

## 20-22-501. Applicability.

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**(a)** Every person, firm, partnership, copartnership, association, corporation, or other business entity owning or operating any hotel, motel, apartment building, or other similar multiple-occupancy facility affected by this subchapter shall, with respect to buildings constructed prior to July 19, 1971, bring the buildings within conformance to this subchapter on or before July 19, 1972.

**(b)** All new hotels, motels, apartment buildings, or other similar multiple-occupancy facilities constructed from and after July 19, 1971, shall conform to this subchapter.

## 20-22-502. Penalties.

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**(a)**

**(1)** Every person operating any hotel, motel, apartment building, or other similar multiple-occupancy facility who shall fail or refuse to properly install and maintain an emergency lighting system, fire escape stairway and ladders, and a fire alarm system, in accordance with this subchapter, shall be guilty of a violation.

**(2)** Upon conviction, the person shall be subject to a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

**(b)** Every day that such a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

## 20-22-503. Enforcement of fire, police, and safety regulations by employee.

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**(a)** Every person operating any hotel, motel, apartment building, or other similar multiple-occupancy facility shall employ one (1) or more persons who shall be on duty on the premises, when they are occupied, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. seven (7) days a week.

**(b)** It shall be the duty of the persons to enforce all fire, police, and safety regulations and to prevent entry to the premises by unauthorized persons or, if the unauthorized entry cannot be prevented, to report it to proper authorities.

## 20-22-504. Emergency lighting.

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**(a)** Any hotel, motel, apartment building, or other similar multiple-occupancy facility having more than three (3) floors above ground level shall be equipped with an emergency lighting system, including exit lights, corridor lights, exit stairway lights, and an emergency source of power capable of furnishing sufficient power to operate the emergency lighting system in the building in case of failure of the main lighting system.

**(b)** The emergency lighting system required in this section shall be so designed that it will be automatically activated by a disruption of electrical power for any reason.

## 20-22-505. Fire escapes.

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Every hotel, motel, apartment building, or other similar multiple-occupancy facility having more than three (3) floors above ground level shall be constructed or equipped with fire escape stairways or ladders in conformity with the State Fire Prevention Code.

## 20-22-506. Fire alarms.

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**(a)** Every hotel, motel, apartment building, or other similar multiple-occupancy facility having more than three (3) floors above ground level shall also be equipped with a fire alarm system conforming to the minimum requirements of the State Fire Prevention Code.

**(b)** The fire alarm system shall consist of at least one (1) bell or warning device on each floor so situated as to provide a clearly audible warning to persons in every room on the floor.

## 20-22-507. Posting of subchapter.

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A copy of this subchapter shall be posted in each guest room or suite of all hotels, motels, apartment buildings, or other similar multiple-occupancy facilities subject to this subchapter.