To All Interested Parties:

The State Fire Prevention Commission has recently adopted a new edition of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations, which become effective on September 1, 2021. The changes for the new edition can be found here: https://regulations.delaware.gov/documents/February2021c.pdf

Some of the highlights of these changes include:

1. Four new NFPA Codes and Standards have been adopted:

2. Regulation 701, Chapter 7 of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations has a complete list of the NFPA Codes and Standards that will be effective September 1, 2021. Some of the commonly used include:

3. Regulation 701, Chapter 1, Section 3.1.4, Qualified Historic Buildings has been modified so that a qualified historic building shall meet the requirements for building rehabilitation per the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations and appropriate NFPA codes and standards.

4. Fire hydrant spacing required by Regulation 702, Chapter 6, Fire Flow Table 2, has been changed to require 800 foot on center spacing for one- and two-family detached dwellings.

5. Regulation 705, Chapter 5, Section 3.5.2 permits parking between a one-story building and the perimeter access area to be reduced from 15 feet to 10 feet.

The most current edition of the DSFPFRs can be found here: https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title1/700/

All projects submitted on or after September 1, 2021 will be required to comply with the new edition of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations.

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Sincerely,

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