



FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date: ***December 10, 2020***
To: Adam Ross, City Planner
From: Ian Hardage, Assistant Fire Marshal
Subject: DR20-019 – 2500 Farmers

Applicant is advised that the following Fire Department **General Conditions** apply to this project:

1. Projects shall be designed in compliance with established regulations adopted by the City of Santa Rosa affecting or related to structures, processes, premises and safeguards regarding the following:
 - a. The hazard of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling or use of structures, materials or devices.
 - b. Conditions hazardous to life, property or public welfare in the occupancy of structures or premises.
 - c. Fire hazards in the structure or on the premises from occupancy or operation.
 - d. Matters related to the construction, extension, repair, alteration or removal of the fire suppression or alarm systems.
 - e. Conditions affecting the safety of fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.
2. Fire service features for buildings, structures and premises shall comply with City adopted building standards.
3. Permit(s) shall be required as set forth in adopted California Building Code (CBC) Section 105, California Residential Code (CRC) Section R105 and California Fire Code (CFC) Sections 105.6 and 105.7. Submittal documents consisting of construction documents, statement of special inspections, geotechnical report and other data shall be submitted in two or more sets with each permit application. The construction documents shall be prepared by a registered design professional. Where special conditions exist, the code official is authorized to require additional construction documents to be prepared by a registered design professional.
 - a. Construction documents shall be dimensioned and drawn on suitable material. Electronic media documents are permitted to be submitted where approved by the code official. Construction documents shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to the provisions of adopted codes and relevant laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, as determined by the code official.
 - b. Shop drawings for the fire protection system(s) shall be submitted to indicate conformance with adopted codes and the construction documents and shall be approved prior to the start of system installation. Shop drawings shall contain all information as required by the referenced installation standards in Chapter 9.

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- c. The construction documents shall show in sufficient detail the location, construction, size and character of all portions of the means of egress including the path of the exit discharge to the public way in compliance with the provisions of adopted codes. In other than occupancies in Groups R-2, R-3, and I-1, the construction documents shall designate the number of occupants to be accommodated on every floor, and in all rooms and spaces.
 - d. The construction documents submitted with the application for permit shall be accompanied by a site plan showing to scale the size and location of new construction and existing structures on the site, distances from lot lines, the established street grades and the proposed finished grades and it shall be drawn in accordance with an accurate boundary line survey. In the case of demolition, the site plan shall show construction to be demolished and the location and size of existing structures and construction that are to remain on the site or plot. The code official is authorized to waive or modify the requirement for a site plan where the application for permit is for alteration or repair or where otherwise warranted.
 - e. Construction documents for proposed fire apparatus access, location of fire lanes, security gates across fire apparatus access roads and construction documents, hydraulic calculations and material specifications for fire hydrant, fire protection or detection systems shall be submitted to the fire department for review and approval prior to construction.
4. Where fire apparatus access roads or a water supply for fire protection are required to be installed, such protection shall be installed and made serviceable prior to and during the time of construction except where approved alternative methods of protection are provided.
5. For the purposes of prescribing minimum safeguards for construction, alteration and demolition operations to provide reasonable safety to life and property from fire during such operations. building, facilities and premises in the course of construction, alteration or demolition, including those in underground locations shall be in compliance with CFC Chapter 33 and NFPA 241.

Applicant is advised that the following Fire Department **Specific Conditions** apply to this project:

- 6. A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment shall be provided to the Fire Department Hazardous Material Program for review. Phase 1 shall be approved prior to issuance of any grading, demolition or construction permit.
- 7. New and existing buildings shall be provided with approved illuminated or other approved means of address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabetic letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Character size and stroke shall be in accordance with CFC Section 505.1.1 through 505.1.2. Where required by the fire code official, address identification shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response in accordance with this code and CFC Section 505.1.3. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way or when determined by the fire code official, a monument, pole, or other approved illuminated sign or other approved means shall be used to identify the structure. Address identification shall be maintained.
- 8. An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow for fire protection shall be provided to premises on which facilities, buildings or portions of buildings are hereafter

constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction, in accordance with CFC Section 507 and Appendices B & C.

- a. Fire-flow requirements for buildings or portions of buildings and facilities shall be determined by adopted CFC Appendix B.
 - b. Fire hydrant systems shall comply with adopted CFC Section 507.5.1 through 507.5.8 and Appendix C.
9. Fire apparatus access roads shall be provided and maintained in accordance with CFC Section 503 and Appendix D.
- a. Approved fire apparatus access roads shall be provided for every facility, building or portion of a building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction. The fire apparatus access road shall extend to within 150 feet of all portions of the facility and all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility.
 - b. Commercial and industrial developments with buildings or facilities exceeding 30 feet or three stories in height or 62,000 square feet shall have not fewer than two means of fire apparatus access for each structure. Where two fire apparatus access roads are required, they shall be placed a distance apart equal to not less than one half of the length of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the lot or area to be served, measured in a straight line between accesses.
 - c. Where the vertical distance between the grade plane and the highest roof surface exceeds 30 feet, approved aerial fire apparatus access roads shall be provided in accordance with CFC D105. For purposes of this requirement, the highest roof surface shall be determined by measurement to the eave of a pitched roof, the intersection of the roof to the exterior wall, or the top of parapet walls, whichever is greater. Aerial fire apparatus access roads shall have a minimum unobstructed width of 26 feet, exclusive of shoulders, in the immediate vicinity of the building or portion thereof. One or more of the required access routes meeting this condition shall be located not less than 15 feet and not greater than 30 feet from the building and shall be positioned parallel to one entire long-side of the building as approved by the fire code official. The side of the building on which the aerial fire apparatus access road is positioned shall be approved by the fire code official. Overhead utility and power lines shall not be located over the aerial fire apparatus access road or between the aerial fire apparatus road and the building. There shall be no architectural features, projections or obstructions that would limit the articulation of the aerial apparatus.
 - d. Required Fire Department access roads shall be signed "No Parking – Fire Lane" per current Fire Department standards.
 - i. Parking allowed only in designated spots. All curbs shall be painted red and posted "No Parking".
 - e. A Fire Department key box shall be provided on the front of the structure for access to fire protection equipment within the building.
 - i. Should a gate be planned to the parking area, the gate shall be automatic operating by strobe, equipped with a Knox Company key operated electric gate release switch with dual key option for the Police Department.
 - ii. During a power failure, gate shall release for manual operation OR be equipped with standby power or connected to the building emergency panel.

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- iii. In addition to sending the request to exit signal to the gate operator, the magnetic detection loop (when activated) shall prohibit the gate from closing upon fire apparatus
10. The provisions of the adopted CFC shall specify where fire protection and life safety systems are required and shall apply to the design, installation, inspection, operation, testing and maintenance of all fire protection systems.
- a. Approved automatic fire sprinkler systems in new buildings and structures shall be provided in the locations described in adopted CFC Sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.20. Approved automatic fire sprinkler systems in existing buildings and structures shall be provided in locations described in adopted CFC Section 903.6.
 - i. Structure will be required to be protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system.
 - 1. If required Fire Department Connection (FDC) for the sprinkler and standpipe systems shall be located on the street side of the structure or facing approved fire apparatus access roads fully visible and recognizable from the street, and within 100 feet an approved fire hydrant.
 - 2. Automatic sprinkler system shall be installed prior to construction exceeding 40 feet in height above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. Such automatic sprinkler system shall be extended as construction progresses to within one floor of the highest point of construction having secured decking or flooring.
 - b. Structure will be required to install a standpipe system in the building.
 - i. Not less than one standpipe shall be provided for use during construction. Such standpipes shall be installed prior to construction exceeding 40 feet in height above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. Such standpipes shall be provided with fire department hose connections at floor-level locations adjacent to stairways as construction progresses, such standpipes shall be extended to within one floor of the highest point of construction having secured decking or flooring.
11. Projects within designated local Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Areas shall be designed in strict compliance with CBC Chapter 7A or CRC Chapter R337 and CFC Chapter 49.
12. The following are a list of deferred plan submittal items that will be required by the Fire Department - additional items may be called out based on proposed use(s) of commercial spaces:
- a. Private Underground Fire Main
 - b. Standpipe System
 - c. Fire Sprinkler System
 - d. Fire Pump (to be determined)
 - e. Fire Alarm
 - f. Emergency Responder Radio System (to be determined)
 - g. Gates and barricades across fire apparatus access roads