



West Metro Fire Protection District

Life Safety Division

Technical Bulletin

Subject:	<i>Sprinkler Requirements for Existing Group A-2 Occupancy</i>		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>West Metro Fire Protection District Policy</i>	Approved By:	<i>K Brooks</i>

Scope/Purpose:

To provide guidance for the retroactive installation of a fire sprinkler system in existing Group A-2 occupancies that are required to comply with 2018 and 2021 IFC 1103.5.1.

Requirement(s):

All existing Group A-2 occupancies having an occupant load of 300 or more, where alcoholic beverages are consumed, shall be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with IFC Sec. 903.3.1.1 and the approved compliance schedule.

1. A fire sprinkler system required by Sec. 1103.5.1 must be installed throughout the fire area containing the Group A-2 occupancy in accordance with 903.3.1.1.
 - a. A fire area is a fire-rated compartment that separates one area of the building from another.
 - b. Sprinkler protection is required throughout the entirety of the occupancy up to a 2-hr separation in a mixed use building.
 - c. If the floor ceiling assembly enclosing the fire area containing the applicable Group A-2 use is fire-rated with a 2-hr horizontal fire barrier, and there are no living quarters above, the spaces above will be considered outside of the A-2 fire area.
 2. Compliance Schedule. Building owners shall file a compliance schedule with the West Metro Fire Protection District not later than 365 days after receipt of written notice of violation. The compliance schedule shall not exceed 5 years for the installation and approval of an automatic sprinkler system retrofit.
 3. Permits will be valid for one year and installation may be done in phases if proposed and approved as part of the original design. A one-time extension of 6 months may be granted if the applicant has demonstrated a good faith effort to meet all deadlines.
 4. This requirement has no effect on the fire sprinkler system requirements associated with new construction, alterations, additions, changes of use, or any other conditions or locations as may be required by the IFC.
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Reference(s):

2018 IFC

1103.5.1 Group A-2. Where alcoholic beverages are consumed in a Group A-2 occupancy having an occupant load of 300 or more, the fire area containing the Group A-2 occupancy shall be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

Attachments:

None