

## El Segundo Fire Department Fire Prevention Division

## Fire Prevention Policy # 12-1 California Fire Code Section 901.6 Removal of Dry Standpipe Systems in Residential Occupancies

With the adoption of National Fire Protection Association Standard 25, Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems on April 1, 2007, the Fire Department has seen several dry standpipe systems in multi-residential occupancies fail the required 2 hour hydrostatic test. The dry standpipe requirement was for residential occupancies of four or more units that were two stories of residential occupancy above a parking area.

The Fire Department has reviewed the requirement and is adopting a policy for the removal dry standpipe systems in these occupancies. If the building and property meet the following requirements, the dry standpipe system will be determined non-required, and the property owner can elect to have the dry standpipe system repaired or removed, in accordance with El Segundo Fire Department Interpretation # 12-2.

- 1. The dry standpipe system must have a five year maintenance test performed.
- 2. The building has only two stories of residential occupancy
- 3. The building is no more than three stories in height.
- 4. The property is less than 150 feet in length.

The removal shall be inspected by the El Segundo Fire Department to confirm compliance with this Interpretation.

The effective date of this interpretation is June 25, 2012.

Interpretation Issued By:

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