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## **TDCI Announces Emergency Rules for Fire and Building Codes**

Nashville, TN- Leslie Newman, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, filed emergency rules with the Secretary of State's Office today to allow building plans to be submitted and reviewed under either the 2003 Uniform Fire Code (NFPA 1) or the 2006 International Fire Code.

On February 15, 2008, the Department held a public meeting for interested parties to provide comments on whether the Department should adopt the 2006 International Fire Code (IFC) or the 2006 Uniform Fire Code (NFPA 1). Since that public meeting the Department has continued to study the alternative codes and the comments made or submitted at and after the public meeting.

While a notice of rulemaking hearing was filed on May 30 proposing to adopt the International Fire Code, 2006 Edition, as the state fire code, the rulemaking hearing will not be held until July 30 at 9:00 in the Tennessee Room of the Snodgrass Tennessee Tower.

The permanent rule will not be in place for some time and emergency rules previously adopted by the Department on January 25, 2008 will expire July 8, 2008.

With these emergency rules, the Fire Prevention Division will review plans submitted under the 2003 Uniform Fire Code (NFPA 1) and the 2006 International Fire Code. These emergency rules are effective immediately and will remain in effect until December 20, 2008.

The International Building Code, 2006 edition, has already been adopted as a permanent rule and will go into effect September 1, 2008. The department hopes to have formal permanent fire code rules in effect by the expiration of these emergency rules.

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