



FIRE PREVENTION MANUAL
FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS
405.029 SPRINKLER SYSTEM BELLS
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SCOPE

This policy clarifies the Fresno Fire Department's (FFD or Department) requirements for fire sprinkler system bell location. These requirements shall apply to both required and voluntary systems.

PURPOSE

This policy has been established to provide direction for the placement of fire sprinkler bells.

BACKGROUND

As noted in *California Fire Code* (CFC) Section 903.4.2, the FFD is permitted to specify the location of fire sprinkler system bells.

REQUIREMENTS

Based upon the need for uniformity in application across the Department's diverse service delivery, the Department has determined that each fire sprinkler system bell shall be positioned as follows:

Bells shall be installed to face the street the property (or building) is addressed to or be installed on that side of the building where the main entrance for the general public is located.

At the sole discretion of the Fire Marshal (or designee), a fire sprinkler system bell may be positioned to an adjacent location which provides an equivalent level of notification when it is not practical to face the bell as noted above.

An economic condition or aesthetic concern shall not be the basis for a request to modify a fire sprinkler bell location.

Developers may obtain a permit from the applicable jurisdiction should they desire to readdress the building for these concerns.

Submitted fire sprinkler plans shall note the location of the fire sprinkler bell. The location of the bell shall be in accordance with this policy.

REFERENCES

California Fire Code