



## Fire Protection Code For Construction/ Additions / Modifications (New & Existing - Excluding one and two family dwellings)

Dear Property Owner/Developer:

The Utica Community Fire Protection District takes fire prevention and life-safety of our citizens very seriously. The Utica Community Fire District has adopted a Fire Protection Code Ordinance, effective January 1, 2011.

As a reminder, the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshall (OSFM) has adopted, with amendments, the National Fire Protection Association's *Life Safety Code* – 2015 edition as the statewide standards for fire prevention and safety. The Life Safety Code is a comprehensive code that addresses many issues relevant to fire and life safety in new and existing occupancies (e.g., the need for fire alarm or fire suppression systems, exit lighting, emergency lighting, the number of exits, the width of exits, the type of interior finishes that is allowed in the building, etc.).

In addition to NFPA 101, the District has also adopted a Fire Protection Code Ordinance and a Permit process to assure that your building is constructed to current life-safety standards, and that it contains modern fire suppression systems where applicable. Our goal is that your facility will remain a safe and a fire resistant place of business for generations to come.

Our Fire Protection District has a permit process that encompasses a review of site plans prior to construction.

There is a permit procedure and required permit fees associated with this process. Failure to follow the Ordinance could result in delays in the building process, and/or fines. We encourage you to submit all necessary documentation for a design review, since our Fire Protection District does not issue a Fire Protection Code Plan Permit until the design review process is complete.

Please call us if you have any questions. We encourage you to take advantage of our staff early on in any future building and expansion plans.

Sincerely,

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