



FIRE PREVENTION MANUAL

FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS

405.038 ABANDONED FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

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SCOPE

This policy clarifies the Fresno Fire Department's (FFD or Department) requirements related to the abandonment of previously installed fire protection components, equipment, and devices in all buildings within the City of Fresno and contract service areas. These requirements apply to both required and voluntary systems.

PURPOSE

This policy has been established to provide direction for abandonment of previously installed fire protection components, equipment, and devices in all buildings within the City of Fresno and contract service areas.

BACKGROUND

As noted in the *California Fire Code* (CFC), the fire code official has the authority to formulate policies they deem necessary based upon local conditions related to fire protection components, equipment, and devices in all buildings.

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:

1. Abandonment of previously installed fire protection components, equipment, and devices in all buildings shall be as follows:
 - a. A permit for removal of any fire protection components, equipment, and devices shall first be obtained from the Department prior to disabling, altering, modifying, etc. any fire protection components.
 - b. If approved, all fire protection components, equipment, and devices shall be removed, and the supporting materials (walls, ceilings, etc.) shall be restored to their required fire resistance ratings, etc.

- c. If abandoned fire protection components, equipment, and devices cannot be removed, they shall be permanently marked as “FFD - Abandoned In Place” using the manner prescribed in *FFD policy No. 402.016 Fire Department Required Signage*, and at such intervals prescribed by the Fire Marshal (or designee). The Fire Marshal (or designee) shall make the final determination whether any materials may be abandoned in place.
2. In every case, the Fire Marshal (or designee) has the authority to modify these requirements and the determination shall be made at the sole discretion of the Fire Marshal (or designee).

CROSS REFERENCES

California Fire Code

Fresno Fire Department Prevention Manual

Section 402.016, Fire Department Required Signage