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18.3.4.1 Clear Space Around Hydrants. A 3 ft (914.4 mm) clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants except as otherwise required or approved. **Hydrants** – Clearances of seven and one half feet (7'6") in front of and to the sides of the fire hydrant, with a four feet (4') clearance to the rear of the hydrant. *Exception: These dimensions may be reduced by approval of the fire official.*

18.3.4.2 Fire Protection Appliances – Clearances of seven and one half feet (7'6") in front of and to the sides of the appliances. *Exception: These dimensions may be reduced by approval of the fire official.*

18.3.5 Private water supply systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25.

18.3.6 Where required by the AHJ, fire hydrants subject to vehicular damage shall be protected unless located within a public right of way.

18.3.7 Where water supplies or fire hydrants are out of service for maintenance or repairs, a visible indicator acceptable to the AHJ shall be used to indicate that the hydrant is out of service.

18.4 Fire Flow Requirements for Buildings.

18.4.1* Scope.

18.4.1.1* The procedure determining fire flow requirements for buildings hereafter constructed shall be in accordance with Section 18.4.

18.4.1.2 Section 18.4 does not apply to structures other than buildings.

18.4.1.3 Section 18.4 shall be considered a recommendation for construction of one and two-family dwellings located on in-fill lots in existing neighborhoods and subdivisions.

18.4.2 Definitions. See definitions 3.3.13.6 (Fire Flow Area) and 3.3.108 (Fire Flow).

18.4.3 Modifications.

18.4.3.1 Decreases. Fire flow requirements shall be permitted to be modified downward by the AHJ for isolated buildings or a group of buildings in rural areas or small communities where the development of full fire flow requirements is impractical.

18.4.3.2 Increases. Fire flow shall be permitted to be modified upward by the AHJ where conditions indicate an unusual susceptibility to group fires or conflagrations. An upward modification shall not be more than twice that required for the building under consideration.

18.4.4 Fire Flow Area.

18.4.4.1 General. The fire flow area shall be the total floor area of all floor levels of a building except as modified in 18.4.4.1.1.

18.4.4.1.1 Type I (443), Type I (332), and Type II (222) Construction. The fire flow area of a building constructed of Type I (443), Type I (332), and Type II (222) construction shall be the area of the three largest successive floors.

18.4.5 Fire Flow Requirements for Buildings.

18.4.5.1 One- and Two-Family Dwellings.

18.4.5.1.1 The minimum fire flow and flow duration requirements for one- and two-family dwellings having a fire flow area that does not exceed 5000 ft² (334.5 m²) shall be 1000 gpm (3785 L/min) for 1 hour.

18.4.5.1.1.1 A reduction in required fire flow of 50 percent shall be permitted when the building is provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system.

18.4.5.1.1.2 A reduction in the required fire flow of 25 percent shall be permitted when the building is separated from other buildings by a minimum of 30 ft (9.1 m).

18.4.5.1.1.3 The reduction in 18.4.5.1.1.1 and 18.4.5.1.1.2 shall not reduce the required fire flow to less than 500 gpm (1900 L/min).

18.4.5.1.2 Fire flow and flow duration for dwellings having a fire flow area in excess of 5000 ft² (334.5 m²) shall not be less than that specified in Table 18.4.5.1.2.

18.4.5.1.2.1 A reduction in required fire flow of 50 percent shall be permitted when the building is provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system.

18.4.5.2 Buildings Other Than One- and Two-Family Dwellings. The minimum fire flow and flow duration for buildings other than one- and two-family dwellings shall be as specified in Table 18.4.5.1.2.

18.4.5.2.1 A reduction in required fire flow of 75 percent shall be permitted when the building is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system. The resulting fire flow shall not be less than 1000 gpm (3785 L/min).

18.4.5.2.2 A reduction in required fire flow of 75 percent shall be permitted when the building is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system, which utilizes quick response sprinklers throughout. The resulting fire flow shall not be less than 600 gpm (2270 L/min).

Chapter 19 Combustible Waste and Refuse

19.1 General.

19.1.1 Permits. Permits, where required, shall comply with Section 1.12.

19.1.2 Persons owning or having control of any property shall not allow any combustible waste material to accumulate in any area or in any manner that creates a fire hazard to life or property.

19.1.3 Combustible waste or refuse shall be properly stored or disposed of to prevent unsafe conditions.

19.1.4 Fire extinguishing capabilities approved by the AHJ including, but not limited to, fire extinguishers, water supply and hose, and earth-moving equipment shall be provided at waste disposal sites.

19.1.5 Burning debris shall not be dumped at a waste disposal site except at a remote location on the site where fire extinguishment can be accomplished before compacting, covering, or other disposal activity is carried out. (*See Section 10.11 for additional guidance.*)

19.1.6 Electrical Wiring.

19.1.6.1 Electrical wiring and equipment in any combustible fiber storage room or building shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of Section 11.1 and NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*, for Class III hazardous locations.

19.1.6.2 The AHJ shall be responsible for designating the areas that require hazardous location electrical classifications and shall classify the areas in accordance with the classification system set forth in NFPA 70.

19.1.7 No Smoking.

19.1.7.1 No smoking or open flame shall be permitted in any area where combustible fibers are handled or stored or within 50 ft (15 m) of any uncovered pile of such fibers.

19.1.7.2 "No Smoking" signs shall be posted.

19.1.8 Vehicles or Conveyances Used to Transport Combustible Waste or Refuse.

19.1.8.1 Vehicles or conveyances used to transport combustible waste or refuse over public thoroughfares shall have all cargo space