

**PROPOSED RULES
OF
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER**

**CHAPTER 120-3
RULES OF SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT 120-3-3.
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE STATE MINIMUM FIRE SAFETY
STANDARDS**

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120-3-3-.04. State Minimum Fire Safety Standards with Modifications

Proposed Modification to 120-3-3-.04 (72) (I)

Modification to Chapter 14 New Educational Occupancies

(I) Modifications to Chapter 14

1. Add a new paragraph 14.1.1.6 to read as follows:

14.1.1.6 Mobile/Portable Classrooms. Each mobile/portable classroom shall not be occupied until the required Certificate of Occupancy has been authorized by the State Fire Marshal's Office, the proper local fire marshal, state inspector, or others authorized by O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-12.

(a) For the purposes of this code the term mobile/portable classroom shall also include relocatable buildings.

2. Add a new subparagraph 14.1.1.6.1 to read as follows:

14.1.1.6.1 Classification. Mobile/portable classroom structures, as defined in 120-3-3-.03 of Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner shall also be classified as Group E - Educational occupancies and shall comply with the provisions of this section and other sections applicable to Group E - Educational occupancies, except as may be provided otherwise elsewhere in this *Code* or in Chapter 120-3-3, of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

3. Add a new **sub**paragraph 14.1.1.6.2 to read as follows:

14.1.1.6.2 Plans and specifications for proposed (new) mobile/portable classrooms shall be submitted to and receive approval by either the State Fire Marshal's Office, the proper local fire marshal, state inspector, or others authorized by O.C.G.A 25-2-12 prior to construction. A Georgia registered architect or engineer must place his or her seal on the plans submitted. Submitted plans must include a site plan that is drawn to scale and showing clearances from other mobile/portable classroom structures and other structures. Such site plan shall also show the exit discharge route(s) to a public way in accordance with this *Code*, or where such is not possible, to an approved area of refuge.”

4. Add a new **sub**paragraph 14.1.1.6.3 to read as follows:

14.1.1.6.3 Proposed (new) mobile/portable classrooms shall comply with the various provisions of this *Code* applying to classrooms in educational occupancies (Group E - Educational), unless otherwise specified.

5. Add a new subparagraph 14.1.1.5.4 to read as follows:

14.1.1.6.4 Locating Mobile/Portable Classroom Structures. Mobile/portable classrooms shall not be installed within ~~25 feet (7.6 m)~~ 30 feet (9.1 m) of any exposed building or structure, or within ~~40 feet (3.05 m)~~ 30 feet (9.1 m) of another exposed mobile/portable classroom unit. The mobile/portable classroom unit shall not be connected to any other unit, or to other buildings or structures by a canopy of combustible construction. The distance between a mobile/portable classroom unit and an exposed building or structure, that is totally protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system, may be reduced to 10 feet (3.05 m), provided, the exposed exterior wall is of noncombustible construction, and there are no windows or doors in the exposed wall of the building within ~~25 feet (7.6 m)~~ 30 feet (9.1 m) of the mobile/portable classroom unit. The distance may be reduced to 0 feet if the exposed wall is of noncombustible construction having a certified fire resistance rating of at least 2- hours and without openings within ~~25 feet~~ 30 feet (9.1 m) of the exposing mobile/portable classroom unit.

15. Delete item (3) from paragraph 14.3.5.2 and replace with new item (3)

~~(3) Relocatable buildings complying with all of the following:~~

- ~~(a) Building area does not exceed 1000 ft² (93 m²)~~
- ~~(b) Building contains a single classroom~~
- ~~(c) Building is located not less than 30 ft (9.1 m) from another building~~

(3) Relocatable buildings complying with all of the following:

- (a) Building contains a maximum of 2 classrooms.
- (b) Each classroom has 2 independent doors remotely located in accordance with 7.5.1.3 of this code leading directly to the outside of the building.
- (c) Building is located not less than 30 feet (9.1 m) from another building or other relocatable building.
- (d) Building has a fire alarm system connected to the main school building fire alarm.

~~15~~ 16. Add a new subparagraph 14.3.5.6 to read as follows:

14.3.5.6 Portable Fire Extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in educational occupancies, including mobile/portable classrooms, in accordance with 9.9.

14.3.5.6.1 In lieu of locating portable fire extinguishers in corridors and normal paths of travel as specified in NFPA Standard 10, *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*, portable fire extinguishers may be located in rooms that open directly onto such corridors and paths of travel, provided, all of the following are met:

- (a) The rooms in which such portable fire extinguishers are placed are located in close proximity to that portion of the corridor where a portable fire extinguisher would normally be placed in accordance with NFPA Standard 10.
- (b) A sign which states, in white letters at least one inch in height on a red background, “**PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER LOCATED IN THIS ROOM,**” is placed on the corridor wall immediately adjacent to the entrance(s) of each such room so that it can be clearly seen at all times.”
- (c) The rooms in which such portable fire extinguishers are placed shall be constantly supervised during school hours.
- (d) These rooms cannot be subject to being locked at any time the building is occupied.”

~~16~~ 17. Add a new item 6 to subsection 14.3.6 to read as follows:

6. Door closing devices are not required on doors in corridor wall openings other than those serving exits or required enclosures of hazardous areas.

~~17~~ 18. Add a new paragraph 14.4.3.6 to read as follows:

14.4.3.6 Corridor walls in flexible plan buildings shall comply with subsection 14.3.6 as modified.

~~18~~ 19. Add a new paragraph 14.5.2.3 to read as follows:

14.5.2.3 Portable electric and liquefied petroleum gas or liquid fuel fired space heating devices designed to be portable are prohibited in all portions of educational buildings, unless such use is permitted by 603.4 of the *IFC*, as adopted by Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

~~19~~ 20. Add new subparagraph 14.7.1.1 to read as follows:

14.7.1.1 Emergency Planning and Preparedness. Educational occupancies (Group E – Educational) shall develop policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices for the protection of life prior to and during an emergency situation. Such policies, procedures, plans, staff training, and safety practices shall be developed and implemented in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 4 of the *IFC*, as adopted by the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-4