



FIRE PREVENTION GUIDELINE

Title: Fire Control Rooms		
Number: FPG-15	Effective Date: 01/01/2023	Revised Date: 03/01/2023
Code References: California Fire Code (CFC), California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 19, Merced Municipal Code (MMC)		
Note: <i>This guideline is a summary of Fire Department clarifications and interpretations of City and State Codes and nationally recognized standards in accordance with the currently adopted edition of the Fire Code. Information contained herein applies to typical circumstances and may not address all situations.</i>		

Scope

This Guideline has been developed to assist the public and business community with the design and construction requirements and maintenance of Fire Control Rooms.

Codes and Guidelines

This guideline shall apply to buildings or other structures that require a Fire Control Room in accordance with the California Fire Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 19 and the Merced Municipal Code.

Permits Required

An operational permit is not required. Construction permits are required by the City of Merced Inspection Services Division.

Specific Requirements

1. General

An approved fire control room shall be provided for all buildings protected by an automatic fire extinguishing system in buildings constructed or remodeled after January 1, 2020.

2. Location

The Fire Chief or his/her designee shall approve the location of the Fire Control Room. In general,

- a. The room shall be located on an exterior wall of the building.
- b. The room shall be provided with an access door that opens directly to the exterior of the building.

3. Equipment

The Fire Control Room shall contain at minimum:

- a. System riser and control valves
- b. Fire alarm control panels
- c. Spare sprinkler heads and wrench(s)
- d. System inspection, test and maintenance records
- e. Other equipment as required by the Fire Chief



FIRE PREVENTION GUIDELINE

4. Construction

The room shall be constructed of not less than 1-hour fire resistive construction

5. Signage

Durable signage shall be provided on the exterior of the access door to identify the fire control room. The sign shall indicate "FIRE CONTROL ROOM" with contrasting block letters that are at least 4 inches in height.

6. Keys

Keys to the Fire Control Room shall be placed in the Fire Department Key Box mounted adjacent to the room as noted in Fire Prevention Guideline (FPG-4).

7. Storage

Storage is prohibited in Fire Control Rooms.