

Fire Prevention Requirements “At a Glance”

“At a Glance” provides a quick run-down of some of our most common fire prevention issues. For more detailed information about fire prevention requirements, please refer to our specific [Fire District Ordinances and Standards](#).

Residential Fire Sprinklers

- Required in all occupancies built or moved into the District.
- Required in any addition to an existing residential structure when the area added is greater than 50% of the existing square footage or the area added exceeds 2,500 square feet, whichever is less, and the total square footage is greater than 4,999.
- Please refer to pages 14-15 of [Ordinance 2008-02](#) for exceptions to this policy.

Fire Hydrants

- A hydrant is required every 500 feet to the structure for parcels ½ acre or larger.
- A hydrant is required every 350 feet to the structure for parcels less than ½ acre.
- A hydrant is required every 300 feet to the structure in multi-family, commercial and industrial zones, regardless of parcel size.

Roofing

- Roofs must be comprised of non-combustible materials with a “Class A” rating.
- Wood shake-shingle roofs are not permitted on new structures or remodels where more than 2,500 square feet of the existing roof is being replaced.

Roadways & Driveways

- Must be comprised of an all-weather surface, capable of holding 50,000 pounds.
- 0’ – 150’ in length: minimum 16’ wide, no turnaround required.
- 150’ or longer: minimum 16’ wide, with approved turnaround.
- Roadways & driveways over 600 feet long required turn-outs every 400-feet
- Must be a minimum of 16’ wide when serving 1-2 parcels
- Must be a minimum of 20’ wide when serving 3-8 parcels
- Must be a minimum of 24’ wide when serving 9 or more parcels
- All new roads regardless of parcels served must be 24’ wide
- Speed bumps are not permitted.

Gates and Fire District Access

- Street address must be clearly posted and visible on a contrasting background with minimum 4-inch high numerals.
- A Knox® key switch is required on all automatic gates.
- Minimum gate width is 16’, and must be set back at least 50’ off the road.
- Gated communities with more than 4 homes must have a strobe sensor on the gate.

Vegetation Management

- Dead and dying trees must be removed.
- Fire resistive trees must be planted a minimum of 10’ away from any structure.
- Non-fire resistive trees must be planted a minimum of 30’ away from any structure.
- Remove/modify combustible vegetation and flammable materials 100 feet from all structures on your property (“defensible space”).
- Remove/modify combustible vegetation and flammable materials 30 feet from all roadways and driveways.
- Maintain 13’ 6” of vertical tree clearance along roadways and driveways.
- Keep combustible materials at least 10 feet away from propane (LPG) tanks.