26 August 2014

To: Interested Parties

Subject: Standards Council Decision (Short): D#14-3

Dear Interested Parties:

At the 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 without the revisions made to Table 7.3.1.2, specifically revisions that created a new subset category of “Concentrated Business Use”.

The Council, having reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and having considered all the arguments put forth in this appeal, has voted to deny the appeal.

Notice on Short Decisions: This is a “Short” decision, briefly stating the action on the appeal. A full Final Decision, containing further detail, will be issued in due course, and will automatically be sent to all interested parties as soon as it becomes available. Note that any Petition to the NFPA Board of Directors (see *NOTE, in the footer of this letter) must be filed within 15 days of the date of this Short Decision (see Date of Decision, in the subject line above). Once the Notice has been filed, however, the Petition itself, should it be pursued, will not be due until 15 days following issuance of the Final Decision.

Sincerely,

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Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

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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 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.