CHAPTER 90

RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES FOUR STORIES AND OVER

Note: Chapter 90 is entirely Seattle amendments to the *International Fire Code* and is not underlined.

Chapter 90 Point of Information

The requirements of this Chapter originated in City of Seattle Ordinance 98868, effective June 6, 1970. Ordinance 98868, also known as the Ozark ordinance, applied to all existing apartment houses, apartment hotels, and hotels four stories or more in height.

SECTION 9001
GENERAL

9001.1 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, the following words and terms have the meaning specified in Section 9001.1:

APARTMENT HOUSE: Any building or portion thereof, containing three or more dwelling units.

APARTMENT HOTEL: A building containing both dwelling units and guest rooms.

GUEST ROOM: Any room or rooms used or intended to be used for sleeping purposes by a person hiring such room or rooms.

HOTEL: A building in which is conducted the business of lodging the public and which contains six or more guest rooms.

9001.2 Exit Enclosure Required. All existing apartment houses, apartment hotels and hotels four stories or more in height, shall have at least two fully enclosed stairways that have a one-hour fire-resistive rating throughout. The interior corridors and egressways thereof, including all doors, transoms and other openings into corridors, shall be constructed or improved to substantially have a one-hour fire-resistive rating throughout. In buildings constructed as apartment houses in accordance with the *International Building Code* and being operated as apartment houses, walls and ceilings of plaster on wood lath or 1/2-inch plasterboard construction, and 1-3/8-inch solid core doors or equivalent is sufficient to meet the requirements of this section.

9001.3 Sprinkler Alternative. In lieu of compliance with the requirements of Section 9001.2, approved automatic fire sprinkler systems may be installed in all stairways, interior corridors and egressways of existing apartment houses, apartment hotels, and hotels four stories or more in height. Automatic sprinkler systems, if so installed, shall also be installed in all janitor rooms, storage closets, utility rooms, and other usable spaces in which combustible materials are or may be sorted or kept, unless such rooms or spaces are equipped with self-closing fire doors having a one-hour fire-resistive rating.

SECTION 9002
CONFLICTS WITH LATER ADOPTED CODES

9002.1 Conflicts with Seattle Building and Seattle Fire Codes adopted after June 6, 1970. If conflicts exist between the requirements of this chapter and Seattle Building Codes and Seattle Fire Codes adopted after June 6, 1970, the provisions of the later adopted codes apply.