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To All Interested Parties:

The State Fire Prevention Commission has recently adopted a new edition of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations, which become effective on **September 1, 2021**. The changes for the new edition can be found here: <https://regulations.delaware.gov/documents/February2021c.pdf>

Some of the highlights of these changes include:

1. Four new NFPA Codes and Standards have been adopted:
  - NFPA 92, *Smoke Control Systems*, 2018 edition.
  - NFPA 400, *Hazardous Material Code*, 2019 edition.
  - NFPA 855, *Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems*, 2020 edition.
  - NFPA 914, *Code for Fire Protection of Historic Structures*, 2019 edition.
2. Regulation 701, Chapter 7 of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations has a complete list of the NFPA Codes and Standards that will be effective September 1, 2021. Some of the commonly used include:
  - NFPA 1, *Fire Code*, 2021 edition.
  - NFPA 13, *Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, 2019 edition.
  - NFPA 14, *Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems*, 2019 edition.
  - NFPA 17A, *Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems*, 2021 edition.
  - NFPA 20, *Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection*, 2019 edition.
  - NFPA 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code*, 2021 edition.
  - NFPA 30A, *Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages*, 2021 edition.
  - NFPA 45, *Fire Protection for Laboratories Using Chemicals*, 2019 edition.
  - NFPA 54, *National Fuel Gas Code*, 2021 edition.
  - NFPA 58, *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code*, 2020 edition.
  - **NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*, 2020 edition.**
  - NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code*, 2019 edition.
  - NFPA 96, *Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations*, 2021 edition.
  - NFPA 99, *Health Care Facilities*, 2021 edition.
  - NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, 2021 edition.
3. Regulation 701, Chapter 1, Section 3.1.4, Qualified Historic Buildings has been modified so that a qualified historic building shall meet the requirements for building rehabilitation per the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations and appropriate NFPA codes and standards.
4. Fire hydrant spacing required by Regulation 702, Chapter 6, Fire Flow Table 2, has been changed to require 800 foot on center spacing for one- and two-family detached dwellings.
5. Regulation 705, Chapter 5, Section 3.5.2 permits parking between a one-story building and the perimeter access area to be reduced from 15 feet to 10 feet.

The most current edition of the DSFPRs can be found here: <https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title1/700/>

**All projects submitted on or after September 1, 2021 will be required to comply with the new edition of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations.**

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Sincerely,

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