



Proposed Code Change

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Code Title: International Residential Code, Edition: 2009
Section number and title: Section R313 AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS & Section P2904 DWELLING UNIT FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, Pages: 62 and 609 +
Proponent: Calvin Bolt Inspections and Testing, Title: Owner
Address: 1310 Oriole Drive Warsaw, IN 46580, Phone: 574-269-3507
PROPOSED CODE CHANGE (Check One)
[] Change to read as follows [] Add to read as follows [] Delete and substitute as follows [X] Delete without substitution
REASON AND FISCAL IMPACT
Fiscal impact of apparently thousands of dollars per house. As far as arc-fault fires, sprinklers would just treat the "symptom", not the "disease". AFCI'S would treat that type of "disease". A very new house on the edge of Warsaw burned to the ground a year ago due to an arcing wire in a light fixture device box in the entry coat closet. The after school fire happened with the 12 year old boy and his 9 year old sister in the home. He grabbed her and got out in time. No deaths or injuries fortunately. Of course smoking in bed, dryer fires, and kitchen fires could be put out with fire extinguishers since the occupants are at home, but much of this could be eliminated with maintenance and common sense. It is not advisable to leave home or go to bed with your dryer running either. Wood stoves and wood burning fireplaces are usually caused again by lack of maintenance. An accidental fire could start in the garage from human error or a malfunction with a vehicle, and possibly some of these may not be able to be contained with a fire extinguisher, especially if gasoline is involved, but then the sprinklers are not required in garages. Home maintenance and normal routine inspections by a knowledgeable homeowner, or a professional, is the best prevention, along with common sense. It's best to have a fire extinguisher on each level of a home.
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