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Secretary, Standards Council

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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	D#21-5
Standards Council Agenda Item:	SC#21-8-6-a
Date of Decision:	26 August 2021
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Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of August 24-26, 2021, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter. The Council's Final decision is now available and is attached herewith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Michele Bellis".

Dawn Michele Bellis
Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

cc: S. Everett, S. Gallagher, C. Duffy, D. Roux
Members, TC on Supervising Station Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems (SIG-SSS)
Members, CC on National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code (SIG-AAC)
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

*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.



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SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision): The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal requesting the Council to overturn the Association Action on CAM 72-26 and Accept Public Comment No. 277.

DECISION:

At its meeting of August 24-26, 2021, the Standards Council considered an appeal from Richard Simpson of Vector Security. The appeal requests that the Standards Council overturn the Association Action and Accept Public Comment No. 277 for the 2022 Edition of NFPA 72®, *National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code*®. Specifically, the appeal requests to amend the text of Section 26.5.3.1.3 recommended by the Technical Committee on Supervising Station Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems (TC).

As background, the TC rejected Public Comment No. 277 at second draft. A Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM) to Accept Public Comment No. 277 was filed by Mr. Simpson and was certified by the Motions Committee, then presented for debate during the NFPA Technical Meeting as CAM 72-26. CAM 72-26 failed to achieve the necessary simple majority support of the Membership during the NFPA Technical Meeting. Mr. Simpson filed an appeal with the Council based upon the unsuccessful result of CAM 72-26.

The text subject to the appeal of CAM 72-26 did not gain sufficient support within the standards development process for inclusion in the 2022 Edition of NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code*. The appeal requests that the Council overturn the results yielded by the standards development process. On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will overturn the results of that process only where a clear and substantial basis for doing so is demonstrated. The Council finds no such basis demonstrated in this matter.

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 upon which to overturn the results yielded by the NFPA standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to deny the appeal. The effect of this action is that the 2022 Edition of NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code*, will not include text of Public Comment No. 277.