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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	<b>D#12-1</b>
Standards Council Agenda Item:	<b>SC#12-3-7</b>
Date of Decision*:	6 March 2012
TIA No. 1039 on NFPA 80, <i>Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives</i> , 2010 and 2013 editions	

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of March 5-6, 2012, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter.

Attached is the final decision of the Standards Council on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Beasley Cronin".

Amy Beasley Cronin  
Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

- c: D. Berry, M. Brodoff, L. Fuller, K. Bigda, R. Solomon  
Members, Technical Committee on Fire Doors and Windows (FDW-AAA)  
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)  
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

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\*NOTE: Participants in NFPA's codes and standards making process should know that limited review of this decision may be sought from the NFPA Board of Directors. For the rules describing the available review and the method for petitioning the Board for review, please consult section 1.7 of the NFPA Regulations Governing Committee Projects and the NFPA Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council. Since this Council decision is not "related to the issuance of a document" as referenced in 1.7.2 of the Regulations Governing Committee Projects, notice of the intent to file such a petition must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Directors within a reasonable time period.



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***SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision):*** *The Standards Council voted not to issue TIA No. 1039 and voted to deny the appeal requesting issuance of TIA No. 1039.*

***DECISION:***

At its meeting of March 5-6, 2012, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Tim Klotz of Kelley Brothers LLC regarding the issuance of proposed Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA) No. 1039 on the 2010 and 2013 editions of NFPA 80, *Standard for Fire Doors and other Opening Protectives*. The proposed TIA seeks to modify Section 6.3.1.7.1 as follows:

**6.3.1.7.1** The clearances between the top and vertical edges of the door and the frame, and the meeting edges of doors swinging in pairs, shall be 1/8 in. ± 1/16 in. (3.18 mm ± 1.59 mm) for steel doors and ~~shall not exceed 1/8 in. (3.18 mm) for~~ wood doors.

The effect of the TIA is to require the same clearance for wood doors as exists for steel doors.

As background, the material proposed in TIA No. 1039 was balloted through the Technical Committee on Fire Doors and Windows (TC) in accordance with the *Regulations Governing Committee Projects (Regs)*, to determine if it had the necessary three-fourths majority support on technical merit and emergency nature to establish a recommendation for issuance. The ballot passed the TC on technical merit but failed to achieve the necessary support of the TC on emergency nature. Three public comments on the proposed TIA were received. Where the ballot does not pass the TC on both technical merit and emergency nature, the recommendation to the Council is to not issue the TIA.

The appeal requests that the Council overturn the action that was recommended by the NFPA codes and standards development process, and issue the TIA. On appeal, the Standards Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA codes and standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will overturn the result recommended through that process, only where a clear and substantial basis for doing so is demonstrated. The Council has reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and has considered all the arguments put forth in this appeal. In the view of the Council, this appeal does not present a clear and substantial basis on which to overturn the results recommended by the NFPA codes and standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to deny the appeal and to not issue the TIA. The effect of this action is that Section 6.3.1.7.1 will not be modified to require the same clearance for wood doors as exists for steel doors.