

CHAPTER 18

UNIFORM FIRE CODE

Authority

N.J.S.A. 52:27D-198, 201 and 219.

Source and Effective Date

R.1995 d.58, effective January 3, 1995.  
See: 26 N.J.R. 4258(a), 27 N.J.R. 878(b).

Executive Order No. 66(1978) Expiration Date

Chapter 18, Uniform Fire Code, expires on January 3, 2000.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 18, which formerly contained rules concerning Rentals, was adopted by the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency on July 21, 1970, filed and became effective on July 21, 1970 as R.1970 d.86. See: 2 N.J.R. 47(b), 2 N.J.R. 71(a). The chapter was repealed effective May 30, 1980 as R.1980 d.234. New rules concerning rents were adopted by the Housing Finance Agency at N.J.A.C. 5:80-1. See: 12 N.J.R. 170(c), 12 N.J.R. 388(a). Chapter 18, Uniform Fire Code, was adopted by R.1985 d.66, effective February 19, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 3339(b), 17 N.J.R. 394(a). Subchapter 4, Fire Safety Code, was adopted as R.1986 d.214, effective June 16, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 1161(a), 18 N.J.R. 1260(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 18 was readopted as R.1990 d.72, effective January 4, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3344(a), 22 N.J.R. 337(b). Subchapter 3, State Fire Prevention Code, was repealed and an updated Subchapter 3, State Fire Prevention Code, was adopted as R.1992 d.105, effective March 2, 1992. See: 23 N.J.R. 3554(a), 24 N.J.R. 740(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 18 was readopted as R.1995 d.58. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

Cross References

Child care center physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:122-5.1 et seq.

Children's group home physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:128-4.1 et seq.

Children's shelter physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:124-5.1 et seq.

Residential child care physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:127-4.1.

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APPENDIX 3B

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

5:18-1.1 Title; division into subchapters

(a) The regulations contained in this chapter shall be known as the "New Jersey Uniform Fire Code" and are referred to herein as the Code.

(b) The Code is divided into four subchapters:

1. N.J.A.C. 5:18-1, entitled "General Provisions";
2. N.J.A.C. 5:18-2, entitled "Administration and Enforcement";
3. N.J.A.C. 5:18-3, entitled "State Fire Prevention Code"; and
4. N.J.A.C. 5:18-4, entitled "State Fire Safety Code."

Amended by R.1985 d.611, effective December 2, 1985.

See: 17 N.J.R. 1015(b), 17 N.J.R. 2870(a).

(b)3 substituted "1984" for "latest".

Amended by R.1986 d.214, effective June 16, 1986.

See: 17 N.J.R. 1161(a), 18 N.J.R. 1260(b).

(b)4 deleted "(Reserved)" and added text "is entitled "Fire ... as this subchapter."

Amended by R.1992 d.104, effective March 2, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3552(a), 24 N.J.R. 739(a).

Text referencing BOCA deleted.

Amended by R.1995 d.58, effective March 6, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4258(a), 27 N.J.R. 878(b).

5:18-1.2 Authority

This Code is promulgated by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to authority of the "Uniform Fire Safety Act" (P.L. 1983, c.383, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et seq.).

5:18-1.3 Intent and purpose

(a) It is the intent of this Code to prescribe regulations consistent with nationally recognized good practice for the safeguarding to a reasonable degree of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises.

(b) Where no specific standards or requirements are specified in this Code, or contained within other applicable laws (or adopted codes) or ordinances, compliance with the standards of the National Fire Protection Association or other nationally recognized fire-safety standards as are approved by the fire official shall be deemed as prima facie evidence of compliance with the stated intent of this Code.

Amended by R.1985 d.611, effective December 2, 1985.

See: 17 N.J.R. 1015(b), 17 N.J.R. 2870(a).

Substituted "Prevention" for "Protection".

Amended by R.1995 d.58, effective March 6, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4258(a), 27 N.J.R. 878(b).

5:18-1.4 Applicability

(a) The provisions of this Code shall apply to new and existing buildings, uses and conditions, as hereinafter provided.

(b) The provisions contained in this Code shall not be construed as applying to the transportation of any article or substance shipped under the jurisdiction of and in compliance with the regulations prescribed by the military forces of the United States or the transportation of flammable or combustible liquids or hazardous materials or chemicals subject to the regulation and control of the New Jersey Department of Transportation or the United States Department of Transportation or other Federal Agency having jurisdiction.

1. The fire official shall have jurisdiction to order the correction of any dangerous condition created by any transportation conveyance.

2. The right of any local government to adopt ordinances governing the routing of vehicles transporting flammable or combustible liquids or hazardous materials or chemicals shall not be deemed to be limited by anything contained in this section.

(c) Nothing in this Code shall be construed, interpreted or applied to abrogate, nullify or abolish any law, ordinance or code adopted by any local government regulating the repair, removal, demolition, use, location, occupancy or maintenance of buildings and property as specifically provided herein. When any provision of this Code is found to be in conflict with any zoning, safety, health or other applicable law, ordinance or code of the jurisdiction existing on the effective date of this Code or hereafter adopted, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the safety and welfare of the public shall prevail.