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To All Interested Parties:

The State Fire Prevention Commission has recently adopted a new edition of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations, Regulation 701, which becomes **effective January 1, 2026**. A copy of these regulations can be found here:

<https://regulations.delaware.gov/register/december2025/final/29%20DE%20Reg%20509%2012-01-25>

Some of the highlights of these changes include:

1. Three new NFPA Codes and Standards have been adopted:
 - NFPA 2, *Hydrogen Technologies Code*, 2023 edition.
 - NFPA 70E, *Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 130, *Standard for Fixed Guideway Transit and Passenger Rail Systems*, 2023 edition.
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 January 1, 2026. Some of the commonly used include:
 - NFPA 1, *Fire Code*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 10, *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*, 2022 edition.
 - NFPA 13, *Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, 2025 edition.
 - NFPA 14, *Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 17A, *Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 20, *Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection*, 2025 edition.
 - NFPA 24, *Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances*, 2025 edition.
 - NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, 2023 edition.
 - NFPA 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 30A, *Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 45, *Fire Protection for Laboratories Using Chemicals*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 54, *National Fuel Gas Code*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 58, *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*, 2023 edition.
 - NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code*, 2025 edition.
 - NFPA 88A, *Standard for Parking Structures*, 2023 edition.
 - NFPA 92, *Standard for Smoke Control Systems*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 96, *Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 99, *Health Care Facilities Code*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, 2024 edition.
 - NFPA 150, *Fire and Life Safety in Animal Housing Facilities Code*, 2025 edition.
 - NFPA 400, *Hazardous Material Code*, 2025 edition.
 - NFPA 855, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems*, 2023 edition.
 - NFPA 914, *Code for Fire Protection of Historic Structures*, 2023 edition.

All projects submitted on or after December 31, 2025, will be required to comply with the 2026 edition of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations: <https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title1>

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Sincerely,

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