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**TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:**

The *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code* (“AFPC” or “Fire Code” or “Code”) 2012 edition, which supersedes the 2007 edition, has been developed to assist in preventing and controlling fires in and outside of structures in the State of Arkansas. The proper use of this Code can result in saving lives and property through the prevention of fires in our state.

I encourage Arkansas cities and counties to join with the Arkansas State Fire Marshal’s Office in our effort to enforce the AFPC by adopting the Fire Code as a local ordinance. The adoption of the AFPC 2012 edition is important, and it is my hope that every citizen will use this Code to their fullest advantage in fire prevention.

**ORDER**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police by Section 6 of Act 254 of 1955 (A.C.A. §§ 12-13-105), as amended, I promulgate these rules for the prevention of fire hazards in the State of Arkansas. The rules are set out in detail in the copy attached hereto.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that said rules are to become effective January 1, 2014, in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act of the State of Arkansas (A.C.A. §§25-15-201 through §25-15-214), and shall be known as the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code*, 2012 edition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my signature as Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police this August 1, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Witt".

Colonel Stan Witt  
Director, Arkansas State Police and  
Arkansas State Fire Marshal

## FOREWORD

The *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code* was developed using the nationally and internationally recognized and accepted *International Fire Code*, *International Building Code* and *International Residential Code*, with revisions based on recommendations from Arkansas-based subject matter experts.

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The intent of the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code* is to reduce the number of fires in Arkansas and reduce the number of other hazard-related concerns. The *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code* establishes minimum rules dealing with fire and building safety.

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**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE RULES**  
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**DEFINITIONS**

These Rules are promulgated by the Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police, who serves by operation of law as the Arkansas State Fire Marshal under the authority granted by Arkansas Act 254 of 1955, codified at A.C.A. §§ 12-13-101 to A.C.A. §12-13-116, as amended. The purpose of these Rules is to aid in the implementation, interpretation and enforcement of the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code (AFPC)*, 2012 edition.

The *International Fire Code*, 2012 edition, the *International Building Code*, 2012 edition, and the *International Residential Code*, 2012 edition, as published by the International Code Council and the rules, as amended and adopted by the Arkansas State Fire Marshal, shall constitute the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code*, 2012 edition. These Rules shall be effective January 1, 2014.

The following shall be defined as:

INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE shall mean the *Arkansas State Plumbing Code*.

INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL CODE is replaced by “Arkansas Department of Health Rules Pertaining to Onsite Wastewater Systems.”

INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE shall mean the *Arkansas State Mechanical Code*.

INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE shall mean the *Arkansas State Gas Code*.

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE shall mean the *Arkansas Energy Code*.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE shall mean the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code*, Volume I.

INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE shall mean the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code*, Volume II.

INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE shall mean the *Arkansas Fire Prevention Code*, Volume III.

INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE shall mean the *Arkansas (National) Electrical Code*.

BUILDING OFFICIAL shall mean any governmental official having authority to enforce that aspect of the Code.

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