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Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities

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Amendments

Rule 1200-08-02-.07, Building Standards, is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new rule shall read:

- (1) The prescribed child care center must be constructed, arranged, and maintained to ensure the safety of the children.
- (2) The condition of the physical plant and the overall prescribed child care center environment must be developed and maintained in such a manner that the safety and well-being of the children are assured.
- (3) When construction is planned by a facility for any building, additions to an existing building or substantial alterations to an existing building, two (2) sets of plans and specifications shall be submitted to the department to be approved. For the purpose of life safety, prescribed child care centers are required to meet business occupancies and all new centers shall conform to the current addition of the Standard Building Code, the National Fire Protection Code (NFPA), and the National Electrical Code, as adopted by the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities. All new and existing facilities are subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.).
- (4) Flammable and combustible liquids such as gasoline, cleaning fluids, kerosene, turpentine etc., shall be stored in safety containers and stored at least 16 feet from the building or stored in a U.L. approved/listed cabinet and ventilated as prescribed by code requirement or manufacturers' recommendation.

- (5) Mechanical
  - (a) All units having a total of 2,000 cubic feet per minute (CFM) or greater in a zone shall shut down when the fire alarm panel is activated.
  
- (6) Electrical
  - (a) The electrical system, components, equipment and appliances shall be kept in good repair at all times.
  - (b) Knob and Tube wiring is prohibited.
  - (c) Electrical cords shall not have splices.
  - (d) Electric circuit breaker panel boxes shall not have open slots exposing wiring.
  - (e) Circuit breakers shall be properly labeled.
  - (f) In all new facilities or renovations to existing electrical systems, the installation must be approved by an inspector or agency authorized by the State Fire Marshall.
  - (g) The electrical system shall not be overloaded.
  - (h) Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) are required in all wet areas, such as kitchens, laundries, janitor closets, bath and toilet rooms, etc. and within six (6) feet of any laboratory.
  
- (7) Fire Alarm
  - (a) Manual pull stations shall be installed in paths of travel to exits and by each required exit.
  - (b) All alarm devices shall be connected to the fire alarm panel.
  - (c) The fire alarm panel shall have auxiliary power such as batteries or generators.
  - (d) All sprinkler systems are to be electrically supervised.
  - (e) Structures with atriums, vertical openings or monumental stairs open to another floor must have their fire alarm system automatically transmit an alarm to the municipal fire department or to an agency acceptable to this department with equipment which meets NFPA signaling and standard building codes. Fire protection systems and smoke evacuation systems must be on emergency power.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-02-.08, Life Safety, is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new rule shall read:

- (1) Any prescribed child care center which complies with the required applicable building and fire safety regulations at the time the board adopts new codes or regulations will, so long as such compliance is maintained (either with or without waivers of specific provisions), be considered to be in compliance with the requirements of the new codes or regulations.

- (2) The prescribed child care center shall provide fire protection by the elimination of fire hazards, by the installation of necessary fire fighting equipment and by the adoption of a written fire control plan. All fires which result in a response by the local fire department shall be reported to the department within seven (7) days. The report shall contain sufficient information to ascertain the nature and location of the fire, its probable cause and any injuries incurred by any person or persons as a result of the fire. Records which document and evaluate these incidents must be maintained for at least three (3) years.
- (3) The prescribed child care center shall have a written emergency plan to document instructions to staff, upon employment, and clients, upon enrollment, in fire evacuation procedures. The plan shall include actions to be taken in inclement weather and internal and external emergencies. Evacuation plans shall be posted in prominent areas such as reception areas, near door in class rooms, etc. and shall designate meeting places outside the building in event of emergencies.
- (4) Corridor doors shall not have louvers.
- (5) Battery powered emergency lighting shall be installed in corridors, common areas and in stair ways.
- (6) Corridors shall be lighted at all times, to a minimum of one foot candle.
- (7) Corridors and exit doors shall be kept clear of equipment, furniture and other obstacles at all times. There shall be a clear passage at all times from the exit doors to a safe area.
- (8) Corridors in multi-storied buildings shall have two exits remote from each other. At least one exit shall be directly to the outside.
- (9) Storage beneath any stair is prohibited.
- (10) Combustible finishes and furnishings shall not be used.
- (11) Open flame and portable space heaters shall not be permitted in the facility. Cooking appliances other than microwave ovens shall not be allowed in the facility.
- (12) All heaters shall be guarded and spaced to prevent ignition of combustible material and accidental burns. The guard shall not have a surface temperature greater than 120°F.
- (13) Fireplaces and/or fireplace inserts may be used only if provided with guards or screens which are secured in place. Fireplaces and chimneys shall be inspected and cleaned annually and verified documentation shall be maintained.
- (14) All electrical equipment shall be maintained in good repair and in safe operating condition.
- (15) Electrical cords shall not be run under rugs or carpets.
- (16) The electrical systems shall not be overloaded. Power strips must be equipped with circuit breakers. Extension cords shall not be used.
- (17) Fire extinguishers, complying with NFPA 10, shall be provided and mounted to comply with NFPA 10. An extinguisher in the kitchen area shall be a minimum of 2-A:10 B:C and an extinguisher with a rating of 20-A shall be adjacent to every hazardous area. The minimum travel distance shall not exceed fifty (50) feet between the extinguishers.

- (18) Smoking and smoking materials shall be permitted only in designated areas. Ashtrays must be provided wherever smoking is permitted. The facility shall have written policies and procedures for smoking within the facility which shall designate a room or rooms to be used exclusively for staff and visitors who smoke. The designated smoking room or rooms shall not be the dining room or activity room.
- (19) Trash and other combustible waste shall not be allowed to accumulate within and around the facility and shall be stored in appropriate containers with tight-fitting lids. Trash containers shall be UL approved.
- (20) All safety equipment shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe operating condition.
- (21) Janitorial supplies shall not be stored in the kitchen, food storage area, dining area or child accessible areas.
- (22) Emergency telephone numbers must be posted near a telephone accessible to the children.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-17-.07, Building Standards, is amended by deleting paragraphs (25) and (27) in their entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new paragraphs (25) and (27) shall read:

- (25) A minimum of eighty (80) square feet of bedroom space must be provided each resident, except those existing facilities licensed prior to this requirement. No bedroom shall have more than four (4) beds. Privacy screens or curtains shall be provided and used when requested by the resident.
- (27) Each toilet, lavatory, bath or shower shall serve no more than eight (8) persons. Grab bars and non-slip surfaces shall be installed at tubs and showers.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-17-.08, Life Safety, is amended by deleting paragraphs (18) and (22) in their entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new paragraphs (18) and (22) shall read:

- (18) The facility shall have written policies and procedures addressing smoking. The facility must have designated smoking areas that shall be provided with ashtrays. If smoking is only permitted outside the facility, then the facility must make accommodations to address inclement weather. Residents who smoke shall be evaluated as to whether they require supervision to prevent the starting of fires or hurting themselves. The evaluation shall be documented. Appropriate supervision shall be provided as required. Smoking in bed is prohibited.
- (22) Janitorial supplies shall be kept locked and not accessible by residents. If residents are permitted or required to use janitorial supplies, the facility shall have written policies and procedures addressing their use.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-18-.07, Building Standards, is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new rule shall read:

- (1) The non-residential treatment facility must be constructed, arranged, and maintained to ensure the safety of the clients.

- (2) The condition of the physical plant and the overall non-residential treatment facility environment must be developed and maintained in such a manner that the safety and well-being of clients are assured.
- (3) When construction is planned by any facility for any building, additions to an existing building or substantial alterations to an existing building, two (2) sets of plans and specifications shall be submitted to the department to be approved. For the purpose of life safety, non-residential treatment facilities are required to meet business occupancies and all new facilities shall conform to the current addition of the Standard Building Code, the National Fire Protection Code (NFPA), and the National Electrical Code, as adopted by the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities. All new and existing facilities are subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.).
- (4) Flammable and combustible liquids such as gasoline, cleaning fluids, kerosene, turpentine etc., shall be stored in safety containers and stored at least 16 feet from the building or stored in a U.L. approved/listed cabinet and ventilated as prescribed by code requirement or manufacturers' recommendation.
- (5) Mechanical
  - (a) All units having a total of 2,000 cubic feet per minute (CFM) or greater in a zone shall shut down when the fire alarm panel is activated.
- (6) Electrical
  - (a) The electrical system, components, equipment and appliances shall be kept in good repair at all times.
  - (b) Knob and Tube wiring is prohibited.
  - (c) Electrical cords shall not have splices.
  - (d) Electric circuit breaker panel boxes shall not have open slots exposing wiring.
  - (e) Circuit breakers shall be properly labeled.
  - (f) In all new facilities or renovations to existing electrical systems, the installation must be approved by an inspector or agency authorized by the State Fire Marshall.
  - (g) The electrical system shall not be overloaded.
  - (h) Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) are required in all wet areas, such as kitchens, laundries, janitor closets, bath and toilet rooms, etc. and within six (6) feet of any laboratory.
- (7) Fire Alarm
  - (a) Manual pull stations shall be installed in paths of travel to exits and by each required exit.
  - (b) All alarm devices shall be connected to the fire alarm panel.
  - (c) The fire alarm panel shall have auxiliary power such as batteries or generators.

- (d) All sprinkler systems are to be electrically supervised.
- (e) Structures with atriums, vertical openings or monumental stairs open to another floor must have their fire alarm system automatically transmit an alarm to the municipal fire department or to an agency acceptable to this department with equipment which meets NFPA signaling and standard building codes. Fire protection systems and smoke evacuation systems must be on emergency power.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-18-.08, Life Safety, is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new rule shall read:

- (1) Any non-residential treatment facility which complies with the required applicable building and fire safety regulations at the time the board adopts new codes or regulations will, so long as such compliance is maintained (either with or without waivers of specific provisions), be considered to be in compliance with the requirements of the new codes or regulations.
- (2) The non-residential treatment facility shall provide fire protection by the elimination of fire hazards, by the installation of necessary fire fighting equipment and by the adoption of a written fire control plan. All fires which result in a response by the local fire department shall be reported to the department within seven (7) days. The report shall contain sufficient information to ascertain the nature and location of the fire, its probable cause and any injuries incurred by any person or persons as a result of the fire. Records which document and evaluate these incidents must be maintained for at least three (3) years.
- (3) The non-residential treatment facility shall have a written emergency plan to document instructions to staff, upon employment, and clients, upon enrollment, in fire evacuation procedures. The plan shall include actions to be taken in inclement weather and internal and external emergencies. Evacuation plans shall be posted in prominent areas such as reception areas, near door in class rooms, etc. and shall designate meeting places outside the building in event of emergencies.
- (4) Corridor doors shall not have louvers.
- (5) Battery powered emergency lighting shall be installed in corridors, common areas and in stair ways.
- (6) Corridors shall be lighted at all times, to a minimum of one foot candle.
- (7) Corridors and exit doors shall be kept clear of equipment, furniture and other obstacles at all times. There shall be a clear passage at all times from the exit doors to a safe area.
- (8) Corridors in multi-storied buildings shall have two exits remote from each other. At least one exit shall be directly to the outside.
- (9) Storage beneath any stair is prohibited.
- (10) Combustible finishes and furnishings shall not be used.
- (11) Open flame and portable space heaters shall not be permitted in the facility. Cooking appliances other than microwave ovens shall not be allowed in the facility.
- (12) All heaters shall be guarded and spaced to prevent ignition of combustible material and accidental burns. The guard shall not have a surface temperature greater than 120°F.

- (13) Fireplaces and/or fireplace inserts may be used only if provided with guards or screens which are secured in place. Fireplaces and chimneys shall be inspected and cleaned annually and verified documentation shall be maintained.
- (14) All electrical equipment shall be maintained in good repair and in safe operating condition.
- (15) Electrical cords shall not be run under rugs or carpets.
- (16) The electrical systems shall not be overloaded. Power strips must be equipped with circuit breakers. Extension cords shall not be used.
- (17) Fire extinguishers, complying with NFPA 10, shall be provided and mounted to comply with NFPA 10. An extinguisher in the kitchen area shall be a minimum of 2-A:10 B:C and an extinguisher with a rating of 20-A shall be adjacent to every hazardous area. The minimum travel distance shall not exceed fifty (50) feet between the extinguishers.
- (18) The facility shall have written policies and procedures addressing smoking. The facility must have designated smoking areas that shall be provided with ashtrays. If smoking is only permitted outside the facility, then the facility must make accommodations to address inclement weather.
- (19) Trash and other combustible waste shall not be allowed to accumulate within and around the facility and shall be stored in appropriate containers with tight-fitting lids. Trash containers shall be UL approved.
- (20) All safety equipment shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe operating condition.
- (21) Janitorial supplies shall not be stored in the kitchen, food storage area, dining area or client accessible areas.
- (22) Emergency telephone numbers must be posted near a telephone accessible to the clients.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-19-.07, Building Standards, is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new rule shall read:

- (1) The DUI facility must be constructed, arranged, and maintained to ensure the safety of the clients.
- (2) The condition of the physical plant and the overall DUI facility environment must be developed and maintained in such a manner that the safety and well-being of clients are assured.
- (3) When construction is planned by any facility for any building, additions to an existing building or substantial alterations to an existing building, two (2) sets of plans and specifications shall be submitted to the department to be approved. For the purpose of life safety, DUI facilities are required to meet business occupancies and all new facilities shall conform to the current addition of the Standard Building Code, the National Fire Protection Code (NFPA), and the National Electrical Code, as adopted by the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities. All new and existing facilities are subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.).
- (4) Flammable and combustible liquids such as gasoline, cleaning fluids, kerosene, turpentine etc., shall be stored in safety containers and stored at least 16 feet from the building or stored in a U.L. approved/listed cabinet and ventilated as prescribed by code requirement or manufacturers' recommendation.

- (5) Mechanical
  - (a) All units having a total of 2,000 cubic feet per minute (CFM) or greater in a zone shall shut down when the fire alarm panel is activated.
- (6) Electrical
  - (a) The electrical system, components, equipment and appliances shall be kept in good repair at all times.
  - (b) Knob and Tube wiring is prohibited.
  - (c) Electrical cords shall not have splices.
  - (d) Electric circuit breaker panel boxes shall not have open slots exposing wiring.
  - (e) Circuit breakers shall be properly labeled.
  - (f) In all new facilities or renovations to existing electrical systems, the installation must be approved by an inspector or agency authorized by the State Fire Marshall.
  - (g) The electrical system shall not be overloaded.
  - (h) Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) are required in all wet areas, such as kitchens, laundries, janitor closets, bath and toilet rooms, etc. and within six (6) feet of any laboratory.
- (7) Fire Alarm
  - (a) Manual pull stations shall be installed in paths of travel to exits and by each required exit.
  - (b) All alarm devices shall be connected to the fire alarm panel.
  - (c) The fire alarm panel shall have auxiliary power such as batteries or generators.
  - (d) All sprinkler systems are to be electrically supervised.
  - (e) Structures with atriums, vertical openings or monumental stairs open to another floor must have their fire alarm system automatically transmit an alarm to the municipal fire department or to an agency acceptable to this department with equipment which meets NFPA signaling and standard building codes. Fire protection systems and smoke evacuation systems must be on emergency power.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-19-.08, Life Safety, is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new rule shall read:

- (1) Any DUI facility which complies with the required applicable building and fire safety regulations at the time the board adopts new codes or regulations will, so long as such compliance is maintained (either with or without waivers of specific provisions), be considered to be in compliance with the requirements of the new codes or regulations.

- (2) The DUI facility shall provide fire protection by the elimination of fire hazards, by the installation of necessary fire fighting equipment and by the adoption of a written fire control plan. All fires which result in a response by the local fire department shall be reported to the department within seven (7) days. The report shall contain sufficient information to ascertain the nature and location of the fire, its probable cause and any injuries incurred by any person or persons as a result of the fire. Records which document and evaluate these incidents must be maintained for at least three (3) years.
- (3) The DUI facility shall have a written emergency plan to document instructions to staff, upon employment, and clients, upon enrollment, in fire evacuation procedures. The plan shall include actions to be taken in inclement weather and internal and external emergencies. Evacuation plans shall be posted in prominent areas such as reception areas, near door in class rooms, etc. and shall designate meeting places outside the building in event of emergencies.
- (4) Corridor doors shall not have louvers.
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- (6) Corridors shall be lighted at all times, to a minimum of one foot candle.
- (7) Corridors and exit doors shall be kept clear of equipment, furniture and other obstacles at all times. There shall be a clear passage at all times from the exit doors to a safe area.
- (8) Corridors in multi-storied buildings shall have two exits remote from each other. At least one exit shall be directly to the outside.
- (9) Storage beneath any stair is prohibited.
- (10) Combustible finishes and furnishings shall not be used.
- (11) Open flame and portable space heaters shall not be permitted in the facility. Cooking appliances other than microwave ovens shall not be allowed in the facility.
- (12) All heaters shall be guarded and spaced to prevent ignition of combustible material and accidental burns. The guard shall not have a surface temperature greater than 120°F.
- (13) Fireplaces and/or fireplace inserts may be used only if provided with guards or screens which are secured in place. Fireplaces and chimneys shall be inspected and cleaned annually and verified documentation shall be maintained.
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- (18) Smoking and smoking materials shall be permitted only in designated areas. Ashtrays must be provided wherever smoking is permitted. The facility shall have written policies and procedures for smoking within the facility which shall designate a room or rooms to be used exclusively for clients who smoke. The designated smoking room or rooms shall not be the dining room or activity room.
- (19) Trash and other combustible waste shall not be allowed to accumulate within and around the facility and shall be stored in appropriate containers with tight-fitting lids. Trash containers shall be UL approved.
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Rule 1200-08-20-.07, Building Standards, is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new rule shall read:

- (1) The alcohol and drug prevention program facility must be constructed, arranged, and maintained to ensure the safety of the participants.
- (2) The condition of the physical plant and the overall alcohol and drug prevention program facility environment must be developed and maintained in such a manner that the safety and well-being of participants are assured.
- (3) When construction is planned by any facility for any building, additions to an existing building or substantial alterations to an existing building, two (2) sets of plans and specifications shall be submitted to the department to be approved. For the purpose of life safety, alcohol and drug prevention program facilities are required to meet business occupancies and all new facilities shall conform to the current addition of the Standard Building Code, the National Fire Protection Code (NFPA), and the National Electrical Code, as adopted by the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities. All new and existing facilities are subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.).
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- (1) Any alcohol and drug prevention program facility which complies with the required applicable building and fire safety regulations at the time the board adopts new codes or regulations will, so long as such compliance is maintained (either with or without waivers of specific provisions), be considered to be in compliance with the requirements of the new codes or regulations.
- (2) The facility shall provide fire protection by the elimination of fire hazards, by the installation of necessary fire fighting equipment and by the adoption of a written fire control plan. All fires which result in a response by the local fire department shall be reported to the department within seven (7) days. The report shall contain sufficient information to ascertain the nature and location of the fire, its probable cause and any injuries incurred by any person or persons as a result of the fire. Records which document and evaluate these incidents must be maintained for at least three (3) years.
- (3) The facility shall have a written emergency plan to document instructions to staff, upon employment, and participants, upon enrollment, in fire evacuation procedures. The plan shall include actions to be taken in inclement weather and internal and external emergencies. Evacuation plans shall be posted in prominent areas such as reception areas, near door in class rooms, etc. and shall designate meeting places outside the building in event of emergencies.

- (4) Corridor doors shall not have louvers.
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- (20) All safety equipment shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe operating condition.
- (21) Janitorial supplies shall not be stored in the kitchen, food storage area, dining area or participant accessible areas.

- (22) Emergency telephone numbers must be posted near a telephone accessible to the participants.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-21-.08, Building Standards, is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new rule shall read:

- (1) The non-residential narcotic treatment facility must be constructed, arranged, and maintained to ensure the safety of the clients.
- (2) The condition of the physical plant and the overall non-residential narcotic treatment facility environment must be developed and maintained in such a manner that the safety and well-being of clients are assured.
- (3) When construction is planned by any facility for any building, additions to an existing building or substantial alterations to an existing building, two (2) sets of plans and specifications shall be submitted to the department to be approved. For the purpose of life safety, non-residential narcotic treatment facilities are required to meet business occupancies and all new facilities shall conform to the current addition of the Standard Building Code, the National Fire Protection Code (NFPA), and the National Electrical Code, as adopted by the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities. All new and existing facilities are subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.).
- (4) Flammable and combustible liquids such as gasoline, cleaning fluids, kerosene, turpentine etc., shall be stored in safety containers and stored at least 16 feet from the building or stored in a U.L. approved/listed cabinet and ventilated as prescribed by code requirement or manufacturers' recommendation.
- (5) Mechanical
  - (a) All units having a total of 2,000 cubic feet per minute (CFM) or greater in a zone shall shut down when the fire alarm panel is activated.
- (6) Electrical
  - (a) The electrical system, components, equipment and appliances shall be kept in good repair at all times.
  - (b) Knob and Tube wiring is prohibited.
  - (c) Electrical cords shall not have splices.
  - (d) Electric circuit breaker panel boxes shall not have open slots exposing wiring.
  - (e) Circuit breakers shall be properly labeled.
  - (f) In all new facilities or renovations to existing electrical systems, the installation must be approved by an inspector or agency authorized by the State Fire Marshall.
  - (g) The electrical system shall not be overloaded.
  - (h) Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) are required in all wet areas, such as kitchens, laundries, janitor closets, bath and toilet rooms, etc. and within six (6) feet of any laboratory.

(7) Fire Alarm

- (a) Manual pull stations shall be installed in paths of travel to exits and by each required exit.
- (b) All alarm devices shall be connected to the fire alarm panel.
- (c) The fire alarm panel shall have auxiliary power such as batteries or generators.
- (d) All sprinkler systems are to be electrically supervised.
- (e) Structures with atriums, vertical openings or monumental stairs open to another floor must have their fire alarm system automatically transmit an alarm to the municipal fire department or to an agency acceptable to this department with equipment which meets NFPA signaling and standard building codes. Fire protection systems and smoke evacuation systems must be on emergency power.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-21-.09, Life Safety, is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new rule shall read:

- (1) Any non-residential narcotic treatment facility which complies with the required applicable building and fire safety regulations at the time the board adopts new codes or regulations will, so long as such compliance is maintained (either with or without waivers of specific provisions), be considered to be in compliance with the requirements of the new codes or regulations.
- (2) The non-residential narcotic treatment facility shall provide fire protection by the elimination of fire hazards, by the installation of necessary fire fighting equipment and by the adoption of a written fire control plan. All fires which result in a response by the local fire department shall be reported to the department within seven (7) days. The report shall contain sufficient information to ascertain the nature and location of the fire, its probable cause and any injuries incurred by any person or persons as a result of the fire. Records which document and evaluate these incidents must be maintained for at least three (3) years.
- (3) The non-residential narcotic treatment facility shall have a written emergency plan to document instructions to staff, upon employment, and clients, upon enrollment, in fire evacuation procedures. The plan shall include actions to be taken in inclement weather and internal and external emergencies. Evacuation plans shall be posted in prominent areas such as reception areas, near door in class rooms, etc. and shall designate meeting places outside the building in event of emergencies.
- (4) Corridor doors shall not have louvers.
- (5) Battery powered emergency lighting shall be installed in corridors, common areas and in stair ways.
- (6) Corridors shall be lighted at all times, to a minimum of one foot candle.
- (7) Corridors and exit doors shall be kept clear of equipment, furniture and other obstacles at all times. There shall be a clear passage at all times from the exit doors to a safe area.
- (8) Corridors in multi-storied buildings shall have two exits remote from each other. At least one exit shall be directly to the outside.

- (9) Storage beneath any stair is prohibited.
- (10) Combustible finishes and furnishings shall not be used.
- (11) Open flame and portable space heaters shall not be permitted in the facility. Cooking appliances other than microwave ovens shall not be allowed in the facility.
- (12) All heaters shall be guarded and spaced to prevent ignition of combustible material and accidental burns. The guard shall not have a surface temperature greater than 120°F.
- (13) Fireplaces and/or fireplace inserts may be used only if provided with guards or screens which are secured in place. Fireplaces and chimneys shall be inspected and cleaned annually and verified documentation shall be maintained.
- (14) All electrical equipment shall be maintained in good repair and in safe operating condition.
- (15) Electrical cords shall not be run under rugs or carpets.
- (16) The electrical systems shall not be overloaded. Power strips must be equipped with circuit breakers. Extension cords shall not be used.
- (17) Fire extinguishers, complying with NFPA 10, shall be provided and mounted to comply with NFPA 10. An extinguisher in the kitchen area shall be a minimum of 2-A:10 B:C and an extinguisher with a rating of 20-A shall be adjacent to every hazardous area. The minimum travel distance shall not exceed fifty (50) feet between the extinguishers.
- (18) Smoking and smoking materials shall be permitted only in designated areas. Ashtrays must be provided wherever smoking is permitted. The facility shall have written policies and procedures for smoking within the facility which shall designate a room or rooms to be used exclusively for clients who smoke. The designated smoking room or rooms shall not be the dining room or activity room.
- (19) Trash and other combustible waste shall not be allowed to accumulate within and around the facility and shall be stored in appropriate containers with tight-fitting lids. Trash containers shall be UL approved.
- (20) All safety equipment shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe operating condition.
- (21) Janitorial supplies shall not be stored in the kitchen, food storage area, dining area or client accessible areas.
- (22) Emergency telephone numbers must be posted near a telephone accessible to the clients.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-22-.07, Building Standards, is amended by deleting paragraphs (25) and (27) in their entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new paragraphs (25) and (27) shall read:

- (25) A minimum of eighty (80) square feet of bedroom space must be provided each resident, except those existing facilities licensed prior to this requirement. No bedroom shall have more than four (4) beds. Privacy screens or curtains shall be provided and used when requested by the resident.

- (27) Each toilet, lavatory, bath or shower shall serve no more than eight (8) persons. Grab bars and non-slip surfaces shall be installed at tubs and showers.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-22-.08, Life Safety, is amended by deleting paragraphs (18) and (22) in their entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new paragraphs (18) and (22) shall read:

- (18) The facility shall have written policies and procedures addressing smoking. The facility must have designated smoking areas that shall be provided with ashtrays. If smoking is only permitted outside the facility, the facility must make accommodations to address inclement weather. Residents who smoke shall be evaluated as to whether they require supervision to prevent the starting of fires or hurting themselves. The evaluation shall be documented. Appropriate supervision shall be provided as required. Smoking in bed is prohibited.
- (22) Janitorial supplies shall be kept locked and inaccessible to residents. If residents are permitted or required to use janitorial supplies, the facility shall have written policies and procedures addressing their use.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-206, and 68-11-209.

Rule 1200-08-23-.07, Building Standards, is amended by deleting paragraphs (25) and (27) in their entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new paragraphs (25) and (27) shall read:

- (25) A minimum of eighty (80) square feet of bedroom space must be provided each resident, except those existing facilities licensed prior to this requirement. No bedroom shall have more than four (4) beds. Privacy screens or curtains shall be provided and used when requested by the resident.
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Rule 1200-08-23-.08, Life Safety, is amended by deleting paragraphs (18) and (22) in their entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new paragraphs (18) and (22) shall read:

- (18) The facility shall have written policies and procedures addressing smoking. The facility must have designated smoking areas that shall be provided with ashtrays. If smoking is only permitted outside the facility, the facility must make accommodations to address inclement weather. Residents who smoke shall be evaluated as to whether they require supervision to prevent the starting of fires or hurting themselves. The evaluation shall be documented. Appropriate supervision shall be provided as required. Smoking in bed is prohibited.
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The rulemaking hearing rules set out herein were properly filed in the Department of State on the 21st day of June, 2007, and will become effective on the 4th day of September, 2007. (FS 06-21-07, DBID 2563 through 2570)