



**AMENDMENTS TO 2012 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE (IFGC)
PROPOSED BY THE CITY OF SOMERTON**

The following amendments, additions and deletions are hereby being proposed to be made to the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC).

Recommendation to City Council by the Residential and Commercial Advisory and Appeal Board on, May 28, 2019 is the adoption by reference of the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) including the amendments below.

Code references not being proposed for amendment shall be enforced as published in the referenced document.

- A. **Section [A] 101.1 Title.** Amend to read, "These regulations shall be known as the *Fuel Gas Code* of the City of Somerton, hereinafter referred to as 'this code'."
- B. Create a new sub-section, "**Section [A] 101.2.6 Fire Code.** Where a section references the International Fire Code, amend to read 'current adopted fire code'."
- C. **Section [A] 103.1 General.** Amend to read, "The Department of Community Development, Building Safety Division is hereby created and the executive official in charge thereof shall be known as the building official. Amend all sections of this code that reference the "code official" by replacing to read the 'building official'."
- D. **Section [A] 106.6.1 Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance.** Amend to read, "Any person who commences work on an installation before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to the usual permit fee and an additional investigative fee. An investigative fee, in addition to the permit fee, shall be collected whether or not a permit is then or subsequently issued. The investigative fee shall be determined by the building official, based on the circumstances, nature and severity of the infraction. The minimum investigative fee shall be \$50, and the maximum shall be an amount up to the same as the fee set forth in Table 1-A."
- E. **Section [A] 106.6.2 Fee Schedule.** Refer to current Fuel Gas permit fee schedule adopted by the City of Somerton.
- F. **Section [A] 106.6.3 Fee Refunds.** Amend to read, "The building official shall authorize the refunding of fees as follows:
 - 1. The full amount of any fee paid hereunder which was erroneously paid or collected.
 - 2. Not more than 80 percent of the permit fee paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with this code.

3. Not more than 80 percent of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan review effort has been expended.
- G. **Section [A] 108.4 Violation Penalties.** Amend to read, “Persons who shall violate a provision of this code, fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or erect, install, alter or repair work in violation of the *approved construction documents* or directive of the building official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provision of this code, shall be subject to the penalty and fine described in the Somerton City Code, Chapter 1, Article 1-8.”
- H. **Section [A] 108.5 Stop Work Orders.** Amend to read, “Upon notice from the building official that work is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner, such work shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, the owner’s agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the building official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work on the system after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to the penalty and fine described in the Somerton City Code, Chapter 1, Article 1-8.”
- I. **Section [A] 109.2 Membership of the Board.** Amend to read, “The membership of the Building Advisory Board, as prescribed in Section 7-1-3 of the Somerton City Code, will be the Board of Appeals.”
- J. **Section [A] 109.2.1 through [A] 109.3.** Delete sections in their entirety.
- K. **Section [A] 109.5 Postponed Hearing.** Amend to read, “When five members are not present to hear an appeal, either the appellant or the appellant’s representative shall have the right to request a postponement of the hearing.”
- L. **Section [B] 301.11 Flood Hazard.** Amend to read, “For structures located in flood hazard areas, the appliance, equipment and system installations regulated by this code shall be located and installed as required by the adopted city floodplain ordinances for utilities and attendant equipment.
- Exception:** The appliance, equipment and system installations regulated by this code are permitted to be located below the elevation required by the city adopted floodplain ordinances for utilities and attendant equipment provided that they are designed and installed to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components and to resist hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and stresses, including the effects of buoyancy, during the occurrence of flooding to such elevation.”
- M. **Section [A] 306.5.1 Sloped Roofs.** Amend first sentence to read, “Where appliances, *equipment*, fans or other components that require service are installed on a roof having a slope of greater than 4 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (33-percent slope) or greater and having an edge more than 30 inches (762mm) above grade at such edge, a level platform shall be provided on each side of the *appliance* or *equipment* to which *access* is required for service, repair, or maintenance.”

- N. **Section 307.1 Evaporators and Cooling Coils.** Amend to read, "Condensate drainage systems shall be provided for *equipment* and appliances containing evaporators and cooling coils in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code* and its amendments."
- O. **Section 403.4.3 Copper and Brass.** Delete section in its entirety.
- P. **Section 403.5.2 Copper and Brass Tubing.** Delete section in its entirety.