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ST - K0000 - INITIAL COMMENTS

Title INITIAL COMMENTS

Type Memo Tag

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

These guidelines are meant solely to provide guidance to surveyors in the survey process.

ST - K1000 - OTHER STANDARDS

Title OTHER STANDARDS

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC; F.A.C. 59A-11

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

The facility shall meet the Standards of: NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, (2015 Edition), all reference documents per NFPA 101, Chapter 2, and applicable Florida State Fire Marshal's Rules and Regulations: 69A-3.012, Florida Administrative Code; 59A-11, Florida Administrative Code; 633.022, Florida Statutes; and the Florida Building Codes. Ambulatory Healthcare Facilities shall meet the provisions of NFPA 101, for (New), Chapters 38; or for (Existing), Chapters 39, as appropriate, whichever occupancy chapter provides the higher level of safety for any particular feature.

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ST - K1001 - MULTIPLE OCCUPANCIES

Title MULTIPLE OCCUPANCIES

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

All multiple occupancies shall be in accordance with 6.1.14 and 38.1.3 & 39.1.3.

Combined business occupancy and parking structure shall comply with 38.1.3.2 & 39.1.3.2.

NFPA 101 (2015) 38.1.3.1.1 & 39.1.3.1.1, 38.1.3.2.1, 38.1.3.2.2, 39.1.3.2.1, 39.1.3.2.2.

Interpretive Guideline

ST - K1002 - MEANS OF EGRESS

Title MEANS OF EGRESS

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

All means of egress shall be in accordance with Chapter 7 and Chapter 38.2 & 39.2.

NFPA 101 (2018) 38.2.1.1 & 39.2.1.1.

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ST - K1003 - DOORS IN MEANS OF EGRESS

Title DOORS IN MEANS OF EGRESS

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Doors in means of egress shall be in accordance with NFPA 101 (2015) 7.2.1.
NFPA 101 (2015) 38.2.2.2.1 through 38.2.2.2.9 & 39.2.2.2.1 through 39.2.2.2.9.

ST - K1004 - MEANS OF EGRESS COMPONENTS

Title MEANS OF EGRESS COMPONENTS

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Stairs shall be in accordance with NFPA 101 (2015) 7.2.2
Spiral stairs complying with 7.2.2.2.3 shall be permitted.
NFPA 101 (2015) 38.2.2.3.1 through 38.2.2.3.2 & 39.2.2.3.1 through 39.2.2.3.3.

ST - K1005 - EGRESS CAP, EXITS, TRAVEL DISTANCE & DISCHRG

Title EGRESS CAP, EXITS, TRAVEL DISTANCE & DISCHRG

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

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Regulation Definition

Egress capacity, number of exits, travel distance, and discharge shall be in accordance with NFPA 101 (2015) 7.3 through 7.7.

NFPA 101 (2015) 38.2.3 through 38.2.7, 39.2.3 through 39.2.7.

Interpretive Guideline

ST - K1006 - EGRESS LIGHTING

Title EGRESS LIGHTING

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Means of egress shall be illuminated in accordance with Section 7.8.

NFPA 101 (2015) 38.2.8 & 39.2.8.

Interpretive Guideline

ST - K1007 - EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Title EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Emergency Lighting is in accordance with NFPA 101 (2015) 7.9.

NFPA 101 (2015) 4.5.8.

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ST - K1008 - EGRESS SIGNAGE

Title EGRESS SIGNAGE

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Means of egress shall have signs in accordance with Section 7.10.

NFPA 101 (2015) 38.2.10 & 39.2.10.

ST - K1009 - VERTICAL OPENINGS

Title VERTICAL OPENINGS

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Vertical openings shall be enclosed or protected in accordance with Section 8.6, unless otherwise permitted by any of the following:

- (1) Unenclosed vertical openings in accordance with 8.6.9.1 shall be permitted. (Existing or 39.2.4.7)
- (2) Exit access stairs in accordance with 38.2.4.6 & 39.2.4.6 shall be permitted to be unenclosed. (Existing or 39.2.4.7)
- (3) (Existing) Unprotected vertical openings shall be permitted in buildings complying with all of the following:
 - (a) Where protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 9.7.1.1(1)
 - (b) Where no unprotected vertical opening serves as any part of any required means of egress

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(c) Where required exits consist of exit doors that discharge directly to the finished ground level in accordance with 7.2.1, outside stairs in accordance with 7.2.2, smoke proof enclosures in accordance with 7.2.3, or horizontal exits in accordance with 7.2.4
NFPA 101 (2015) 38.3.1.2.1 & 39.3.1.2.1.
Floors that are below the street floor and are used for storage or other than business occupancy shall have no unprotected openings to business occupancy floors.
NFPA 101 (2015) 38.3.1.2 & 39.3.1.2.

ST - K1010 - HAZARDOUS AREAS

Title HAZARDOUS AREAS

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Hazardous areas shall be in accordance with NFPA 101 (2015) 38.3.2 & 39.3.2, 8.7.

ST - K1011 - INTERIOR FINISHES

Title INTERIOR FINISHES

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Interior finishes shall be in accordance with NFPA 101 (2015) 38.3.3.1 through 38.3.3.3 & 39.3.3.1 through 39.3.3.3, 10.2.

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ST - K1012 - INTERIOR FLOOR CARPET FINISH

Title INTERIOR FLOOR CARPET FINISH

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Carpet and carpet like interior floor finishes shall comply with ASTM D 2859, Standard Test Method for Ignition Characteristics of Finished Textile Floor Covering Materials. NFPA 101 (2015) 10.2.7.1.

Interpretive Guideline

ST - K1013 - FIRE ALARM

Title FIRE ALARM

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Birthing centers equipped with a fire alarm system shall be in accordance with NFPA 101 (2012) 38.3.4 & 39.3.4, 9.6.

Interpretive Guideline

ST - K1014 - FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Title FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in every business

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occupancy in accordance with 9.7.4.1.
NFPA 101 (2015) 38.3.5 & 39.3.5.

ST - K1015 - UTILITIES

Title UTILITIES

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Utilities shall comply with the provisions of Section 9.1.
NFPA 101 (2015) 38.5.1 & 39.5.1.

ST - K1016 - HVAC EQUIPMENT

Title HVAC EQUIPMENT

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC; NFPA 90A-2015; 90B

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning shall comply with the provisions of Section 9.2 and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

Air-conditioning, heating, ventilating ductwork, and related equipment shall be in accordance with NFPA 90A, Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems, or NFPA 90B, Standard for the Installation of Warm Air Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems, unless such installations are approved existing installations, which shall be permitted to be continued in service.

NFPA 101 Life Safety Code (2015) 38.5.2 & 39.5.2, 9.2.1,
NFPA 90A (2015) & NFPA 90B (2015).

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ST - K1017 - ELEVATORS

Title ELEVATORS

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Elevators shall comply with the provisions of Section 9.4. An elevator, other than an elevator in accordance with 7.2.13, shall not be considered a component in a required means of egress but shall be permitted as a component in an accessible means of egress.

Except as modified herein, new elevators shall be in accordance with the requirements of ASME A17.1/CSA B44, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators.

Except as modified herein, existing elevators shall be in accordance with the requirements of ASME A17.3, Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators.

Elevators in accordance with ASME A17.7/CSA B44.7, Performance-Based Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, shall be deemed to comply with ASME A17.1/CSA B44, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, or ASME A17.3, Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators.

For other than elevators used for occupant-controlled evacuation in accordance with Section 7.14 and other than existing elevators, the elevator corridor call station pictograph specified in 2.27.9 of ASME A17.1/CSAB44, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, shall be provided at each elevator landing.

All new elevators shall conform to the fire fighters' emergency operations requirements of ASME A17.1/CSA B44, Safety

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Code for Elevators and Escalators.

All existing elevators having a travel distance of 25 ft (7620 mm) or more above or below the level that best serves the needs of emergency personnel for fire-fighting or rescue purposes shall conform to the fire fighters' emergency operations requirements of ASME A17.3, Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators.

The number of elevator cars permitted in a hoist-way shall be in accordance with 8.6.9.4.

Elevator machine rooms that contain solid-state equipment for elevators, other than existing elevators, having a travel distance exceeding 50 ft (15 m) above the level of exit discharge, or exceeding 30 ft (9.1 m) below the level of exit discharge, shall be provided with independent ventilation or air-conditioning systems to maintain temperature during fire fighters' emergency operations for elevator operation (see 9.4.3). The operating temperature shall be established by the elevator equipment manufacturer's specifications. When standby power is connected to the elevator, the machine room ventilation or air-conditioning shall be connected to standby power.

Elevators shall be subject to periodic inspections and tests as specified in ASME A17.1/CSA B44, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators.

All elevators equipped with fire fighters' emergency operations in accordance with 9.4.3 shall be subject to a monthly operation with a written record of the findings made and kept on the premises as required by ASME A17.1/CSA B44, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators.

The elevator inspections and tests required by 9.4.6.1 shall be performed at frequencies complying with one of the following:

(1) Inspection and test frequencies specified in Appendix N of

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ASME A17.1/CSA B44, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators

(2) Inspection and test frequencies specified by the authority having jurisdiction

Elevators serving various stories of a building shall not open to an exit enclosure.

NFPA 101 (2015) 38.5.3 & 39.5.3, 9.4.1 thru 9.4.7.

ST - K1018 - EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

Title EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Portable fire extinguisher staff training shall be conducted periodically.

NFPA 101 (2015) 38.7.3 & 39.7.3.

Interpretive Guideline

ST - K1019 - UNOBSTRUCTED EGRESS

Title UNOBSTRUCTED EGRESS

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

In every occupied building or structure, means of egress from all parts of the building shall be maintained free and unobstructed. Means of egress shall be accessible to the extent necessary to ensure reasonable safety for occupants having impaired mobility.

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NFPA 101 (2015) 4.5.3.2.

ST - K1020 - EXISTING LIFE SAFETY FEATURES

Title EXISTING LIFE SAFETY FEATURES

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Existing life safety features obvious to the public, if not required by the Code, shall be either maintained or removed.

Interpretive Guideline

NFPA 101 (2015) 4.6.12.3.

ST - K1021 - AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Title AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Birthing centers equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system shall be in accordance with NFPA 101 (2015) 4.6.12.4, 9.7.

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ST - K1022 - DECORATIONS AND FURNISHING

Title DECORATIONS AND FURNISHING

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

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Regulation Definition

Decorations and furnishings that do not meet the definition of interior finish, as defined in 3.3.90.2, shall be regulated by the provisions of Section 10.3.
NFPA 101 (2015) 10.2.4.5.

Interpretive Guideline

ST - K1023 - MAINTENANCE, INSPECTION, AND TESTING

Title MAINTENANCE, INSPECTION, AND TESTING

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Whenever or wherever any device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or any other feature is required for compliance with the provisions of this Code, such device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or other feature shall thereafter be continuously maintained. Maintenance shall be provided in accordance with applicable NFPA requirements or requirements developed as part of a performance-based design, or as directed by the authority having jurisdiction. Any device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or any other feature requiring periodic testing, inspection, or operation to ensure its maintenance shall be tested, inspected, or operated as specified elsewhere in this Code or as directed by the authority having jurisdiction. Maintenance, inspection, and testing shall be performed under the supervision of a responsible person who shall ensure that testing, inspection, and maintenance are made at specified intervals in accordance with applicable NFPA standards or as directed by the authority having jurisdiction.

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NFPA 101 (2015) 4.6.12.1 & 4.6.12.4 & 4.6.12.5.

ST - K1024 - COOKING EQUIPMENT

Title COOKING EQUIPMENT

Type Rule

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Cooking equipment shall be protected in accordance with 9.2.3, unless the cooking equipment is one of the following types:

- (1) Outdoor equipment
 - (2) Portable equipment not flue-connected
 - (3) Equipment used only for food warming
- NFPA 101 (2012) 38.3.2.3 & 39.3.2.3, 9.2.3.

ST - K1026 - DISASTER PLAN

Title DISASTER PLAN

Type Rule

F.A.C. 59A-11.027

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Each birth center shall develop a written disaster plan which shall be rehearsed by personnel at least twice a year and shall cover internal casualty producing incidents. The plan shall include provisions for complete evacuation of the facility during an actual disaster.

F.A.C. 59A-11.027

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ST - K1028 - OXYGEN SAFETY

Title OXYGEN SAFETY

Type Rule

F.A.C. 59A-11.028(4)

Regulation Definition

Oxygen shall be stored in a clean dry place with no flammable materials or machinery capable of producing sparks in the immediate vicinity. Oxygen supplies shall be purchased from a licensed dealer.

F.A.C. 59A-11.028(4)

Interpretive Guideline

ST - K1029 - FIRE PLAN/DRILLS/LOCAL AHJ INSP/FIRE EXT SVC

Title FIRE PLAN/DRILLS/LOCAL AHJ INSP/FIRE EXT SVC

Type Rule

F.A.C. 59A-11.023(9)

Regulation Definition

Fire Control. Each birth center shall provide fire protection through the adoption of written fire control plans rehearsed four times a year by all personnel.

(a) To safeguard all clients, the birth center shall have:

1. Written evidence of regular inspection by local fire control agencies;
2. Annual check of fire extinguishers for type, replacement, and renewal dates.

F.A.C. 59A-11.023(9).

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ST - K1031 - ALCOHOL BASED HAND RUB DISPENSERS

Title ALCOHOL BASED HAND RUB DISPENSERS

Type Standard

NFPA 101-2015 LSC

Regulation Definition

Interpretive Guideline

Alcohol-based hand-rub dispensers shall be protected in accordance with 8.7.3.1, unless all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) Where dispensers are installed in a corridor, the corridor shall have a minimum width of 6 ft (1830 mm).
- (2) The maximum individual dispenser fluid capacity shall be as follows:
 - (a) 0.32 gal (1.2 L) for dispensers in rooms, corridors, and areas open to corridors
 - (b) 0.53 gal (2.0 L) for dispensers in suites of rooms
- (3) Where aerosol containers are used, the maximum capacity of the aerosol dispenser shall be 18 oz (0.51 kg) and shall be limited to Level 1 aerosols as defined in NFPA30B, Code for the Manufacture and Storage of Aerosol Products.
- (4) Dispensers shall be separated from each other by horizontal spacing of not less than 48 in. (1220 mm).
- (5) Not more than an aggregate 10 gal (37.8 L) of alcohol based hand-rub solution or 1135 oz (32.2 kg) of Level 1 aerosols, or a combination of liquids and Level 1 aerosols not to exceed, in total, the equivalent of 10 gal (37.8 L) or 1135 oz (32.2 kg), shall be in use outside of a storage cabinet in a single smoke compartment, except as otherwise provided in 20.3.2.6(6).
- (6) One dispenser per room complying with 20.3.2.6 (2) or (3), and located in the room, shall not be required to be included in the aggregated quantity specified in 20.3.2.6(5).
- (7) Storage of quantities greater than 5 gal (18.9 L) in a single

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smoke compartment shall meet the requirements of NFPA 30, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code.

(8) Dispensers shall not be installed in the following locations:

(a) Above an ignition source within a 1 in. (25 mm) horizontal distance from each side of the ignition source

(b) To the side of an ignition source within a 1 in. (25mm) horizontal distance from the ignition source

(c) Beneath an ignition source within a 1 in. (25 mm) vertical distance from the ignition source

(9) Dispensers installed directly over carpeted floors shall be permitted only in sprinklered smoke compartments.

(10) The alcohol-based hand-rub solution shall not exceed 95 percent alcohol content by volume.

(11) Operation of the dispenser shall comply with the following criteria:

(a) The dispenser shall not release its contents except when the dispenser is activated, either manually or automatically by touch-free activation.

(b) Any activation of the dispenser shall occur only when an object is placed within 4 in. (100 mm) of the sensing device.

(c) An object placed within the activation zone and left in place shall not cause more than one activation.

(d) The dispenser shall not dispense more solution than the amount required for hand hygiene consistent with label instructions.

(e) The dispenser shall be designed, constructed, and operated in a manner that ensures that accidental or malicious activation of the dispensing device is minimized.

(f) The dispenser shall be tested in accordance with the manufacturer's care and use instructions each time a new refill is installed.

NFPA 101 (2015) 4.6.12.1.

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ST - K1032 - OTHER STANDARDS NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED

Title OTHER STANDARDS NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED

Type Standard

Regulation Definition

OTHER LSC Standards not previously listed. (Code Reference and Text shall be provided.)

Interpretive Guideline