

	STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE BUILDING & SITE DEVELOPMENT	Number: 220.3
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Subject: Review and inspection of fire-safety systems		Page 1 of 2

1.0 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines for review and inspection of fire-safety related components and systems.

2.0 REVISION HISTORY:

New standard operating procedure clarifying informal policies in place for the last years. Renumbered SOP from 430.3 on 12/30/10.

3.0 PERSONS AFFECTED:

Building & Site Development staff, fire jurisdictions and building owners.

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY:

Due to the large number of fire jurisdictions in unincorporated Pima County, many with differing adopted fire codes, local amendments and procedures, fire-safety-related provisions in County-adopted codes shall be relegated to fire authorities or responding fire departments to avoid conflicts between County building codes and locally adopted or State fire codes. As such, Pima County shall identify required building code-referenced fire safety measures, such as fire-extinguishing systems, standpipe systems, fire alarm systems, fire command centers, fire hydrants, and fire department connections during plan review, but shall relegate the review and inspection of these items to fire jurisdictions.

5.0 DEFINITIONS:

Not applicable.

6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

It shall be the responsibility of County reviewers to identify required fire-safety systems or components. It shall be the responsibility of the building owner to contact the applicable fire jurisdiction to ensure that County identified fire-safety systems are reviewed and inspected. It shall be the responsibility of the fire jurisdiction to request the County to release holds on projects once fire-safety systems have been approved.

7.0 PROCEDURES:



County reviewers shall place conditions on permits, identifying required fire-safety systems under authority of the fire jurisdictions and shall place a prior to final condition on activities (P2F on IRC activities and P2C on IBC activities).

Fire jurisdictions shall review and inspect for required fire-safety systems and immediately following approval, shall email a final inspection release to the County at BuildingSafetyAdmin@pima.gov indicating that applicable conditions have been met.