9.3.1.(1) 9.3.1.3, 9.3.2 9.3.2.4, 9.3.2 9.3.2, 9.3.2.5 9.3.2, 9.3.2.6 9.3.3, 9.3.3.4 9.3.4, 9.3.4.1 9.3.4, 9.3.4.2 9.3.5, 9.3.5.2

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):

The proposed changes seek to update, modify, and clarify existing requirements. For full details please see accompanying letter sent to the Fire Marshal by the OAFC on July 27, 2021.

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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Signature or Name of Requestor: *Web site submission*

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