

August 13, 2025

Subject: Site Safety Plan Requirements – IFC 2021 Compliance

Purpose

This order is issued to ensure compliance with the International Fire Code (IFC) as it relates to safety during construction and demolition. The intent is to safeguard life, property, and operations by ensuring all components of the Site Safety Plan are complete and operational before work proceeds on applicable construction and demolition projects.

Authority

This directive is issued under the authority of the Fire Chief, Michael Slater, pursuant to IFC, Section 104. It is prepared at the direction of, and with the full support of, the Mayor of Ogden City, as part of the Mayor's enhanced public safety measures to protect the community during construction activities.

Required Components for Compliance

All construction sites involving commercial, elevated, and multi-unit residential structures (including townhomes) must comply with the following:

1. Perimeter Fencing. A minimum of 6-foot fencing is required around the construction site. For townhome projects fencing may be segmented to secure active work areas. Lockable gates must be installed at all vehicle and pedestrian access points and be locked after working hours.
2. Secured Openings. Minimum of first floor openings secured and covered as to prevent unauthorized access into the structure.
3. Fire Department Access. (IFC 3311.1) Always provide unobstructed access roads for emergency vehicles.
4. Fire Protection and Prevention Requirements.
 - a. Fire extinguishers. (IFC 3316.1) Fire extinguishers must be accessible every 75-feet, must be 2A/10BC size at a minimum. They must be mounted with current inspection and mounted at each stairwell, exit path, and floor level.
 - b. Combustible material control. (IFC 3305.2 & 3305.3) Combustible waste must be removed daily and clear of any ignition sources.
 - c. Smoking. (IFC 3305.1) Smoking on site is prohibited except in approved designated area(s).

5. Standpipes. (IFC 3314) In buildings required to have standpipes, they shall be installed prior to construction exceeding 40-feet in height.
6. Surveillance and Fire Watch. (IFC 3305.5) Surveillance and/or an approved fire watch may be required by the fire department as required by 2021 IFC or as required by the fire code official.

Enforcement (IFC 112.4)

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in immediate stop work orders, permit revocation, and potential civil penalties as permitted under 2021 IFC.

Conclusion

This order is effective August 13, 2025, and applies to all ongoing construction projects within Ogden City limits. Compliance will be verified by the Fire Marshal's Office through scheduled and unannounced inspections.

The safety of our community is our highest priority, and this directive reflects our collective responsibility to maintain the highest standards of fire and life safety.

Approved and Issued by:



Michael Slater
Fire Chief
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