

2023



FIRE PREVENTION CODE

ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

ORDINANCE 2023-02

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 25, 2023

AMENDED FEBRUARY 25, 2026

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Contents

Section 1: Introduction	3
Section 2: Community Risk Reduction Division Established	4
GENERAL PROVISIONS	4
Section 3: Title	4
Section 4: Definitions.....	4
Section 5: Recognition	6
Section 6: Application.....	7
ADMINISTRATION	8
Section 7: Authority.....	8
FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS.....	9
Section 8: Unnecessary/Malfunction/False Alarms	9
Section 9: Required Access for Fire Apparatus	10
Section 10: Key Box/Lock Systems	12
Section 11: Storage and/or Use of Appliances Prohibited.....	12
Section 12: Fire Alarm Systems	12
Section 13: Fire Sprinkler Systems	13
Section 14: Cease and Desist Order or Stop Work Order	13
Section 15: Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicle (MFDV).....	14
Section 16: Certificate of Inspection.....	14
Section 17: Existing Life Safety Inspections	15
Section 18: Transient Public Lodging	15
Section 19: Previous Rules, Regulations and Codes Repealed.....	15
Section 20: Board of Appeals.....	15
Section 21 - Alternate Fire Extinguisher Placement.....	15
Section 22: Conditions for Permits.....	16
Section 23: Bi-Directional Amplifier (BDA) Permit.....	16
Section 24: Temporary Use Permits for Special Events	17
Section 25: Open Burning and Burn Bans	18

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Section 1: Introduction

An Ordinance to provide Englewood Area Fire Control District with rules and regulations to improve public safety by promoting the control of fire hazards; regulating the installation, use, and maintenance of fire safety equipment; regulating the use of structures, premises, and open areas; providing for the abatement of fire hazards; establishing the responsibilities and procedures for code enforcement; and setting forth the standards for compliance and achievement of these objectives.

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Section 2: Community Risk Reduction Division Established

- 2.1 The Fire Chief shall designate a Fire Official as Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal of Englewood Area Fire Control District shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Fire Prevention Code of Englewood Area Fire Control District. To assist in the performance of the responsibilities and duties placed upon the Fire Marshal of Englewood Area Fire Control District, the Community Risk Reduction Division, which comprises Fire Prevention, Inspection and Investigation is hereby established, to be under the control of the Fire Chief.

The Division within Englewood Area Fire Control District shall operate under the supervision of the Fire Marshal of Englewood Area Fire Control District. The Fire Marshal shall directly administrate and enforce the Englewood Area Fire Control District Prevention Code. The Fire Marshal may designate such number of Fire Inspectors as shall be authorized by the District's Fire Chief occasionally.

The Community Risk Reduction (CRR) division identifies and prioritizes local risks, followed by the integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact. In other words, community risk reduction is a process to help communities find out what their risks are and develop a plan to reduce the risks. The CRR division is responsible for developing and delivering fire code enforcement and public education.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 3: Title

The title of this Code shall be the Fire Prevention Code of Englewood Area Fire Control District, herein referred to as the "Code". One or more copies shall be on file in the Headquarters Office of Englewood Area Fire Control District located at 516 Paul Morris Dr. Englewood, FL 34223, and shall be kept available for public use, inspection, and examination.

Section 4: Definitions

For this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning. The below-listed definitions are in addition to the definitions found in the currently adopted edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Accessory Structure - A structure which is on the same parcel of property as a principal structure and the use of which is incidental to the use of the principal structure.

Accessway - A path, route, etc. that provides access to a specific destination or property.

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) - The Englewood Area Fire Control District through the Fire Chief and/or his/her designated Fire Marshal.

Bi-Directional Amplifier (BDA) – Specialized system designed to boost radio frequency (RF) signals and extend their range.

Building - Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

Building Code - The Florida Building Code as identified in Section 553.73, Florida Statutes (FS), as amended from time to time.

Building Front - The face of a building containing the principal entrance.

Building Rehabilitation - Any work on an existing building that includes repair, renovation, modification, addition, reconstruction, change of use, change of occupancy classification, change of occupancy, subclassification or any building described in NFPA 101, Chapter 43.

Burn Ban – A temporary and mandatory restriction on open burning activities within the District's jurisdiction, initiated based on specific environmental criteria to reduce the risk of wildfire.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) – Document issued by a local government agency certifying a building's compliance with applicable standards.

Development - An area of land with buildings on it.

Defensible Space - Buffer created between a structure and the surrounding area.

One and Two-Family Dwelling Unit - A building that contains not more than two dwelling units with independent cooking and bathroom facilities.

Fire Marshal - Department Community Risk Reduction division head tasked with enforcement of all local, State, Federal, Fire Safety Laws, rules, ordinances, and standards as they relate to Fire Prevention and Life Safety.

FFPC (Florida Fire Prevention Code) - Adopted by the Florida State Fire Marshal at three-year intervals as required by Chapter 633.202, Florida Statutes.

Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) – A continuous reference scale used by the Florida Forest Service to estimate the dryness of soil and surface fuels, ranging from 0 (no moisture deficiency) to 800 (extreme drought).

Maintain - Keep in good working condition or in working order by checking or repairing it regularly.

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

NFPA - The National Fire Protection Association as referenced in the Florida Building Code. NPFA Standards or NFPA Codes # shall mean the referenced code or standard as compiled and published by the National Fire Protection Association.

National Fire Code - The compilation of the National Fire Protection Association codes, standards, guides, recommended practices, and manuals published by the National Fire Protection Association and as adopted by Englewood Area Fire Control District.

Occupant - A person holding property in their possession.

Open Burning – Any outdoor fire or any combustion of material which results in the products of combustion being emitted directly into the surrounding air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber.

Owner - A person who legally holds the title of ownership.

Path of Egress - A path of travel from any point within a building, including but not limited to, the exit access, exit and exit discharge as delineated on the life safety plan and/or as determined by the AHJ.

Permit – A document issued by the AHJ for the purpose of authorizing performance of a specified activity.

Story - That portion of a building located between the upper surface of a floor and the upper surface of the floor or roof next above. A parking area beneath a building is considered a story.

Substantially Altered - A structural alteration increasing the square footage of an existing building such that the square footage of the entire building exceeds the table limits of Section 23 Table 1 shall be considered a substantial alteration.

Transient Public Lodging Establishment - any unit, group of units, dwelling, building, or group of buildings within a single complex of buildings which is rented to guests more than three times in a calendar year for periods of less than 30 days or 1 calendar month, whichever is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a place regularly rented to guests.

Unit – A self-contained section of accommodations in a larger building or group of buildings.

Section 5: Recognition

5.1 Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC). This Code recognizes the Florida Fire Prevention Code, as adopted by the State of Florida pursuant to Section 633.202 FS, as amended from time to time. The same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein. Not less than one copy of the adopted issue of NFPA 1, Florida Fire Prevention Code of the National Fire Protection Association,

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

and the adopted standards and code of the National Fire Codes shall be filed in the office of Englewood Area Fire Control District and the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of the District. Whenever the Florida Fire Prevention Code as referenced herein, and this Code addresses an identical issue, the more stringent fire protection provisions shall apply unless otherwise prohibited by applicable Florida law.

5.2 Florida Building Code (FBC). Whenever the Florida Building Code is referenced herein, and this Code addresses an identical issue, the more stringent fire protection provisions shall apply unless otherwise prohibited by applicable Florida law.

5.3 Sarasota/Charlotte County Land Development Code (LDC). This Code recognizes and references the Sarasota/Charlotte County Land Development Code, as adopted, and amended, by the Sarasota/Charlotte County Board of Commissioners. Whenever the Sarasota/Charlotte County Land Development Code and this Code address an identical issue, the more stringent fire protection provisions shall apply unless otherwise prohibited by applicable Florida law.

5.4 Sarasota/Charlotte County Utilities Standards. The Code recognizes and references the Sarasota/Charlotte County Utilities Standards, as adopted, and amended by the Sarasota/Charlotte County Board of Commissioners. Whenever the Sarasota/Charlotte County Utilities Standards and this Code address an identical issue, the more stringent fire protection provisions shall apply unless otherwise prohibited by applicable Florida law.

5.5 Sarasota County/Charlotte County/Englewood Public Works Standard. This Code recognizes and references the Sarasota County/Charlotte County/Englewood Public Works Standard, as adopted, and amended by the Sarasota/Charlotte County Board of Commissioners. Whenever the Sarasota/Charlotte County Public Works Standard and this Code address an identical issue, the more stringent fire protection provisions shall apply unless otherwise prohibited by applicable Florida law.

Section 6: Application

6.1 The provisions of this Code shall apply to all buildings, structures, vehicles, marine vessels, premises, and conditions within this jurisdiction. The provisions of this Code shall apply equally to existing as well as new buildings (unless specifically noted in this Code). Structures, vehicles, marine vessels, premises, and conditions not in strict compliance with this Code may be permitted to continue unless, in the opinion of the Fire Marshal, they constitute a distinct fire hazard to life or property.

6.2 The provisions of this Code do not apply to one or two-family dwellings in normal use or maintenance thereof, except that this Code shall apply whenever the activity or use of such dwelling creates a distinct fire hazard to life or property or is referenced by the Uniform Fire Safety Standards as provided for under Section

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

633.206 FS, as amended from time to time.

6.3 The provisions of this Code do not apply to those buildings or structures specifically under the Uniform Fire Safety Standards of the State of Florida, as set forth in Section 633.206, FS, as amended from time to time.

6.4 The provisions of this Code shall be complied with whenever a building is built, or when an existing building meets the Classification of Rehabilitation Work categories as listed in Chapter 43 of NFPA 101.

6.5 The provisions of this Code, as far as they are substantially the same as existing provisions of law relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations thereof and not as new enactment.

6.6 The adoption of this Code or the repeal of any other existing provision of law, including regulations or orders, shall not be construed to alter any time limit which may have been imposed by any existing law, regulation or order of the Fire Marshal or other authority relating to compliance with such limits.

6.7 If any provision of this Code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Code.

6.8 Land Use and Zoning Regulation. In Sarasota/Charlotte County the land use entitlement and approval process is administered, interpreted, and implemented by the Board of County Commissioners and its designees (the "Approval Process"), and may be administered, interpreted, and implemented by Sarasota/Charlotte County irrespective of the provisions of this Ordinance. No provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a separate and/or additional land use entitlement or approval process by the Englewood Area Fire Control District. In events of conflict between this ordinance and the Approval Process, pursuant to Florida Statutes 191.006, the District Ordinance shall not conflict with any ordinances of the local general-purpose government.

ADMINISTRATION

Section 7: Authority

7.1 This Code shall be administered and enforced by the Fire Official designated by the governing authority of this jurisdiction as having this responsibility. They shall meet those qualifications as may be set forth by the jurisdiction as being necessary to effectively administer this Code.

7.2 This act shall be deemed an exercise of the enforcement power of Englewood Area Fire Control District for the preservation and protection of the public health, peace, safety, and welfare, and all provisions of this Code shall be liberally construed for that purpose.

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS

Section 8: Unnecessary/Malfunction/False Alarms

8.1 The purpose of this section shall be to regulate and control the malfunctioning, negligence, or unintentional act resulting in the unnecessary response of emergency vehicles. In the case of unnecessary/false alarms, the AHJ shall conduct an investigation and record the number of unnecessary/false alarms on file.

8.1.1 For this Section, the definition of "twelve-month period" shall mean the twelve months immediately before the most recent fire alarm activation this department responded to, which has been determined to be a nuisance or false alarm.

8.2 Persons owning, managing, or otherwise overseeing the premises shall be responsible for regulating and controlling the use and maintenance of an automatic fire alarm system for those premises. The transmission of an excessive number of unnecessary/false alarms, as defined herein as the result of malfunctions, negligence, or unintentional acts resulting in the unnecessary response of emergency vehicles, shall constitute a violation of this Code. The owner, manager, or person in charge shall, after the performance of an investigation by the AHJ as to the causes for each such unnecessary/false alarm, be responsible for such violation and may be assessed a service fee pursuant to this section.

8.2.1 Accidental Activation/Construction: Accidental activation of the system because of activity on the premises that does not require a permit, i.e., alarm and sprinkler maintenance or building maintenance.

- | | |
|---|----------|
| (1) First Activation: | Warning |
| (2) Second Activation (within one twelve-month period): | \$250.00 |
| (3) Each additional activation (within one twelve-month period): | \$500.00 |

8.2.2 Alarm Malfunctions: "Malfunction" is defined as an automatic activation of the System without a true fire-related cause.

- | | |
|---|----------|
| (1) First Malfunction: The cause of the malfunction shall be investigated and identified to the system owner or premises occupant. The system owner or premises occupant shall complete all necessary repairs to the system within twenty-four (24) hours of the evaluation inspection (residential/institutional) or within 72 hours of the evaluation inspection (commercial). | |
| (2) Second Malfunction (within one twelve-month period): | \$100.00 |
| (3) Third Malfunction (within one twelve-month period): | \$250.00 |

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

- (4) **Each Additional Malfunction (within one twelve-month period):** \$500.00

8.2.3 Malicious Activation: “Malicious Activation” is defined as any activation, which is malicious or mischievous in nature. The system owner shall be responsible for all incurred fees.

- (1) **First Activation:** An Englewood Area Fire Control District officer/member will conduct an evaluation to assist in determining the cause of such activations. Englewood Area Fire Control District officer’s/member’s recommendations shall be either in writing or verbally and compliance with modifications shall be on a voluntary basis.

- (2) **Second Activation (within one twelve-month period):** \$250.00

- (3) **Each Additional Activation (within one twelve-month period):** \$500.00

8.2.4 Permitted Work Activation and Construction: “Permitted Work Activation” is defined as an activation of the Fire Alarm System caused by work which requires a permit. It shall be the responsibility of the permitted contractor or designee to identify the cause of the activation and to advise the Fire Marshal/member upon arrival of the scene.

- (1) **First Activation:** Warning

- (2) **Second Activation (within one twelve-month period):** \$250.00

- (3) **Each additional activation (within one twelve-month period):** \$500.00

8.3 The fees outlined within paragraphs 8.2.1 through 8.2.4 shall apply to any alarm systems which generate an unnecessary or false alarm signal of any kind which results in fire department response.

8.4 Credit Card Transaction Fees: Any surcharges, convenience fees, or transaction costs imposed by a third-party credit processor for the use of credit or debit cards shall be the sole responsibility of the payee and shall be added to the total service fee or assessment at the time of payment.

Section 9: Required Access for Fire Apparatus

9.1 Fire and emergency access may be required by the Fire Marshal and shall meet or exceed the access requirements of NFPA 1 Chapter 18, considering all apparatus

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

placement and operations, unless otherwise approved by the AHJ. Provide at least two (2) accessible sides of all commercial, professional, industrial, and multi-family occupancy buildings.

9.2 Automatic Vehicle Gates:

9.2.1 Plans for each automatic gate system shall be submitted to the District for review and approval prior to the initiation of any construction.

9.2.2 When in the fully open position, gates shall allow not less than fifteen (15) feet of horizontal clear space, including any roadway surface, as measured from inside curb to inside curb. A vertical clear space of not less than thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches shall also be required.

9.2.3 Each system shall have as a minimum for operation:

- A. Remote access using Click2Enter. These will utilize frequency assigned by Sarasota County Emergency Services – Public Safety Communications Division. This frequency shall cause the gate to operate when activated no less than ten (10) feet from the outermost edge of the gate.
- B. In the event of power outages, a battery backup system shall cause the gate(s) to be opened on the entry side of the complex to allow for emergency access (see item 9.2.2). The gate(s) shall remain in the fully open position until power is restored.
- C. Any additional automatic gate system standards shall be developed in conjunction with Sarasota/Charlotte County to ensure District access to gated subdivisions or developments using an approved device or system.

9.2.4 If the gate is to be used for emergency access only, signage shall be installed on both the interior and exterior of the gate indicating the gate is to be used for emergency access only and prohibiting parking.

9.2.5 In the event the gate becomes non-operational, the gate(s) shall be secured in the fully opened position until such time as the minimum requirements as outlined above have been restored to a fully operational condition.

9.2.6 Upon initial acceptance of the automatic gate(s), fire department personnel shall mark the entry gate(s) with reflective tape markings. These markings shall be maintained by the property owner or management.

9.2.7 Where any vehicle access gate is installed expressly for emergency access, the gate shall be set back from the roadway at a distance sufficient to allow emergency vehicles using said gate to be fully off the roadway while opening a manual gate or allowing an automatic gate to open.

9.2.8 No automatic vehicle access gate or crossbar used for entry control shall be

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

placed in service until such time as the operating features have been inspected, tested, and approved by this District.

Section 10: Key Box/Lock Systems

10.1 Where a structure is equipped with a fire alarm system, sprinkler, or standpipe system, or when required by the AHJ, an approved Knox key box shall be required. The tumbler shall match the fire department Knox key. The location of the Knox key box shall be approved by the District. Keys shall be provided to gain access to fire alarm panels, electrical room, sprinkler room, and any other area to which this department may require access. Where required, keys and locks shall be "mastered". Instructions for the Knox key box may be obtained from the District.

10.1.1 Installation height of the key box shall be a maximum of six (6) feet above finished grade or as approved by the AHJ.

10.2 In the event manual vehicle gates are installed which would impede access to a building, or complex of buildings, the gate shall meet the minimum requirements for access and clearances as specified in Section 9.2.2 of this Code.

10.1.1 If determined by the AHJ that any installed gate would impede the access to a building, complex or a fire hydrant, the owner, occupant, or property management shall supply an approved lock box or pad lock keyed to the Fire District in which it is installed in order to facilitate access to the building, complex or hydrant.

10.1.2 Penalty, see Section 17.

Section 11: Storage and/or Use of Appliances Prohibited

11.1 No person shall place or maintain gas or propane cylinders on porches, breezeways or balconies or attached garages in multi-unit, multi-story buildings.

11.2 No person shall store or use any charcoal, gas or wood fired heaters, grills, barbecues, or smokers on porches, balconies, or breezeway of any multi-unit, multi-story buildings.

11.3 No person shall store or use any other heat-producing device or appliance which is determined by the AHJ to be unsafe due to its application or use.

Section 12: Fire Alarm Systems

12.1 General Requirements

12.2 Installed and maintained in accordance with all applicable Florida State Statutes, Florida Fire Prevention Code, NFPA and FBC standards.

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

12.3 Permit Requirements

- (1) Plans shall be submitted by a Florida Licensed contractor in accordance with FL State Statute 633.346
- (2) All technicians must be properly licensed with a current FL State FASA certification card

Section 13: Fire Sprinkler Systems

13.1 General Requirements

13.2 All sprinkler system installations shall be approved by the AHJ and all sprinkler system connections to the public water distribution facilities shall be approved by the Sarasota/Charlotte County and/or Englewood Utilities Department.

13.3 All new construction (after the effective date of this ordinance) shall utilize the 5" Storz connection set at a 30-degree angle 3' above finished grade with a locking cap for all Fire Department Connections (FDC).

13.4 Preplanned Sprinkler System Impairments

13.4.1 The requirements of the current edition of NFPA 25 and the Florida Administrative Code (FAC) shall apply to fire sprinkler system impairments.

13.4.2 The AHJ shall be notified by the building/property owner, occupant, the impairment coordinator, or the licensed contractor conducting the work which will cause the scheduled impairment, no less than three (3) business days prior to the scheduled impairment. This will allow the building owner, agent, contractor, or other responsible parties to notify the AHJ of all arrangements to ensure life safety is upheld.

Section 14: Cease and Desist Order or Stop Work Order

14.1 Whenever the violation of any provision of this Code presents an immediate danger to life, safety or property or when any new construction or existing building is occupied in whole or in part in violation of the provisions of this Code, or when any fire, explosion or other such disaster occurs and presents an immediate danger to life or property, the AHJ shall immediately post, or cause to be posted a Cease and Desist Order, Stop Work Order or other approved signage or documentation on the premises and shall suspend any and all use of the building, marine vessel, structure, or premises until such time that the danger to life or property has been removed or correction of the violation has been made.

14.2 If it is determined by the AHJ that a violation specified in this subsection exists, the AHJ or their designee may issue and deliver the person committing the violation an order to cease and desist from such violation, to correct any hazardous condition, to preclude occupancy of the affected building or structure, and/or to

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

vacate the premises of the affected building or structure. Such violations include one or more of the following:

- (1) A violation of any provision of this section, of any rule adopted pursuant thereto, of any applicable Uniform Fire Safety standard adopted pursuant to Florida Law, which is not adequately addressed by an alternative requirement adopted on a local level.
- (2) A substantial violation of an applicable minimum Fire Safety standard adopted pursuant to Florida Law, which is not reasonably addressed by any alternative requirement imposed at the local level, or an unreasonable interpretation of any applicable minimum fire safety standard, and which violation or interpretation clearly constitutes a danger to life, safety, or property.
- (3) A building or structure which is in a dilapidated condition and as a result thereof creates a danger to life, safety, or property.
- (4) A building or structure which contains explosive matter or flammable liquids or gases constituting a danger to life, safety, or property.

14.3 If, during the conduct of a fire safety inspection authorized by Florida Law, it is determined that a violation described in this section exists which poses an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the AHJ may issue an order to vacate the building in question, which order shall be immediately effective and shall be an immediate final order.

14.4 The AHJ may seek an injunction in the circuit court of Sarasota/Charlotte County to enforce an order issued pursuant to this subsection.

Section 15: Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicle (MFDV)

15.1 Mobile and/or temporary cooking operations shall be inspected prior to operation at each event/location within the district.

15.2 Cooking equipment used in mobile and/or temporary cooking concessions, such as trucks, trailers and/or buses shall comply with all applicable Florida State Statutes and NFPA standards.

15.3 Each vendor shall be properly licensed by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), Division of Hotels and Restaurants and/or the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Food Safety.

Section 16: Certificate of Inspection

16.1 No building shall be occupied in whole or in part without the approval of, and the issuance of a Certificate of Inspection Report being completed and filed by the AHJ.

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Section 17: Existing Life Safety Inspections

17.1 The Englewood Fire Control District shall adopt a reasonable fee schedule to offset the administrative costs associated with overseeing the program in accordance with 633.216 Florida State Statute.

17.2 Fire and Life Safety inspections are performed consistent with Florida Administrative Code 69A-60 on all Commercial Business and Multi-Family (3-units or more) structures, Commercial and residential dwelling units (Apartment complexes), and transit lodging.

17.3 A list of associated fees is located in Table 17.3 – Page 21

Section 18: Transient Public Lodging

18.1 Shall be inspected Annually in accordance with Florida Statute 633.206

18.2 Defined by Florida Statute 509.013 – any unit, group of units, dwelling, building, or group of buildings within a single complex of buildings which is rented to guests more than three times in a calendar year for periods of less than 30 days or 1 calendar month, whichever is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a place regularly rented to guests.

Section 19: Previous Rules, Regulations and Codes Repealed

19.1 All formal rules and regulations or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of these rules and regulations or of the Code hereby adopted are hereby repealed.

Section 20: Board of Appeals

20.1 Whenever any person, firm or corporation is of the opinion that they have been aggrieved, pursuant to Chapter 69A-60, Florida Fire Prevention Code, they may seek relief from such decision(s) as interpreted by the Fire Marshal from the Fire Prevention Code Board of Appeals.

20.1.1 This board shall be comprised of the board of appeals assembled by the building department in the respective County where the aggrievance took place.

Section 21 - Alternate Fire Extinguisher Placement

21.1 Application. This alternative to fire extinguisher placement shall apply to multi-unit residential buildings only.

21.2 Where, in the opinion of the AHJ, it is difficult or impractical to have fire

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

extinguishers inside each residential unit inspected and tagged annually, as required by FFPC, and then verified by the District, the AHJ may require that the fire extinguishers be installed on the exterior of the structure.

21.3 All other requirements of NFPA 10 shall be maintained.

21.4 Penalty. See Section 17.

Section 22: Conditions for Permits

22.1 The District shall require permit submittal and review for any and all operations, construction, and alterations in accordance with Florida State Statute 553.79, FFPC and/or NFPA 1 1.12.8(a).

(1) All permit submittals will be subject to a plans submittal fee.

(2) All associated plan inspections will be subject to an inspection fee.

- See Table 22.3 – Page 20 for a list of associated fees.

22.2 The District shall only conduct its inspection when there is a change of use/occupancy/ownership after the Sarasota/Charlotte County Zoning Department and the Building Development Services have already inspected the premises to ensure the structure(s) is/are properly zoned and in compliance with applicable Florida Building Codes.

Section 23: Bi-Directional Amplifier (BDA) Permit

23.1 The District shall require new and existing facilities to comply with the minimum standards set forth in this Code, currently adopted FFPC, and all other adopted standards.

(1) The system may comply with the most recent standard of NFPA 1225 edition if followed in its entirety

22.3 Facilities listed below must at a minimum provide a certified GRID radio communication coverage test.

(1) Single-story facilities over 12,000 sq ft.

(2) All facilities have two or more stories

22.4 Minimum Signal Strength

(1) 100 dBm Inbound/Outbound

(2) DAQ >3.0

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

22.5 All BDA Testing/Reporting/Acceptance

- (1) Shall be submitted and approved by EAFCD's approved 3rd party vendor.
 - Alpha-Omega Communications LLC
 - Contact: Jim Eatrides, jim@aoc3.com, 941-350-9618
- (2) Testing and reporting fees are the responsibility of the building owner or its designee

22.6 Alternative Option

- (1) AHJ may approve on a limited basis the ability of the building owner or designee to pay into EAFCD's vehicle repeater fund in lieu of installing a facility-wide BDA system.

Section 24: Temporary Use Permits for Special Events

Florida Fire Prevention Code

24.1 The AHJ (EAFCD) shall be permitted to regulate all outdoor/indoor events such as carnivals, parades, festivals, fairs, concerts, fireworks display and the like, as it pertains to access for emergency vehicles; access to fire protection equipment; placement of stands, concession booths, and exhibits; and the control of hazardous conditions dangerous to Life safety and property.

Conditions to be Assessed. Life Safety evaluations shall include an assessment of all the following conditions and related appropriate safety measures:

- (1) Nature of the events and the vendors/participants and attendees
- (2) Access and egress movement, including density problems.
- (3) Determine the need for Fire/ALS
- (4) Permanent and temporary structural systems (ex. tents, stages)
- (5) Severe weather condition
- (6) Hazardous materials incidents within and/or near the event location
- (7) Relationships among event coordinators, vendors, participants, and various emergency response agencies.

Site Plan. Submit a drawing showing the event plans for each anticipated type of event depicting the following:

- (1) Seating configuration
- (2) Exhibit booth layout
- (3) Stage Location
- (4) Estimated people attending the event.
- (5) Generator locations
- (6) Approximate location of extinguishers
- (7) Staging area for Fire/ALS (if applicable) or first aid area
- (8) Nearest Hydrant
- (9) Fireworks discharge area (if applicable)

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

24.2 Portable fire extinguishers. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher shall be provided for each concession stand where required by the AHJ. Show the location of extinguishers on the site map.

24.3 Smoke Alarms. A minimum of one single-station smoke alarm shall be in all stock or equipment trailers when they are used for sleeping purposes.

24.4 Cooking. Concession stands used for cooking shall have a minimum of 10 ft. of clearance on two sides and shall have a certified class "K" fire extinguisher.

24.5 Fueling. Fuel tanks shall be of adequate capacity to permit uninterrupted operation during normal operating hours.

24.6 Refueling. Refueling shall be conducted only when not in use.

24.7 Protection. Internal combustion power sources shall be isolated from contact with the public by either physical guards, fencing, or an enclosure.

24.8 Fire Extinguishers. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a rating of not less than 2-A:10-B:C shall be provided.

24.9 Extension cords. Extension cords shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle, power tap, or multiplug adapter and shall, except for approved multiplug extension cords, serve only one portable appliance.

24.10 The ampacity of the extension cords shall not be less than the rated capacity of the portable appliance by the cord.

24.11 EAFCD may require additional standby personnel for special events in the event the AHJ deems necessary for the protection of employees, citizens, and facilities. These fees are shown in Table 24.11.1. – Page 19

Section 25: Open Burning and Burn Bans

25.1 Purpose: To establish a mechanism for the automatic implementation and repeal of burn bans to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the District during periods of high fire danger.

25.2 Automatic Implementation: A mandatory burn ban shall be automatically initiated within the territorial boundaries of the Englewood Area Fire Control District whenever the **Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI)** reaches or exceeds **500**.

25.3 Restrictions: During an active burn ban, all open burning is prohibited, including but not limited to:

1. Campfires and bonfires.
2. Burning of yard waste or debris.
3. The use of outdoor fire pits or similar devices.
4. Any other outdoor activity involving an open flame or potential ignition source as determined by the **Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)**.

25.4 Automatic Repeal: The burn ban shall be automatically repealed only after the KBDI falls below **500** for **seven (7) consecutive days**.

25.5 Enforcement: Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a **Cease and Desist Order** or **Stop Work Order** in accordance with **Section 14** of this Code.

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Table 24.11.1

Fire Engine with 3 personnel:	\$235.00 per hour
Ladder Truck with 2 personnel:	\$235.00 per hour
Fire Boat with 4 personnel:	\$265.00 per hour
Command Vehicle:	\$100.00 per hour
Light Tower:	\$40.00 per hour
Firefighter personnel:	\$50.00 per hour (no vehicle)
Fire Prevention Staff:	\$60.00 per hour
Required Site Inspection:	\$75.00 per hour

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Table 22.3

General Development Plans	\$250
Preliminary Site Plans	\$250
Final Site Plans	\$250
Administrative Permits	\$250
Special Permits	\$250
Building Permit	\$65
Change of Occupancy Permit	\$65
Demolition Permit	\$65
Tent/Temporary Use Permit	\$65
Fire Sprinkler Permit	\$115
Private Fire Main (Underground) Permit	\$115
Fire Alarm Permit	\$115
BDA System Permit	\$115 + responsibility to pay approved 3 rd party vendor
Kitchen Hood Suppression Permit	\$115
LP or Natural Gas Permit	\$110

*Failure to receive permits before works start will be subject to a \$250 fee along with the issuance of a 'Stop work order' in accordance with **NFPA 1: 1.7.15**

***Associated first inspections with permits shall be included in the prices listed on Table 22.3.**

****Re-inspections due to inspection failure shall be subject to an additional fee of \$50, payment is due before re-inspections take place.**

2023 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Table 17.3

Square Footage		FEE
0	5,000	\$50
5,001	7,500	\$60
7,501	10,000	\$70
10,001	12,500	\$80
12,501	15,000	\$90
15,001	17,500	\$100
17,501	20,000	\$110
20,001	22,500	\$120
22,501	25,000	\$130
25,001	27,500	\$140
27,501	30,000	\$150
30,001	32,500	\$160
32,501	35,000	\$170
35,001	37,500	\$180
37,501	40,000	\$190
40,001	42,500	\$200
42,501	45,000	\$210
45,001	47,500	\$220
47,501	50,000	\$230
50,001	52,500	\$240
52,501	55,000	\$250
55,001	57,500	\$260
57,501	60,000	\$270
60,001	62,500	\$280
62,501	65,000	\$290
65,001	67,500	\$300
67,501	70,000	\$310
70,001	72,500	\$320
72,501	75,000	\$330
75,001	77,500	\$340
77,501	80,000	\$350
80,001	82,500	\$360
82,501	85,000	\$370
85,001	87,000	\$380
87,001	90,000	\$390
90,001	92,500	\$400
92,501	95,000	\$410
95,001	97,500	\$420
97,501	100,000	\$430
100,001	102,500	\$440
102,501 and above		\$450

Note 1: First re-inspection for non-compliance will be subject to a duplicate fee, each subsequent inspection for non-compliance thereafter may be subject to a charge up to 2 times the original fee amount.

Note 2: Failure to pay associated fees within 30 days of invoice issuance will be subject to a \$15 late fee assessment per each occurrence.

*****Electronic Payment Surcharge:** In accordance with Section 215.322, Florida Statutes, any payments made via credit card, charge card, or electronic funds transfer are subject to a surcharge sufficient to cover the service fee charged by the financial institution or credit card company.