

Amendment to the 2002 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code

Based on the 2000 International Fire Code

F903.4.2 Amend so that after amendment it shall read as follows: An approved fire alarm system meeting the requirements of NFPA 72 shall be installed and connected to all new sprinkler systems and shall communicate an audible and visual alarm throughout the entire building. Such sprinkler water-flow alarm devices shall be activated by water flow equivalent to the flow of a single sprinkler of the smallest orifice size installed in the system. Alarm devices shall also be provided on the exterior of the building in an approved location. Actuation of the automatic sprinkler system shall actuate the building fire alarm system.

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I am requesting an amendment to the 2002 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code section 903.4.2 in the City of Van Buren for the purpose of life safety. The way the code is written an approved audible device is to be connected to every automatic sprinkler system. This will notify occupants if the water is flowing from the sprinkler system. Our concern for instance is in some buildings the ceiling height is 20 feet or even higher and by the time a fire reached a sprinkler head to activate an audible alarm this fire could be extreme. A fire alarm system meeting the requirement of NFPA 72, the National Fire Alarm Code, would have automatic detection devices such as smoke detectors, heat detectors, or other types of detectors that would notify occupants in the early stages of a fire. To require a fire alarm system to be installed and connected to the sprinkler system would greatly reduce loss of life and property.

James Griffin

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Griffin", is written over the printed name "James Griffin".