

TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY

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International Fire Code



2021 International Fire Code

Every three years the International Code Council (ICC) publishes a new set of codes based on the information that was discussed and voted on at these hearings. The 2021 International Fire Code (IFC) is the newest set of Fire Codes. It is important to the residents of the Town to have the latest codes adopted as the Insurance Services Office rating is significantly affected.

On a 1 to 10 scale (1 being the best) the rating can change from a 9 to a 3 simply by adopting the latest codes.



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The Office of the State Fire Marshal has adopted the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) with an effective date of January 4, 2022, and jurisdictions cannot use a less stringent Code. The 2021 IFC is more stringent and is recommended for adoption.



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Some examples of the differences between the currently adopted 2015 International Fire Code (IFC) and the 2021 are:

- A new section was created to address mobile food preparation vehicles.
- A new section was created to address 3D printed structures.
- Access, signage, and lighting of fire sprinkler rooms is specified.



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More examples:

- Requires a fire sprinkler system in the attic of assisted living homes when a fuel-fired appliance is located there.
- Knox keyed locks may be required by the Fire Marshal on standpipes.
- A new chapter was created to deal with photovoltaics and battery storage systems.



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Questions?

