

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Division of Fire Prevention and Control**

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**FIRE SUPPRESSION RULES**

**STATEMENT OF BASIS, STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AND PURPOSE**

Pursuant to Section 24-33.5-1203.5, C.R.S., the Director of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control shall promulgate rules as necessary to carry out the duties of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control. This rule is proposed pursuant to this authority and is intended to be consistent with the requirements of the State Administrative Procedures Act, Section 24-4-101, et seq., C.R.S.

The purpose of this rule change is to allow an exemption to Rule 5.4.3 to renewal applicants. As written in the current rules, the applicant must pass a Division approved examination pertinent to the currently adopted codes and standards. Out of the four examinations accepted by the Division, only two encompass the current codes. Due to time constraints for renewals and the large amount of fire sprinkler fitters that need to be registered for the 2022 period, the extension will alleviate the immediate need for signing up and passing an exam prior to July 30, 2022.

Additionally, with the increase in the need for affordable housing, Colorado has seen an increase in the construction of premanufactured housing across the state to meet this need. The rules, as currently written, do not address this type of construction, where the suppression system is installed in another state and then is transported to Colorado for final construction. To ensure the suppression systems that are being installed in these premanufactured buildings are meeting the same requirements of other suppression systems installed in Colorado, it is necessary to create a separate contractor and inspector category to accommodate this work. This emergency rule accomplishes this.

This rule change also allows for general clean-up of grammatical and formatting inconsistencies or errors.

The absence of implementing a rule to carry out the purpose of allowing an exemption to Rule 5.4.3 for renewal applicants would be contrary to the purpose of Section 24-33.5-1203.5, C.R.S. For these reasons, it is imperatively necessary that the proposed exemption to Rule 5.4.3 be adopted. The implementation of rules to carry out the purpose of regulating fire suppression system construction requirements related to premanufactured housing is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety; delay in the promulgation of these rules would be contrary to Section 24-33.5-1204.5, C.R.S.

  
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