

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

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**TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:**

The *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code* ("AFPC" or "Fire Code" or "Code") 2021 edition, which supersedes the 2012 edition, has been developed to assist in preventing and controlling fires in and outside of structures in the State of Arkansas. The proper use of this Code can result in saving lives and property through the prevention of fires in our state.

The State Fire Marshal's Office encourages Arkansas cities and counties to join with the Arkansas State Fire Marshal's Office in our effort to enforce the AFPC by adopting the Fire Code as a local ordinance. The adoption of the AFPC 2021 edition is important, and it is the hope that every citizen will use this Code to their fullest advantage in fire prevention.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the State Fire Marshal by Act 841 of 2023 (§20-22-1010), these rules are promulgated as originally adopted by the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police by Section 6 of Act 254 of 1955 (A.C.A. §12-13-105). These Rules become effective ten days after the date of final filing with the Secretary of State's Office.

## FOREWORD

The *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code* was developed using the nationally and internationally recognized and accepted *International Fire Code*, *International Building Code* and *International Residential Code*, with revisions based on recommendations from Arkansas based subject matter experts.

There are countless individuals who contributed to the 2021 successful revision of the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code*. The following Arkansans unselfishly devoted their time and expertise to serve on the informal Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Revision Committee. The State Fire Marshal's Office extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the revision process:

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The intent of the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code* is to reduce the number of fires in Arkansas and reduce the number of other hazard-related concerns. The *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code* establishes minimum rules dealing with fire and building safety.

Written communications for the State Fire Marshal's Office should be directed to:

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Office of Fire Protection Services  
Arkansas Division of Emergency Management  
Building 9501  
Camp Robinson  
North Little Rock, AR 72199

The State Fire Marshal's Office can be contacted by telephone at (501)-683-6740.

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE RULES**  
**2021 EDITION**

**DEFINITIONS**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the State Fire Marshal by Act 841 of 2023 (§20-22-1010), these rules are promulgated as originally adopted by the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police pursuant to by Section 6 of Act 254 of 1.955 (A.C.A. §12-13-105).

The *International Fire Code*, 2021 edition, the *International Building Code*, 2021 edition, and the *International Residential Code*, 2021 edition, as published by the International Code Council and the rules, as amended and adopted by the Arkansas State Fire Marshal, shall constitute the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code*, 2021 edition. These Rules become effective ten days after the date of final filing with the Secretary of State's Office.

The following shall be defined as:

INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE shall mean the *Arkansas State Plumbing Code*.

INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL CODE is replaced by "Arkansas Department of Health Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Onsite Wastewater Systems."

INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE shall mean the *mechanical code for Arkansas*.

INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE shall mean the *Arkansas State Gas Code*.

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE shall mean the *Arkansas Energy Code*.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE shall mean the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code*, Volume I.

INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE shall mean the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code*, Volume II.

INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE shall mean the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code*, Volume II.

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE shall mean the *electrical code for the State of Arkansas*.

BUILDING OFFICIAL shall mean any governmental official having authority to enforce that aspect of the code.

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ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE RULES  
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Volume 2: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ARFPCVIIB2021P1>  
Volume 3: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ARFPCVIIB2021P1>