

# Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board

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# A look back..

- First fire code ordinance in Seattle enacted in 1870.
- The Great Seattle Fire of 1889-turning point in Seattle's history.



First Avenue north of Yesler Way. Jacob Furth (with tall hat) and Dr. T.T. Minor are two of the four men standing on the Yesler Way corner.



# 2021 Seattle Construction Codes

2021 Seattle Building Code

2021 Seattle Residential Code

2021 Seattle Existing Building Code

**2021 Seattle Fire Code**

2021 Seattle Mechanical Code

2021 Seattle Energy Code

2021 Seattle Plumbing Code (enforced by Public Health King County)

2021 Seattle Fuel Gas Code (enforced by Public Health King County)



2021



WASHINGTON STATE  
FIRE CODE  
BASED ON THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE®



2021 Seattle  
Fire Code

2021 International Fire Code® as  
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- Seattle Fire Department is represented on the State Building Code Council Fire Code Technical Advisory Group which reviews all proposed changes to the WA State Fire Code.
- The Seattle Fire Code is based on the International Fire Code and the WA State Fire Code.
- Codes are on a 3-year cycle. (2018,2021,2024 2027 etc.)

# Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board

- Established by resolution in 1957.
- Advisory-decisions are not binding, but Fire Department and Elected Officials rely heavily on recommendations and expertise of this Board.
- 15 members: Architect, chemical engineer, mechanical engineer, BOMA, King Co Labor Council, major institutions, fire insurance industry, manufacturing and warehousing, marine industry, Port of Seattle, services industry, research labs, fire protection industry, and two public positions.

# Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board

- Board members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.
- Three-year terms for each position.
- No compensation for service on board.
- Board hears Fire Code appeals and makes recommendations to the Fire Chief and Fire Marshal.



# 2021 Seattle Fire Code

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- Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board review and provide recommendations for proposed amendments to the current and proposed Seattle Fire Code.
- They also review Statewide Fire Code amendments that could impact the City of Seattle.

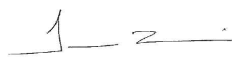
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**Administrative Rule 9.02.24**

<p><b>SUBJECT:</b> <b>INSPECTION, TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS, PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDER COMMUNICATION ENHANCEMENT SYSTEMS</b></p>	<p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> March 15, 2024</p>
<p><b>REFERENCES:</b> Seattle Fire Code Administrative Rule 9.01 Certificates of Competency for Installing, Inspecting, Testing, and Maintaining Fire Protection Systems Administrative Rule 9.04 Impaired Fire Protection Systems and Emergency Responder Communication Enhancement Systems NFPA 4, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 13D, 15, 16, 17, 17A, 25, 72, 92, 750 1225, 2001 and 2010.</p>	<p><b>SUPERSEDES:</b> Administrative Rule 9.02.21, September 1, 2021</p> <p><b>FCAB REVIEW DATE:</b> January 31, 2024</p>
<p><b>NOTICE:</b> Administrative Rules are established per Seattle Fire Code Section 104.1, and they are subject to the Administrative Sections 104.9 Modifications, Section 104.10 Alternate materials, design and methods of construction and equipment, and Section 111.1 Appeals.</p>	<p><b>APPROVED:</b>  TIMOTHY J. MUNNIS, FIRE MARSHAL/FIRE CODE OFFICIAL</p>

**Section 1. SCOPE**

This rule shall apply to inspection, testing, maintenance and reporting requirements for fire protection and life safety systems, private fire hydrants, and emergency responder communication enhancement systems, and equipment as defined in the Seattle Fire Code, and any other systems as set forth by the fire code official.

**Exceptions:**

1. NFPA 13D sprinkler systems.

- The Fire Marshal develops Administrative Rules that help to enforce and clarify Seattle Fire Code requirements.
- The Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board reviews these and they provides any recommended changes.



# Thank you



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