

## **Standard Brea Fire Department Architectural Notes**

Instructions: Place the following notes on the plan under the heading "Brea FD NOTES." Individual notes that do not apply to the project may be omitted (e.g., Note #3 if the building does not require standpipes.

## **INSPECTIONS**

- 1. Brea FD final inspection required. Please schedule all field inspections *at least* 48 hours in advance. Inspections canceled after 1 p.m. on the day before the scheduled date will be subject to a re-inspection fee. Phasing of inspections may require additional fees, also. Call Brea FD for Inspection Scheduling at 714-990-7655.
- 2. Buildings under construction or demolition shall conform to CFC Chapter 14. No smoking or cooking is allowed in structures where combustible materials are exposed or within 25' of combustible materials storage areas. Cutting, welding, or other hot work shall be in conformance with CFC Chapter 35.
- 3. In buildings four or more stories in height, standpipes shall be provided during construction when the height reaches 40 feet above the lowest point of fire department access. A fire department connection shall be no more than 100 feet from available fire department vehicle access roadways. A hydrant shall be located along the access roadway within 150 feet of the location(s) that the FDC can be accessed from. CFC 3310 & 3313
- 4. Address numbers shall be provided for all new and existing buildings, be a *minimum* of four inches high for individual dwelling units and six inches high for all other installations and structures, contrast with their background, and be plainly visible from the roadway the building is addressed on. Address numbers shall have a minimum of 1/2" stroke. Temporary address numbers shall be provided on construction fencing or the building until permanent numbers can be provided. CBC 502.1, CFC 505.1
- 5. Locations and classifications of extinguishers shall be in accordance with CFC 906 and CCR Title 19. At least one extinguisher shall be provided during construction on each floor at each stairway, in each storage and construction shed, in locations where flammable or combustible liquids are stored or used, or where similar hazards are present per CFC 3315.1. Before final occupancy, at least one 2A:10B:C extinguisher shall be provided so that no point is more than 75' travel distance from the extinguisher. Extinguishers shall be located along the path of egress travel and in a readily visible and accessible location, with the bottom of the extinguisher at least 4" above the floor. Additional extinguishers may be required by Brea FD inspectors depending on project or site conditions and final placement is subject to their approval.
- 6. Wall, floor and ceiling finishes and materials shall not exceed the flame spread classifications in CBC Table 803.13. Decorative materials shall be properly treated by a product or process approved by the State Fire Marshal with appropriate documentation provided to the Brea FD. Such items shall be approved and inspected prior to installation.
- 7. Knox boxes/key cabinets shall be provided for all high-rise buildings, pool enclosures, gates in the path of firefighter travel to structures, secured parking levels, doors giving access to alarm panels and/or annunciators, and any other structures or areas where immediate access is required or is unduly difficult. A Brea FD inspector can assist with locking gate keys in Knox boxes, contact your local fire station to arrange an appointment to secure master building keys in the Knox box.
- 8. Approval of these plans shall not permit the violation of any code or law. Requirements or features not identified on the plan may apply and Brea FD inspectors may require additional information or items from those shown on the plan depending on actual or anticipated field conditions. Such changes may necessitate submittal of revised or asbuilt plans to the Brea FD.

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 9. The project shall comply with 2019 California Building Code, 2019 California Fire Code, and other currently adopted codes, standards, regulations and requirements as enforced by the Brea FD.
- 10. Dumpsters and trash containers exceeding 1.5 cubic yards shall not be stored in buildings or placed within 5 feet of combustible walls, openings or combustible roof eave lines unless protected by an approved sprinkler system or located in a Type I or IIA structure separated by 10 feet from other structures. Containers larger than 1 cubic yard shall be of non- or limited-combustible materials or similarly protected or separated. CFC 304.3
- 11. Exits, exit signs, fire alarm panels, hose cabinets, fire extinguisher locations, and standpipe connections shall not be concealed by curtains, mirrors, or other objects.
- 12. The egress path shall remain free and clear of all obstructions at all times. No storage is permitted in aisles.
- 13. Exit doors shall be openable from the inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort. Doors shall not be provided with thumb-turn locks or deadbolts that do not unlatch in tandem with the normal operating lever. The opening force for interior doors without closers shall not exceed 5 pounds. The unlatching and opening force for other doors, including fire doors, shall not exceed 15 pounds. CBC 1010
- 14. The exit path shall be clearly identified with exit signs conforming to CBC 1013. Illuminated exit signs must have 90-minute emergency power back-up.
- 15. Tactile signs shall be provided in commercial buildings, public buildings/accommodations, and publicly funded housing subject to CBC Chapters 11A and B and conform to 1143A or 11B-703.1, 703.2, -703.3, and 703.5, be mounted with the bottom of the lowest line of Braille characters at least 4 feet above the floor but the bottom of the highest line of raised text characters no more than 5 feet above the floor and, whenever possible, on the strike side of the door. Lettering shall be between 5/8" and 2" high. CBC 1009.9
- 16. Stairs serving 4+ stories shall have stairwell signs conforming to CBC 1023.9
- 17. The exit path shall be illuminated at all times in accordance with CBC 1008. Emergency lighting shall be provided with 90-minute back-up.
- 18. Rated assemblies shall conform to approved methods and materials of construction. Penetrations through rated walls, ceilings, or floors shall be protected in an approved manner complying with CBC/CFC Chapter 7.
- 19. Fire/ Smoke rated doors shall be self-closing and latching; such doors shall not be equipped with door stops or otherwise propped open. Fire/ smoke rated doors shall be equipped with rated hardware. CFC 705