

City of Elmhurst
AMENDMENTS
to the
2012 NFC, NATIONAL FIRE CODES
by NFPA, Current Edition

1. **Applicability**
The City of Elmhurst Amendments, Zoning Ordinance, and Municipal Ordinance and all of the adopted model codes shall be applicable to the planning and construction of all projects within the City.
2. **Conflicts**
Whenever two codes are in conflict, the more stringent requirement shall govern.

EXCEPTION: The following are not required to have a fire sprinkler system installed:

1. One and two family Dwellings and townhomes or their garages.
2. Any single story building without a basement, which has 1,000 s.f. or less area within the exterior walls and is separated from all other structures by not less than ten feet.

3. **Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems in Single Family Homes and Townhouses – Not Required**
Automatic fire sprinkler systems shall not be required for one and two family dwellings or townhouses. Fire Sprinkler Systems are highly recommended but, shall be the option of the homeowner and/or builder. If the house is constructed with the manufactured “I” joists, then a Fire Sprinkler System shall be required.
4. **Rule Making Authority**
The Code Official shall have authority as necessary in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare, to adopt and promulgate rules, regulations and policies to interpret and implement the provisions of this code to secure the intent thereof and to designate requirements applicable because of local

climatic, other unique conditions or extenuating circumstances. Such rules shall not have the effect of waiving structural or fire performance requirements specifically provided for in this code of violating accepted engineering practice involving public safety.

5. Matters not provided for

Any requirements that are essential for the structural, fire or sanitary safety of an existing or proposed building or structure, or for the safety of the occupants thereof, which are not specifically provided for by this code, shall be determined by the code official. The Code Official shall have the authority to enforce such requirements.

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