



FIRE PREVENTION MANUAL

CODE REQUIREMENTS

406.002 LARGE FAMILY DAYCARE LOCAL ALARM DEVICES

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SCOPE

This policy establishes the Fresno Fire Department's (FFD or Department) requirements related to large family daycare fire alarm device installation within the City of Fresno and contract service areas.

PURPOSE

This policy has been established to clarify the requirements for the installation of fire alarm devices for large family daycares 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 related to construction installations.

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. Prior to issuing a fire clearance from a Std. 850 form, all new, previously unlicensed, Large Family Daycare facilities shall obtain an electrical permit from the applicable agency and install a CSFM listed manual pull box within the facility at an approved location (i.e., as near to the front door as possible). The manual pull box shall actuate a distinctive fire alarm signal via an approved, CSFM listed, notification appliance (i.e. horn strobe combination or bell assembly), which shall be audible throughout the facility.
2. The devices shall receive their primary power from the building wiring. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than as required for overcurrent protection.

3. These devices need not be connected to any other fire alarm device and are not to be considered a requirement for a fire alarm system.

Previously approved, existing Large Family Daycare facilities are not required to retroactively comply with these requirements.

REFERENCES

California Fire Code