FIRE INDUSTRY BULLETIN 2018-001

SCOPE

2016 California Building Standards Code, Intervening Code Cycle adoption within the City of Fresno, effective July 1, 2018.

PURPOSE

This bulletin notifies applicable stakeholders of the upcoming adoption of the 2016 California Building Standards Code, Intervening Code Cycle changes, which includes changes to the 2016 California Fire Code (CFC), and certain City of Fresno (or contract service area) amendments. These changes will generally affect the design and installation of electrified security fences, photovoltaic power systems, fire sprinkler systems, and fire alarm systems.

BACKGROUND

On August 14, 2017, the California Building Standards Commission adopted the intervening code cycle state amendment packages to the 2016 California Building Standards Code.

The updated 2016 California Building Standards Code, which includes the 2016 CFC (and the City of Fresno adopted amendments to it), will become effective July 1, 2018.

INFORMATION

The adopted Fresno Municipal Code (FMC) sections (which are duplicated in the contract service area ordinance adoptions with minor editorial changes that have no regulatory effect) will include:

10-50503.7. Electrified security fences.
10-50605.11. Solar photovoltaic power systems.
10-50605.11.1.2.1 Pathways to ridge.
10-50605.11.1.2.2 Setback at ridge.
10-50605.11.1.2.2.1 Reserved.
10-1605.11.5 Disconnecting equipment.

“To protect and put service above all else.”
10-605.11.6 Disconnecting equipment labeling.
10-50903.2.8 Group R.
10-50908.8 Emergency alarm system interconnection.
10-50916.10 Fire alarm system connections.

As with any new code adoption, it is the obligation of the design and installation community to review and adjust their designs and installations to conform to the newly incorporated changes.

Designs which do not conform after the effective date of the adoption with be returned for update and conformance.

NOTE

This notice is effective March 1, 2018.