

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA STATE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

**Notice of Public Hearing
For the Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations of the
State Fire Marshal Division**

The Nevada State Fire Marshal Division will hold a public hearing at the following location Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 9:00am

**PUBLIC HEARING
CARSON CITY
State Fire Marshal Division
107 Jacobsen Way
Carson City, NV 89711**

**PUBLIC HEARING
Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 240 679 209 452
Passcode: SF6i5ED7
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1-775-321-6111
Phone Conference ID: 682 874 860#**

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of proposed amendments to regulations, that pertain to Chapter 477 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment.
 - a. To ensure statewide uniformity and enhance public safety, it is essential for the Nevada State Fire Marshal to adopt the proposed 2024 code updates, as mandated by NRS 477.030(1), and to incorporate these changes into Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 477, specifically within NAC 477.281, thus providing a consistent regulatory framework across all jurisdictions within Nevada.

2. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, the terms or the substance of the proposed regulation to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved.

The proposed regulation is a comprehensive review and update to the regulations of the State Fire Marshal. A summary of the changes are as follows:

Proposed code adoptions and new section creations: Adoption of NAC 477.281, including the 2024 International Fire Code (477.281(1)(a), 2024 International Building Code (477.281(1)(b), 2024 International Existing Building Code (477.281(1)(c), 2024 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (477.281(1)(d), 2024 Uniform Mechanical Code (477.281(e), and 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code (477.281(f).

New sections to be added: 477.300 Section 15 (Fire-resistant material applicators), 477.781 (Airflows), 477.351 (Dampers), and 477.352 (Smoke Control).

3. If the proposed regulation is a permanent regulation, a statement explaining how to obtain the approved or revised text of the proposed regulation.
N/A

4. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and in each case must include:

The State Fire Marshal Division views the adoption of the 2024 Codes as a strategic imperative that yields substantial long-term economic advantages for the business sector. Immediate benefits include the heightened awareness of fire safety best practices and the establishment of clearer, more uniform fire safety standards, thereby reducing ambiguity in regulatory compliance.

From an industry standards perspective, the implementation of the 2024 IFC offers significant long-term economic benefits for the public. The immediate impact is an elevated level of fire safety and a decreased risk of fire-related emergencies across the community, fostering increased public confidence in the built environment. The projected long-term outcomes include a notable reduction in fire-related injuries and fatalities; and minimizing overall property losses.

5. The methods used by the agency in determining the impact on small business.

Impact on Small Business. Statement identifying the methods used in determining the impact on a small business pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 233B.0608.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 (1), the State Fire Marshal is required to make a determination whether its proposed regulations will: (a) impose a direct and significant economic burden upon small business, and (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of small business. NRS 233B.0382 defines small business: "Small business" means a business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees.

The State Fire Marshal has considered the two factors in NRS 233B.0608 (1) and has determined that a Small Business Impact Statement is not required pursuant to NRS 233B.0609 based upon the following:

The State Fire Marshal is statutorily directed by NRS 477.030(1) and 477.033, NRS 459.773 and NRS 233B.050(1)(e) to create, amend or delete regulations regarding the protection from fire and other life safety issues and the licensing of contractors in fire protection-related fields.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

There are no known additional enforcement costs for the Division.

7. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency.

The State Fire Marshal is required by NRS 477.030(1) to adopt as the minimum threshold, rules for the prevention of fire; the storage and use of combustibles, flammables and fireworks; explosives in commercial construction, except mining or avalanche control; and the safety, access, means and adequacy of exit in case of fire from mental and penal institutions, facilities for the care of children, foster homes, residential facilities for groups, facilities for intermediate care, nursing homes, hospitals.

There is no known overlap or duplication related to this regulation.

8. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.

The regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.

9. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There is no existing federal regulation that directly mirrors or applies to this proposed State Code adoption. Furthermore, this state regulation does not impose requirements that are more stringent than any comparable existing federal regulation.

10. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.

The adoption of this code will not introduce any new fees, nor will it result in any increases to existing fee structures.

11. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, each address at which the text of the regulation may be inspected and copied.

See the information below

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the State Fire Marshal Division may appear at the scheduled public hearing and/or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to:

Connie Etchison, Administrative Assistant
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Nevada State Fire Marshal Division
107 Jacobsen Way
Carson City, NV 89711

Written submissions must be received by the State Fire Marshal Division on or before 5pm on May 7, 2025. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the State Fire Marshal Division may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be amended will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be amended will be available at the following offices of the State Fire Marshal, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours:

Nevada State Fire Marshal Division offices are located at:

107 Jacobsen Way
Carson City, Nevada

2300 McLeod Street
Las Vegas, Nevada

and at the Nevada State Fire Marshal's website: <http://fire.nv.gov>

Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Per NRS 233B.064(2) Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.