21 August 2019*

To: Interested Parties

Subject: Standards Council Decision (Short): D#19-25
Standards Council Agenda Item: SC#19-8-3-mm
Date of Decision: 6 August 2019

NFPA 70®, National Electrical Code®, 2020 Edition

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of August 5-7, 2019, the Standards Council considered an appeal from James Peterkin of TLC Engineering Solutions regarding issuance of NFPA 70®, National Electrical Code®, 2020 Edition. Mr. Peterkin sought Standards Council action to overturn Second Correlating Revision No. 39 and return the recommended text for Section 517.24 and Tables 517.24(a) and 517.24(b) to Second Revision No. 7908 text in the 2020 Edition of NFPA 70, National Electrical Code. Specifically, the appeal requests that the Council restore the recommended text supported by Code-Making Panel 15 which creates health care specific demand factors.

The Council having reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and having considered all the arguments put forth in the appeal, has voted to deny the appeal. The Council further voted to issue NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, 2020 Edition as amended at the Technical Meeting and recommended by the Code-Making Panels and Correlating Committee.

Council Members Chad Beebe, Michael Johnston, and Daniel O’Connor recused themselves from the deliberations and vote on 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 a Petition to the NFPA Board of Directors (See “*NOTE” in the footer of this letter) must be filed with 15 days of the date of this Short Decision).

*NOTE: Participants in NFPA’s standards development 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 publication date of this Decision.
Once the Notice, if any, 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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