

Resolution 2013-04
Woodstock Fire/Rescue District
Board of Trustees

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL IN THEIR EFFORTS TO UPDATE THE LIFE SAFETY CODE TO THE 2012 EDITION

Whereas, the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District Board of Trustees recognizes the current National Fire Protection Association's "Life Safety Code" (LSC), that is enforced by the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal is the 2002 edition; and

Whereas, the Office of the State Fire Marshal is proposing to update the National Fire Protection Association's "Life Safety Code" (LSC), to the 2012 edition; and

Whereas, the existing code was drafted in 1990's, and **does not** address a wide variety of public and fire safety concepts adopted by buildings and codes in the decade since it was drafted. By updating the LSC to the 2012 edition, the OSFM will have the opportunity to enforce a safety code that more accurately reflects today's society, norms and safety concerns; and

Whereas, the 2012 LSC recognizes today's emphasis on sustainability by adding a new chapter ("Building Rehabilitation) to promote the adaptive reuse of existing buildings without sacrificing needed life safety; and

Whereas, The LSC necessarily references dozens of other standards that regulate fire prevention and life safety. Since the 2000 LSC was adopted by Illinois, it has been updated four times (i.e., 2003, 2006, 2009 and 2012). Current application of the 2000 LSC is hampered by reference to outdated standards published in the 1990s. By updating to the 2012 LSC, the OSFM seeks to ensure that the latest edition of these other standards drive the design and installation of important building systems and equipment; and

Whereas, the updates to LSC editions adopted since 2002 are driven by real-life tragedies; and

Whereas, The LSC recognizes that over 80% of all fire deaths occur in single-family homes. Since 2007, over 400 civilians and firefighters have lost their lives and 5,090 were injured in Illinois residential fires. At the same time, Illinois residential fire property loss exceeded \$1.2 billion, with an average property loss per fire of \$17,540. As a result, and since its 2006 edition, the LSC has required automatic fire sprinkler systems in newly constructed one-and two-family dwellings; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District Board of Trustees did on the 27th Day of June, 2013, approve this Resolution to support the Office of the State Fire Marshal in their efforts to adopt the National Fire Protection Association's "Life Safety Code" to the 2012 edition.

APPROVED:

Robert A. Kristensen

PASSED: _____
AYES: 5
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 0