Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's Office
Official Interpretation and Code Directive 2013-4

Fire Alarm System Requirements for Additions to Existing Buildings And/or Remodels of Existing Buildings

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The guidelines set forth through the codes adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC) and enforced by the Oklahoma State Fire Marshals Office can help to establish the requirements for addition and/or remodels taking place. This directive is to help simplify and bring clarity as to what is required to be installed.

Any addition and/or remodel to an Assembly, Business, Education, Factory, Hazardous, Institutional, Mercantile, Residential, Special Amusement Building, High Rise Buildings, Atriums, High Piled Combustible Storage Areas, Aerosol Storage Uses, Lumber-Wood Structural Panel and Veneer, Underground Buildings, Deep Underground Buildings, Covered Mall Buildings, Residential Aircraft Hangers, and Airport Traffic Control Towers must adhere to the requirements to the adopted International Building Code (IBC) Section 907, International Fire Code (IFC) Section 907, and the adopted Life Safety Code 101 as it relates to remodels.

When an addition is attached to an existing building the entire building must meet the requirements of the adopted International Building Code, International Fire Code, and the Life Safety Code 101 as it relates to the Fire Alarm System requirements.

When a remodel to an existing building is being performed the entire building must meet the requirements of the adopted International Building Code, International Fire Code, and the Life Safety Code 101 as it relates to the Fire Alarm System requirements.

We would require that a complete set of plans be submitted to our office for review of all buildings that fall within our jurisdiction.

It is our hope that we can work together to develop new sites while remaining committed to maintaining the utmost level of life safety by making Oklahoma structures as safe as possible through congruent code enforcement.

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