

# PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE 2015 ONTARIO FIRE CODE

(O. Reg. 213/07, as amended current to January 1, 2015)

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**CHANGE NUMBER:** N/A

**CODE REFERENCE:** Article 7.2.2.2. of Division B

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Add new Sentences 7.2.2.2. (1) and 7.2.2.2. (2) for Out of Service Firefighters' Elevator requirements

- Add a new requirement**
  - Making a technical change to an existing requirement**
  - Making an editorial/administrative change to an existing requirement**
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**EXISTING OFC PROVISIONS**

None

**PROBLEM**

A non-operational firefighters' elevator would impact firefighting procedures in high buildings and currently there is no specific requirement to notify the fire department, building occupants and supervisory staff to raise awareness.

**PROPOSED OFC CHANGE**

Note for Proposed OFC Change:

- Black indicates existing text.
- Red underline indicates new text.

***Out of Service Requirements***

7.2.2.2. (1) If a firefighters' elevator is not operational,

- (a) the **supervisory staff** shall be notified, and
- (b) where the firefighters' elevator is not operational for more than 24 hours, the **fire department** and **building** occupants shall be notified in accordance with Sentence 7.2.2.2. (2).

7.2.2.2. (2) Where tests, repairs or alterations are made to a firefighters' elevator, a procedure of notification shall be established, and the procedure shall include notifying the fire **department** and the **building** occupants.

## **RATIONALE FOR CHANGE**

Notification procedures where firefighters' elevators are not operational for more than 24 hours, would serve to increase awareness and allow the fire department, building occupants and supervisory staff to be better prepared in case of a fire emergency. This awareness may also lead to shorter repair times to return the elevator to operational status.

## **IMPACT**

- Improved notification procedures for out of service firefighters' elevators
- Increased awareness and better preparedness for firefighters, building occupants and supervisory staff in the event of a fire emergency.
- Potentially shorter repair times to return elevators to operational status.
- Minimal cost to owners.

## **OBJECTIVE BASED ANALYSIS OF THE CHANGE OR NEW PROVISION**

N/A

## **FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT(S) AND LINK(S) TO OBJECTIVE(S)**

7.2.2.2.(1) - [F11, F12-OS1.4, OS1.5, OP1.4].

7.2.2.2.(2) - [F11, F12-OS1.4, OS1.5, OP1.4].