

CHAPTER 92

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN SCHOOLS

Note: Chapter 92 is entirely Seattle amendments to the *International Fire Code* and is not underlined.

Point of Information

The requirements of this chapter originated in City of Seattle Ordinance 94931, effective August 5, 1966.

SECTION 9201 GENERAL

9201.1 School buildings defined. For the purpose of this chapter, the term “school building” means:

1. A public place of instruction operated by public authorities, including elementary and secondary schools.
2. A place of instruction operated by private persons or private or religious organizations in which the course of study is similar to that in a public school, and which has been authorized by the State as an educational institution.

SECTION 9202 INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT

9202.1 Installation exceptions. An approved automatic fire sprinkler system shall be installed in all usable rooms, corridors and stairways of existing school buildings, two stories or more in height, with the following exceptions:

1. School buildings which are of Type I or II construction as defined in the Building Code.
2. School buildings not over three stories in height which have interiors with one-hour fire resistance rating throughout, and which have egress enclosures with a one-hour fire resistance rating.
3. School buildings, not over three stories in height, with interiors which substantially have a one-hour fire resistance rating, need only have egress corridors, stairways, janitor rooms, storage rooms and similar spaces equipped with approved automatic sprinkler systems. Classrooms and assembly rooms in such buildings need not be so equipped.

SECTION 9203 CONFLICTS WITH LATER ADOPTED CODES

9203.1 Conflicts with Seattle Building and Seattle Fire Codes adopted after August 5, 1966. Where conflicts exist between the requirements of this chapter and Seattle Building Codes and Seattle Fire Codes adopted after August 5, 1966, the provisions of the later adopted code shall apply.

