



MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT PREVENTION DIVISION

Date: _____ Project Name: _____ Permit # _____

Project Address: _____ APN# _____ - _____ - _____

Completed by: _____ Phone # _____

We are in the process of reviewing construction plans for the above project and need your assistance. The Monterey County Regional Fire District amended Section 102.1 of the 2019 California Fire Code. This section requires fire sprinklers to be installed in major remodels and additions. If the project meets the requirement of this section, the entire building must have a fire sprinkler system installed.

102.1 CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN PROVISIONS: The construction & design provisions of the Code shall apply to: Existing structure's alterations & repairs when alterations &/or repairs result in the removal, alteration, modification, replacement &/or repair of fifty percent (50%) or more of the external walls of a building, or result in the removal, modification, replacement &/or repair of fifty percent (50%) or more of the existing internal structural &/or non-structural framework, independently or in combination thereof, within a five year period, the entire building shall be made to conform to the current provisions of this Chapter.

COMMENTARY

This section is to be imposed on “major remodels/additions” involving structural modifications, not cosmetic modifications. The following “formula” has been agreed upon by the Fire Districts Committee of the Monterey County Fire Prevention Officers Association:

Step 1	Determine the total linear length of all existing walls (Interior & Exterior) of the original building;	
Step 2	Determine the total linear length of all walls that are proposed to be replaced or relocated ;	
Step 3	Determine the total linear length of all walls that are proposed to be removed ;	
Step 4	Determine the total linear length of all walls that are proposed to be added ;	
Step 5	Add results of Steps 2, 3 & 4	
Step 6	Divide total of Step 5 by total of Step 1 (show as percentage) If the result is 50% or greater , go to Step 7 . If the result is less than 50% , go to Step 8 .	%
Step 7	<p>If the result of Step 6 is 50% or greater, place the following note on your final approved plans:</p> <p>FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN EXISTING BUILDING - <i>“The existing and new portions of the building shall be fully protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system. Installation, approval and maintenance shall be in compliance with applicable National Fire Protection Association and/or California Building Code Standards, the editions of which shall be determined by the enforcing jurisdiction. Four (4) sets of plans for sprinkler systems must be submitted and approved prior to installation. Rough-in inspections must be completed prior to requesting a framing inspection.”</i></p> <p>Once the fire note is on the approved plans, notify the fire department so that we may stamp and approve your plans at Monterey County Building Services Department and enter the fire approval on the Building Services computer system.</p>	
Step 8	If the result of Step 6 is less than 50% , a fire sprinkler system is not required; email to your contact person, fax to (831) 455-0646 or mail to us at: 19900 Portola Dr., Salinas, CA 93908	