

Chapter 14.04

UNIFORM FIRE CODE*

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14.04.010 Adoption of code. There is adopted for the purpose of providing minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare, that certain code known as the Uniform Fire Code (hereafter referred to as UFC) published by the International Conference of Building Officials, and the Western Fire Chiefs Association, 5360 South Workman Mill Road, Whittier, Ca. 90601, being particularly the 1979 edition thereof, and the whole thereof including the table of contents, appendix, the index and the secondary codes referred to therein, but excepting Appendix F and Appendix J, three copies of which are on file in the office of the town clerk, and the same is hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this code. There is further adopted all successive editions and supplements of the UFC, and the aforesaid parts thereof, published by the International Conference of Building Officials and the Western Fire Chiefs Association, or any successor organization, such successive editions to become effective upon the date of their publication and to replace and to repeal the edition immediately preceding it. (Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

* For statutory provisions pertaining to the adoption of codes by reference, see Gov. C.A. §§50022.1--50022.10. For state law pertaining generally to the fire protection in towns, see Gov. Code C.A. §§38600-38610. For authorization to establish and maintain fire limits, see Gov. C.S. §38601.

14.04.014 Amendments to UFC. The UFC is changed, added to and amended in the respects set forth in this chapter. The section numbers referred to are the section numbers of the UFC. (Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

14.04.015 Fire alarm devices. (a) All residential structures shall comply with the fire-warning requirements set forth in Section 1210(a) of the 1982 Edition of the Uniform Building Code, as amended from time to time. Such systems may be inspected by the Fire Prevention Bureau prior to approval of occupancy.

(b) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this section and in the UFC pertaining to alarm systems, the installation, maintenance and servicing of fire alarm signaling systems and devices shall also comply with the provisions of Chapter 9.32 of this code. (Ord. 443 §1, 1983: Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

14.04.020 Section 79.103 UFC amended--Flammable and combustible liquids. The volume limits set forth in subsection UFC of Section 79.103 UFC are amended so that the introductory phrase of said subsection reads as follows:

Storage, handling or use of Class I liquids in excess of one (1) gallon in any building or other occupancy, or in excess of five (5) gallons outside of any building, except that no permit shall be required for the following:

(Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

14.04.030 Bureau of fire prevention report. A report of the bureau of fire prevention shall be made annually and transmitted to the chief executive officer of the municipality; it shall contain all proceedings under this code, with such statistics as the chief of the fire department may wish to include therein; the chief of the fire department shall also recommend any amendments to the code which, in his judgment, shall be desirable. (Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

14.04.040 Definitions. (a) Wherever the words “jurisdiction,” “public entity” or “municipality” are used in the UFC, they mean the town of Ross.

(b) Wherever the term “UFC” is used, it means the Uniform Fire Code. (Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

14.04.050 Flammable liquid storage—Prohibited limits established. The limits referred to in Section 79.201(a) of the UFC in which storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited are established as the corporate limits of the town. (Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

14.04.060 Section 10.208 UFC amended—Premises identification. Section 10.208 UFC is changed to read as follows:

Approved numbers or addresses shall be assigned to all new and existing buildings and places on such premises in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property. Said numbers shall contrast with their background and shall comply with Section 18.16.100 of the Ross Municipal Code.

(Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

14.04.070 Establishment of limits in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gases is to be restricted. The limits referred to in Section 82.105(a) UFC, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, are established as the corporate limits of the town. (Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981)

14.04.080 Section 2.201(a) UFC amended—Inspections. Section 2.201(a) UFC is changed to read as follows:

The fire prevention bureau may inspect, as often as may be necessary, all buildings and premises, including such other hazards or appliances as the chief may designate for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions which would reasonably tend to cause fire or contribute to its spread, or any violation of the purpose of provisions of this code and of any other law or standard affecting fire safety.

(Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

14.04.090 Section 2.302 UFC amended—Appeals. Section 2.302 UFC is deleted and the following is added:

Whenever the chief of the fire department shall disapprove an application or refuse to grant a permit applied for under the provisions of the U.F.C., or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the code have been misconstrued or wrongfully interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the chief of the fire department to the town council within thirty days from the date of the decision of the appeal.

(Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

14.04.100 Plan review--New construction. Proposed construction of any type building or structure within the town limits shall be subject to review by the fire chief or his designated representative, prior to the issuance of any building permit or final approval of the precise plan under Chapter 18.39. The review shall be in accordance with all applicable sections of the UFC, including, but not limited to, Section 10.301(c) and (d) (Adequate fire flow), Section 10.207 (Access roadways) and Section 10.208 (Premises identification). The chief building official of the town shall cause the transmittal of required site plan and structural drawings to the fire chief for his review, recommendations and submission of applicable fire protection requirements. (Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).

14.04.110 Penalties. Any person who violates any of the provisions of the UFC, or any provision hereof, shall be subject to the penalties and remedies set forth in Section 1.04.010. (Ord. 427 §1(part), 1981).