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## CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 99–120

### Comments

[<u>NOTE</u>: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the <u>Administrative Rules Procedures Manual</u>, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

#### 2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. The amendment of s. Comm 51.01 (47) should show the stricken material.

b. The rule creates Table 51.02-B. Current Table 51.02 should be renumbered as Table 51.02-A.

c. The amendment to s. Comm 51.02 (19) (a) (intro.) should not strike through the period and then recreate it at the end of the sentence.

d. In SECTION 20 and elsewhere in the rule, the treatment clause should show the complete citation of the renumbered provision. For example, in SECTION 20, "Comm 51.047" should be inserted before "(3)."

e. The word "chapter" should be abbreviated to "ch." in s. Comm 51.08 (2) (i).

f. The semicolons in the current rule in s. Comm 51.23 (2) (a) 1. to 3. should be shown with strike-throughs and underscored periods should be added.

g. The amendment at the beginning of s. Comm 51.24 (intro.) should be redrafted as "Interior <u>All</u>". Also, that sentence should end with a colon, as provided in the current rule.

h. "Maintenance" need not be shown in the renumbering and amendment of s. Comm 51.24 (10). [Also see s. Comm 51.245 (3).] [s. 1.05 (3) (c), Manual.]

i. A title should be added to s. Comm 51.245 (2).

j. The amendment at the beginning of s. Comm 51.245 (3) (a), as renumbered, should be "Smoke <u>All smoke</u>". The period at the end of that sentence should be underscored and preceded by a stricken colon.

k. SECTION 70 should be preceded by a SECTION to renumber s. Comm 52.013 (6) (b) 1. to be s. Comm 52.013 (6) (b).

1. In s. Comm 64.42 (2), par. (a) should start on a separate line.

m. The period at the end of s. Comm 64.67 (1) should not be deleted and then replaced.

n. The title of s. Comm 64.67 (6) exists in the current rule. There is no need to repeat it when creating s. Comm 64.67 (6) (a).

o. The numbering of s. Comm 64.67 (9) should be corrected. Specifically, the subunits should be "(a)" and "(b)," not "1." and "2."

#### 4. Adequacy of References to Related Statutes, Rules and Forms

a. Section Comm 51.08 (2) (b) 3. refers to "chapter 59 occupancies." A similar provision appears in s. Comm 51.08 (2) (c) 2. (intro.). A proper cross-reference should be substituted for these provisions, such as "hazardous occupancies under ch. Comm 59."

b. The last cross-reference in s. Comm 52.011 (4) should be to "Table 51.25-17."

c. In s. Comm 51.02 (24) (b) 5. a., "subpar. b and c" should be replaced by "subd. 5. b. and c." [Also see s. Comm 51.08 (2) (a) 4. a.] [s. 1.07 (2), Manual.]

### 5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. The definition of "automatic" in s. Comm 51.01 (7) is awkward. This definition could be rewritten to replace "functions" with "a function that occurs."

b. Section Comm 51.235 (1) requires department approval of alternate fire suppression systems. Will the department identify the "appropriate" national standard for the alternate system? If so, can this be stated clearly in s. Comm 51.235 (2) (intro.)?

c. To improve clarity, "systems" in s. Comm 51.235 (3) could be replaced by "alternate fire suppression systems."

d. The note to the Revisor of Statutes after SECTION 78 should indicate that the "existing note" is after s. Comm 57.16 (1) (d). Also, in the text of note 2, the second cross-reference should be to "s. 101.145 (4), Stats."

e. The reference to "the manufacturer" in s. Comm 64.67 (9) should be clarified to indicate whether it is the manufacture of the portable fire extinguisher or the manufacturer of the automatic suppression system.

f. The first note to the Revisor of Statutes after s. Comm 64.67 (9) refers to a "previous rule change." It would be useful to specify which rule change made the deletion.