



Florida Division of State Fire Marshal

The Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association,
"Organization" (§633.026)

Informal Interpretation

Date: 3/4/20

NFPA Document Number: NFPA 101 2015 Edition

Paragraph Reference: 30.3.4.2.2

Explain how the Petitioner's substantial interests are being affected by the question below:

Ambiguity in Code language will lead to installation of additional non-required parts and contribute to unnecessary false alarms. The addition of these parts will also create additional maintenance over the life of the fire alarm system. There are a few jurisdictions that interpret the Code to say that manual pull stations are required at each exit of a sprinkled New Apartment Building.

Enter the Petitioner's question concerning an interpretation of the FFPC:

Code section states that a manual system in compliance with Section 9.6.2 is required. It is petitioner's view that only one manual pull station would be required within a sprinkled building in accordance with section 9.6.2.6 which is part of Section 9.6.2. The question is: Within a sprinkled New Apartment Building, of any size, would more than one manual pull station at an AHJ approved location be Code required?

Answer: No

The application of installation fire alarm boxes as required in NFPA 101 9.6.2.3 as follows:

- (1) For new alarm system installations, the manual fire alarm box shall be located within 60 in. (1525 mm) of exit doorways.
- (2) For existing alarm system installations, the manual fire alarm box either shall be provided in the natural exit access path near each required exit or within 60 in. (1525 mm) of exit doorways.

Is modified by NFPA 101 9.6.2.6 when the fire alarm's signal actuation is via automatic fire detection or waterflow detection devices in accordance with Chapters 11-43 of NFPA 101. When NFPA 101 9.6.2.6 is applied and complied with, only 1 pull station is required.

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Committee Region Map



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