



# BOARD REPORT

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**TO:** VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**FROM:** DANIELLE MARION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT:** DISCUSSION: FIRE CODE AMENDMENT

**AGENDA:** April 7, 2026

**DATE:** March 25, 2026

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## ISSUE

Shall the Village Board discuss an amendment to the recently adopted Fire Code that will go into effect on May 1, 2026.

## DISCUSSION

Recently the Village adopted the 2021 International Code series and several other updated codes. One of which is the 2021 International Fire Code. After this adoption the Sugar Grove Fire Chief and the Villages Building Inspector found an item in the process of reviewing plans for a townhome that they feel needs to be added to the adopted amendments to this code. The proposed amendment will require that when a separate control room does not exist for the fire alarm control panel, the panel shall not be permitted to be located within a private garage or room controlled by unauthorized personnel. It requires that if the panel is to be installed outside a building, a weather proof box is required. The proposed amendment also includes language on who has final say of location of these panels and that they must be their own separate panel. The entire proposed amendment is attached to this report in Exhibit A. The Sugar Grove Fire Protection District has also already adopted this language.

## COST

There is no cost to discuss this item.

## ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A – Proposed text amendment

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Village Board discuss the proposed amendment to the Fire Code and provide staff with direction on preparing the necessary ordinance.

## Exhibit A

1. In accordance with 2021 IBC/IFC section 907 and installed per NFPA 72.  
When a separate control room does not exist or is feasible within the design or in new or remodeled townhome, rowhouse or other similar complex, the Fire Alarm Control Panel shall not be located within a private garage or a room controlled by unauthorized personnel. Power shall be a dedicated circuit separated from unauthorized personnel.
2. In accordance with 2021 IBC/IFC section 907 and installed per the NFPA 72.  
When installing a Fire Alarm Control Panel outside a building, a U.L. or F.M. approved weatherproof box is required. The alarm installer shall prove that the panel will function in the weatherproof box and meet temperature requirements as outlined according to manufacturer's recommendations.
3. In accordance with 2021 IBC/IFC section 907 and installed per the NFPA 72.  
The Fire Alarm Control Panel must be separate from Burglar, Security, or any other type of system located on the premises.
4. The Authority having jurisdiction shall have the final say when it comes to the location.
5. Townhome, rowhouse or other similar complex, the Fire Alarm Control Panel shall not be located within a private garage or room controlled by unauthorized personnel. Power shall be a dedicated circuit separated from unauthorized personnel.
6. When installing a Fire Alarm Control Panel outside a building, a U.L. or F.M. approved weatherproof box is required. The alarm installer shall prove that the panel will function in the weatherproof box and meet temperature requirements as outlined according to manufacturer's recommendations.
7. The Fire Alarm Control Panel must be separate from Burglar, Security, or any other type of system located on the premises.