

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

(f) Modifications to Chapter 8

4. Delete paragraph 8.2.2.5 and replace with a new paragraph 8.2.2.5

8.2.2.5 * Wall Marking and Identification.

~~For other than existing assemblies, where there is an accessible concealed floor, floor/ceiling, or attic space, fire barriers, smoke barriers, and smoke partitions shall be permanently identified with signs or stenciling in the concealed space and shall comply with all of the following:~~

- ~~(1) Be located in accessible concealed floor, floor/ceiling, or attic spaces~~
- ~~(2) Be located within 15 ft (4572 mm) of the end of each wall and at intervals not exceeding 30 ft (9144 mm) measured horizontally along the wall or partition~~
- ~~(3) Include lettering not less than 3 in. (76 mm) in height with a minimum $\frac{3}{8}$ in. (9.5 mm) stroke in a contrasting color~~
- ~~(4) Identify the wall type and its fire-resistance rating, as applicable~~

8.2.2.5 Fire and/or Smoke Barrier Identification. All fire and/or smoke barriers or walls shall be effectively and permanently identified with signs or stenciling above a decorative ceiling and/or in concealed spaces with letters a minimum of 2 inches (51 mm) high on a contrasting background spaced a maximum of 12 feet (3.7 m) on center with a minimum of one per wall or barrier. The hourly rating shall be included on all rated barriers or walls. Wording shall be similar to the following: '() Hour Fire and Smoke Barrier-Protect All Openings. Where signs are utilized, they shall be designed and installed to resist peeling or detaching from the barrier. Other methods acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction shall be deemed approved.

8.2.2.5.1 Existing stenciling, acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction, shall be permitted to remain in use. Existing signs that are not peeling or detaching from the barrier shall be permitted to remain in use, subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

4 ~~5~~. Add a new paragraph 8.3.1.2.1 to read follows:

8.3.1.2.1 2-hour fire barriers shall occur at the junction of new and existing construction when the existing construction does not meet the minimum requirements of the code for existing facilities. Such barriers shall not be extended into the new construction.

5. Add new paragraph 8.3.1.5 to read as follows:

~~**8.3.1.5** All fire and/or smoke barriers or walls shall be effectively and permanently identified with signs or stenciling above a decorative ceiling and/or in concealed spaces with letters a minimum of 2 inches (51 mm) high on a contrasting background spaced a maximum of 12 feet (3.7 m) on center with a minimum of one per wall or barrier. The hourly rating shall be included on all rated barriers or walls. Wording shall be similar to the following: '() Hour Fire and Smoke Barrier-Protect All Openings. Where signs are utilized, they shall be designed and installed to resist peeling of detaching from the barrier.~~

~~**8.3.1.5.1** Existing stenciling, acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction, shall be permitted to remain in use. Existing signs that are not peeling or detaching from the barrier shall be permitted to remain in use, subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.~~

6. Add a new 8.3.3.6.12 to read as follows:

8.3.3.6.12 Tested and listed fire-rated glazing material installed in separately tested fire-rated frame assemblies not tested in a single unit with fire-rated glazing material may be permitted to be used subject to approval of the authority having jurisdiction in fire-rated barriers that are not part of an exit enclosure or enclosures around unsprinklered hazardous areas not containing flammable liquids or gases, combustible liquids, or other materials having the potential for rapid oxidation or explosion potential.

7. Delete 8.7.3.1 in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

8.7.3.1 The use, handling and storage of flammable or combustible liquids, flammable gases, or other materials deemed hazardous to the safety of life shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of the *International Fire Code (IFC)*, as adopted by Chapter 120-3-3, of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner, or in accordance with the applicable codes or standards adopted by other Chapters of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

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