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DIVISION OF FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERPRETATION 93-01

CODE REFERENCE NFPA 101, Sec. 19-3.4.3.1, 1988, 1991 Edition

BACKGROUND

This section requires the installation of an annunciator panel in existing apartment buildings. This may necessitate that existing alarm systems be brought up to the current requirements for a new fire alarm system. Currently, NFPA 101 does not require the upgrade retrospectively.

INTERPRETATION

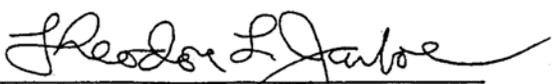
The annunciator panel requirement is not to be retroactively enforced in existing apartment buildings unless there is an upgrade or change to the system under NFPA 72A or the existence of extraordinary circumstances indicate the need for a panel.

In those situations where the inspector is unclear as to whether an annunciator panel should be retroactively required, he/she should confer with one of the systems engineers.

This cancels Chief Jackson's memo of 2/12/93 and a memo dated 7/26/85.

DATE

12-21-93



FIRE MARSHAL