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SUPPLEMENTAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Number:	08-907.10.1.1		
Subject:	Visual Fire Alarm Notification in Common Areas		
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AUTHORITY:

§104.1 of the 2003 International Fire Code authorizes the fire marshal to render interpretations of the fire code, and to adopt policies, procedures, rules and regulations in order to clarify the application of its provisions.

PURPOSE:

To clarify the definition of "common area" for the purposes of ADA compliance for visual fire alarm notification in common areas.

SCOPE:

This regulation covers all facilities, buildings, or uses within the City of Avondale after the effective date.

GENERAL:

The 2003 International Fire Code §907.10.1.1 states:

Public and common areas. Visible alarm notification appliances shall be provided in public areas and common areas.

SUPPLEMENTAL RULE OR REGULATION:

For the purposes of ADA compliance for visual fire alarm notification, a "common area" shall be defined as the definition of "common use area" as amended in §902.1:

COMMON USE AREA. *Refers to those interior and exterior rooms, spaces, or elements that are made available for the use of a restricted group of people (for example, occupants of a homeless shelter, the occupants of an office building, or the guests of such occupants). Common use areas include meeting and conference rooms, classrooms, training rooms, cafeterias, employee break rooms, toilet rooms, bathing facilities, filing and photocopy rooms, examination, and treatment rooms, dressing and fitting rooms, and similar spaces that are not used solely as employee work areas.*

In addition, common areas shall include restrooms, hallways, lobbies, public laundry rooms, open office areas exceeding 300 square feet, and similar areas that are not used solely as employee work areas in accordance with the U.S. Access Board Technical Bulletin on Visual Alarms.