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Fire and Life Safety in Animal Housing Facilities Code

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This edition of NFPA 150, *Fire and Life Safety in Animal Housing Facilities Code*, was prepared by the Technical Committee on Animal Housing Facilities. It was issued by the Standards Council on May 4, 2018, with an effective date of May 24, 2018, and supersedes all previous editions.

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Origin and Development of NFPA 150

After a series of disastrous fires in racetrack stables in 1975, NFPA established the Committee on Firesafety in Racetrack Stables. This committee began its work in 1976 with the establishment of three working subcommittees covering construction, occupancy requirements, and fire protection. NFPA 150, *Standard on Firesafety in Racetrack Stables*, was first published in 1979. In the 1985 edition, minor changes were made to the standard that included the printing of Table 3 from NFPA 220, *Standard on Types of Building Construction*, in Appendix A. Changes to both the 1991 and 1995 editions consisted of editorial improvements and clarifications of the existing text.

The 2000 edition added a section on equivalency and revised other portions of the text to reflect the *Manual of Style for NFPA Technical Committee Documents* for use of mandatory language.

In 2004, the scope of NFPA 150 expanded to include life and safety requirements for both humans and animals in all types of animal housing facilities. In July 2004, the Standards Council approved the expansion and changed the name of the document to *Standard on Fire and Life Safety in Animal Housing Facilities*. The expanded NFPA 150 provided better guidance to authorities having jurisdiction by addressing all types of animal housing facilities and made possible the consistent treatment of such facilities from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

The 2009 edition included several updates to referenced codes and standards and to some of the extracted text. A new provision allowing the use of the room-corner test from NFPA 286, *Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Evaluating Contribution of Wall and Ceiling Interior Finish to Room Fire Growth*, was introduced to allow an alternative test protocol to evaluate interior finish materials. These refinements continued and a new chapter on performance-based design approaches was added for the 2013 edition. Other changes for that edition included supplemental provisions for the built-in fire protection systems that are mandated by the standard.

Changes for the 2016 edition included several clarifications and additions, including scoping criteria with regard to how the standard should be applied to existing buildings, classification of all agricultural animals in the Category B scheme for protection purposes, and a provision that extends automatic sprinkler and smoke control systems into all facilities that board or house horses.

For the 2019 edition, the entire document has been rewritten and changed from a standard to a code. The reformatted document reflects the layout of NFPA 101®, *Life Safety Code*®, with core and occupancy chapters and includes seven new animal categories, some broken down further into subcategories, each with specific requirements tailored to the facilities' specific hazards and safety needs. A new annex was developed featuring a table summarizing fire protection requirements for each animal category.

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