



COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT
Division of the Fire Marshal
Administrative Ruling/Interpretation

Number:	2014-2		
Subject:	Low Frequency Notification Appliances		
Reference:	2013 NFPA 72 Section 18.4.5.3		
Effective Date:	4/15/14	Issued By:	FPE Withee
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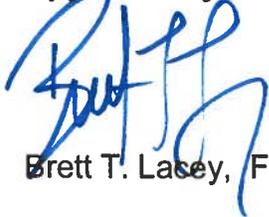
PURPOSE: To extend the effective date of a new requirement found within the 2013 edition of NFPA 72.

SCOPE: To permit the continued use of standard higher frequency audible notification appliances within sleeping areas.

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE: The 2013 edition of NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code includes a requirement effective January 1, 2014 for a low frequency alarm signal within sleeping areas. To date only one manufacturer has produced an appliance capable of meeting this requirement however, that appliance has such large current draws, its use becomes cost prohibitive. This results in fire alarm systems that are no longer economical, and possibly introducing a practical difficulty in meeting the intent of the codes and standards.

DECISION: In order to provide a reasonable level of life safety without imposing a practical difficulty, Colorado Springs Fire Department is delaying the enforcement of low frequency sounder requirement until the adoption of the 2016 edition of NFPA 72 on January 1, 2016.

Approved by:



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