

CHAPTER 216

LIFE SAFETY

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the 1986 Town Meeting. Amended at the 1989 Town Meeting. Amended at the 1993 Town Meeting. Amended at 1996 Town Meeting. Amended at 2000 Town Meeting. Amended at Town Meeting 2004. Amended at Town Meeting 2009]

216-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Town of Salem Life Safety Code Ordinance of 2009."

216-2. Repealer.

The Life Safety Code Ordinance passed at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, adopting the 2003 edition of the Life Safety Code recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, with amendments thereto are hereby repealed in their entirety.

216-3. Adoption of Standards.

The Town of Salem hereby adopts, pursuant to RSA 155-A, and 674:51 and 52, for the purpose of establishing standards to safeguard life from fire occurring in buildings and structures, those certain codes known as the "NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2006 Edition," published by the National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, MA, as fully as if set out herein, except for the amendments set forth below and designated as 216-4, and from the date on which this chapter shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling for the maintenance and construction of all buildings and structures therein contained within the Town of Salem. [Amended 2009 Town Meeting]

216-4. Amendments to Standard Code.

A. The Life Safety Code, 2006 Edition is amended by providing that the authority having jurisdiction under this code shall be the Chief of the Fire Department or in his absence the Chief assigned to direct and control the Fire Prevention Bureau as required in Chapter 187-4 B. [Amended 2009 Town Meeting]

B. As defined in the Life Safety Code, 2006 Edition, Section 3.3.27.3 "apartment buildings" includes apartment type buildings in whatever legal form of ownership exist, including condominiums. [Amended 2009 Town Meeting]

C. Townhouse type condominium units with their own exit directly to grade level shall be considered 1 and 2 family dwellings in determining the requirements imposed by the Life Safety Code, 2006 Edition, only when each unit is separated by a two (2) hour fire barrier, as defined in the 2006 edition of the International Building Code and extending from the floor of the lowest level to the underside of the roof. In lieu of a two hour fire barrier a one hour fire barrier and residential sprinkler system complying with NFPA 13 D or NFPA 13 R may be installed. [Amended 2009 Town Meeting]

D. When in the opinion of the Code Official additional exit or emergency lighting is necessary to safeguard the public and occupants of a structure signs and lights shall be installed as directed.

E. Sections 12.7.5.1, 12.7.5.2, 13.7.5.1 and 13.7.5.2 shall be amended as follows:

(1) Assembly occupancies shall be provided with a minimum of one trained crowd control manager or crowd manager supervisor. Where the occupant load exceeds 250, additional trained crowd managers or crowd manager supervisors shall be

provided at a ratio of 1 crowd manager/supervisor for every 250 occupants unless otherwise permitted by the following:

- (a) This requirement shall not apply to assembly occupancies used exclusively for religious worship with an occupant load not to exceed 2000.
- (b) The ratio of or trained crowd managers to occupants shall be permitted to be reduced where, in the opinion of the authority having jurisdiction, the existence of an approved automatic supervised sprinkler system and the nature of the event warrant such a reduction.

**216-5. Penalty for Violations.**

Any person, firm, corporation, or organization who shall violate a provision of the Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) 2006 ed. or this Chapter or fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of approved construction documents or directives of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under provisions of this code shall be guilty of a violation for the first offense, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 per violation. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be upon second and subsequent violations guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1000 per violation and imprisoned for a period of time not to exceed 180 days. Each day that a violation or misdemeanor continues after notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.