

## COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

**ITEM:** Adoption of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code 2003 edition  
**DATE:** 02/09/04  
**PREPARED BY:** Howard Hoffman, Fire Prevention Division Chief  
**PURPOSE:** Adoption of latest edition of Life Safety Code

### DISCUSSION:

Currently, the Village uses the 1997 edition of the Life Safety Code. Updating to the current edition of the Life Safety Code will improve efficiency of the plan review process. Architects designing projects generally use the latest edition of all the codes. Conflicts arise when the architect is not as familiar with the older edition that may have an exception or more stringent requirement they were unaware of. The 2003 edition also has more concise definitions, is an easier text to utilize, and has less gray areas so to speak. In turn, this makes the plan reviewer's job easier and will result in improved customer service.

### ATTACHMENT:

none

### RECOMMENDATION:

Place this matter on the February 24<sup>th</sup> Workshop agenda for Council consideration.  
Adoption of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code 2003 edition in its entirety with no amendments.