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Secretary, Standards Council

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To: Interested Parties

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Dear Interested Parties:

At the August 11-14, 2014 meeting, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter.

The Council’s Final decision is now available and is attached herewith.

Sincerely,

Dawn Michele Bellis  
Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

c: D. Berry, S. Everett, L. Fuller, R. Coté, R. Solomon  
Members, TC on Fundamentals (BLD/SAF-FUN)  
Members, CC on Safety to Life (SAF-AAC)  
Members, CC on Building Code (BLD-AAC)  
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)  
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

*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 the Development of NFPA Standards and the NFPA Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council. Notice of the intent to file such a petition must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Directors within 15 calendar days of the Date of Decision noted in the subject line of this letter.
SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision): The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal to overturn the Association action on CAM 101-2. CAM 101-2 sought to Reject Second Revision 101-20 and Reject Second Revisions 101-22, 101-24 and 101-23.

DECISION:
At its August 11-14, 2014 meeting, the Standards Council considered an appeal from David Frable, representing U.S. General Services Administration. The appeal requests that the 2015 edition of NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code®, be issued with the rejection of Second Revision 101-20 and any related portions of First Revisions, Second Revisions 101-22, 101-24 and 101-23. Specifically, the appeal seeks to delete all new text pertaining to Stairway Video Monitoring.

As background, the High Rise Building Safety Advisory Committee (HRB-SAC) submitted Public Input 101-465 proposing new text on Stairway Video Monitoring be included within Chapter 7 of NFPA 101®. The Technical Committee on Means of Egress (SAF-MEA TC), which has responsibility for Chapter 7 of NFPA 101® responded to the Public Input without revision to the First Draft. At the Comment Stage, the HRB-SAC submitted Public Comment 101-129 on Chapter 11 in relation to the same topic. The Technical Committee on Fundamentals (SAF-FUN TC), which has responsibility for Chapter 11 of NFPA 101® processed Second Revisions 101-20, 101-22, 101-24 and 101-23 incorporating the proposed text on Stairway Video Monitoring in its Second Draft.

Mr. Frable subsequently filed a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion in compliance with NFPA Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards (Regs) which was certified by the Motions Committee for presentation at the 2014 NFPA Technical Meeting (Tech Session). Certified Amending Motion 101-2, which sought rejection of Second Revisions 101-20, 101-22, 101-24 and 101-23, was made at the Tech Session and failed on the floor.

When a Certified Amending Motion seeking to reject Technical Committee revisions fails on the floor of the Tech Session, the recommendation that comes to the Standards Council is to issue the standard as developed by the Technical Committee. The present appeal requests that the Council overturn the action recommended by the standards development process.

On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will deviate from 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 any clear and substantial basis on which to overturn the results yielded by the standards development process.

Accordingly, the Council has voted to deny the appeal. The effect of this action is that the proposed new text on Stairway Video Monitoring will be included within Chapter 11 of the 2015 edition of NFPA 101®.

Council Member James Quiter recused himself during the deliberation and vote on this issue.