

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE AND SAFETY FIRE**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE CHANGES AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-3, 50-13-4, 50-13-6, 50-13-21, and, 33-2-9 of the following proposal by the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire (this "Office"). The Rules and Regulations of this Office are proposed to be amended by the following actions:

- Modifying Regulation Section 120-3-3-.04 entitled "State Minimum Fire Standards with Modifications";
- Repealing Regulation Chapter 120-3-20 entitled "Access To and Use of Public Facilities by Handicapped Persons" and adopting a new Chapter 120-3-20 with the same title;
- Repealing Regulation Chapter 120-3-25 entitled "Rules and Regulations for Escalators and Elevators" and adopting in lieu thereof a new Chapter 120-3-25 with the same title; and
- Repealing Regulation Chapter 120-3-26 entitled "Rules and Regulations for Boiler and Pressure Vessels" and adopting in lieu thereof a new Chapter 120-3-26 with the same title.

**SYNOPSIS AND EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

The proposed changes to Regulation Section 120-3-3-.04 are intended to promote the coordination of language between this state's minimum construction codes as adopted by this office and the regulations of the Department of Community Affairs. The proposed updates to Regulation Chapter 120-3-20 are intended to promote the accessibility of handicapped persons to public facilities, specifically the two percent fully accessible or adaptable units. This Office also proposes updating Regulation Chapter 120-3-25 to reflect the most recent versions of the codes and standards for elevators and escalators, adding another classification for elevator contractors and mechanics, addressing the needs of the mobility impaired regarding wheelchair lifts and stairway chairlifts, changing the fee structure on private residential wheelchair lifts and stairway chairlifts, changing the fee structure on inspection fees for taller buildings, designating a location for the Firemen's Emergency Key-Box, adding certain clarifying language and renumbering certain regulations as necessary. The proposed updates to Regulation Chapter 120-3-26 are intended to revise the codes and standards for boilers and pressure vessels, clarify the meaning of "external inspections," explicitly address thermal fluid heaters and hobby locomotive boilers, increase the frequency of internal inspections of boilers, add certain other clarifying language and renumber regulations as necessary. The reason for repealing Regulation Chapters 120-3-20, 120-3-25 and 120-3-26 and adopting new chapters in lieu thereof, as opposed to merely modifying the chapters, is to promote efficient Office record keeping procedures.

The full text of the proposed Rules and Regulations are attached hereto and made a part

hereof by reference.

## SCHEDULE

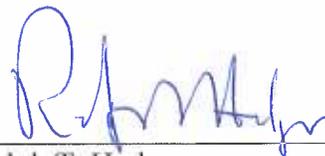
The aforesaid proposals, which are being forwarded to the Attorney General for approval as to legality, are now on file in the Administrative Procedure Division of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, 1016 West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, and are hereby declared to be a public record as follows:

Interested persons may participate in the proposed rulemaking process by submitting their written comments to **Vince Wiegand, Administrative Procedure Division, Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, 1016 West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. All written comments must be received by the Administrative Procedure Division by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2014.** Interested persons may also participate in the proposed rulemaking by presenting comments orally at the hearing to commence at **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, in the Hearing Room of the Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, Seventh Floor, West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.**

Oral presentations at the hearing may be limited to five (5) minutes per person in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to be heard. If you have a physical impairment and require assistance or have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Administrative Procedure Division.

Based upon full consideration of all written and oral comments regarding the above matters, the Commissioner of Insurance may reject or adopt the proposed rules or may make changes to the proposed rules which may require another rulemaking hearing.

Given under my Hand and Official Seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.



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