



FIRE PREVENTION MANUAL

CODE REQUIREMENTS

402.014 TEMPORARY INCREASE TO OCCUPANT LOADS IN ASSEMBLY OCCUPANCIES

EFFECTIVE: MAY 2016

SCOPE

This policy clarifies the Fresno Fire Department (FFD or Department) requirements for temporarily increasing occupant loads in assembly occupancies within the City of Fresno and contract service areas.

PURPOSE

This policy has been established to provide direction for temporarily increasing the occupant load within an assembly occupancy as noted in the *California Fire Code (CFC)*.

BACKGROUND

As noted in the *CFC*, the fire code official has the authority to formulate policies they deem necessary based upon local conditions including the consideration of temporarily increasing the occupant load within an assembly occupancy.

REQUIREMENTS

Based upon the need for uniformity in application across the Department's diverse service delivery area, and after careful deliberation, the Department has determined the following:

The Department may consider a 10% increase in occupant load within a given assembly occupancy as permitted within the *CFC*, with a stand-by fire watch performed by a single FFD Fire Prevention Inspector. As a condition of approval, a FFD fire watch is required to begin an hour before any event is opened to the public and will last at least one hour after the event concludes. A FFD fire watch is completed on a fee for service and staff availability basis. Cost for service shall be calculated per the City of Fresno Master Fee Schedule.

Any increase in occupant load beyond the 10% noted above shall be made at the sole discretion of the Fire Marshal (or designee) with additional requirements. Approval shall not establish a precedent for any future events.

REFERENCES

California Fire Code
Master Fee Schedule