

CHAPTER 159

FIRE REGULATIONS

159.01 International Fire Code

159.02 Modifications

159.01 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE. Except as hereafter modified, that certain Fire Code known as the *International Fire Code, 2012 Edition*, as published by the International Code Council, which code is hereby specifically incorporated by reference, shall be known as the Fire Regulations. The provisions of said Fire Regulations shall establish minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises and shall be controlling in all matters covered by said Fire Regulations within the unincorporated limits of the City of Palo, Iowa.

159.02 MODIFICATIONS. Certain sections, and portions of sections, of the *International Fire Code, 2012 Edition*, hereinafter IFC, are hereby modified as set forth below.

1. Insert the following into IFC Section 101.1, Title:
City of Palo, Iowa
2. Delete IFC Section 104.2, Applications and permits, without substitution.
3. Delete IFC Section 104.6, Official Records, without substitution.
4. Delete IFC Section 104.10, Fire Investigations, without substitution.
5. Delete IFC Section 104.11, Authority at fires and other emergencies, without substitution.
6. Delete IFC Section 105, Permits, in its entirety, and delete all references to permits required under Section 105 as contained in subsequent chapters of the IFC.
7. Delete IFC Section 108, Board of Appeals, and add the following:

Section 108 Board of Appeals

Section 108.1 Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals, as established in the City of Palo Building Regulations, Chapter 155 of the City of Palo Code of Ordinances, shall hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the Building Official relative to the application and interpretation of this code.

Section 108.02 Limitations On Authority. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. The authority of the Board in hearing appeals is limited to the technical provisions of the code related to the design, construction, use and maintenance of buildings and other structures including alternative methods and materials. The Board shall have no authority relative to interpretation of the administrative provisions of this code nor shall the Board be empowered to waive requirements of this code.

Section 108.03 Appeal Fee. Nominal fee for an appeal to the Building Board of Appeals shall be in accordance with the Fee Schedule as established by resolution by the City Council.

8. Delete IFC Section 109.4, Violation penalties, and add the following:
Section 109.04 Violation penalties. Any person who violates a provision of this code, or fails to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be subject to enforcement and penalties in accordance with Chapter 3 of the City of Palo Code of Ordinances.
109.04.01 Abatement of violation. In addition to the imposition of the penalties herein described, the Building Official is authorized to institute appropriate action to prevent unlawful construction or to restrain, correct or abate a violation; or to prevent illegal occupancy of a structure or premises.
9. Delete IFC Section 111.4, Failure to comply, and add the following:
Section 111.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to penalties in accordance with Chapter 3 of the City of Palo Code of Ordinances.
10. Modify Section 202, General Definitions, by deleting the definition for Fire Chief and Fire Code Official and adding the following definitions:
FIRE CHIEF. The Building Official or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or any duly authorized representative.
FIRE CODE OFFICIAL. The Building Official or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or any duly authorized representative.
11. Delete IFC Section 303, Asphalt Kettles, in its entirety without substitution.
12. Delete IFC Section 307, Open Burning and Recreational Fires, in its entirety without substitution.
13. Delete IFC Section 310, Smoking, in its entirety without substitution.
14. Delete IFC Chapter 4, Emergency Planning and Preparedness, in its entirety without substitution.
15. Delete IFC Section 503, Fire Apparatus Access Roads, in its entirety without substitution.
16. Delete IFC Section 507, Fire Protection Water Supply, in its entirety without substitution.

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