

# Washington Township Fire Department Standard Operating Procedure

**Division 700:** Fire Prevention, Life Safety and Education  
**Section 701:** Fire and Life Safety Inspection  
**Subject 701.02:** Definitions for Code Enforcement  
**Supersedes :**



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### **PURPOSE:**

To provide specifically for the Division of Fire Safety, and generally for the Department, a glossary of terms that are used throughout the code enforcement process.

### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Members of the Department are expected to make the concepts prevalent in the code enforcement process part of their thinking, decision making, and discussions with others in order to increase understanding, facilitate communication, and enhance coordination. Members will familiarize themselves with the provisions of this policy and practice them.

### **PROCEDURES:**

Listed below are the definitions of terms that may be used during code enforcement procedures and operations:

**Ampere:** The rate of flow of electricity.

**Approved:** Indicating acceptance to some person or authority.

**Assistant fire marshal:** (ORC) any person who is employed by the fire marshal and who carries out specific duties assigned by the fire marshal, including, but not limited to, enforcement of Chapters 3731., 3737., and 3743. of the Revised Code, fire inspection, fire code enforcement, fire investigation, fire prevention, or the regulation of underground storage tank systems as defined in section 3737.87 of the Revised Code.

**Authority:** The power or right to command, enforce, act, etc.

**Authority having jurisdiction:** The organization, office, or individual responsible for “approving” or “accepting” equipment, installations, or a procedure.

**Bonding:** The equalizing of electric current between two different objects or devices.

**Code:** Any set of standards set forth and enforced by a local government agency for the protection of public safety, health, etc.

**Code enforcement:** The process of educating and informing organizations or persons about the specific or particular provisions of a specific code.

**Combustible Liquid:** (Any liquid with a flash point above 100°F. If below 100°F, see “Flammable Liquid.)

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Class 2 – any liquid that has a flash point at or above 100°F and below 140°F.

Class 3A – any liquid that has a flash point at or above 140°F, but below 200°F.

Class 3B – any liquid that has a flash point at or above 200°F.

**Consumer goods:** (ORC) means any item sold, leased, or rented primarily for personal or household use.

### **Electrical Classifications and Divisions:**

Class I – areas subject to flammable or combustible gases or vapors; four groups of A-D.

Class II – areas subject to combustible dust; three groups of E-G.

Class III – areas subject to easily ignitable fibers but unlikely that there will be suspension in air.

Division I – areas where hazard exists continuously, intermittently, or periodically under normal operating conditions or during repair.

Division II – areas where hazard exists only in event of ruptured containers, breakdown of system or failure of protective devices, such as ventilating systems, or areas adjacent to Division II areas where fire or hazardous condition may be communicated.

**Fire agency:** (ORC) means or state or local fire service or agency whose function is to examine the property of another person for the purpose of identifying fire safety hazards.

**Fire safety inspector:** (ORC) means any person who is a member of the civil service, as defined in section 124.01 of the Revised Code, or who is employed by or voluntarily serves a village or township, and who examines the property of another person for the purpose of identifying fire safety hazards.

**Flammable Liquids:** (Any liquid with a flash point below 100°F. If flash point is above 100°F, see “Combustible Liquid)

Class 1A – any liquid that has a flash point below 73°F and boiling points below 100°F.

Class 1B – any liquid that has a flash point below 73°F and boiling points at or above 100°F.

Class 1C – any liquid that has a flash point at or above 73°F, but below 100°F.

**Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter:** An electrical device that will detect as little as 5 mill amperes of electrical leakage causing the electrical current to be interrupted or shut off in as little as 1/40<sup>th</sup> of a second.

**Grounding:** The conducting of electricity to natural ground such as earth.

**Guide:** A book of basic instructions.

**Inspection authority:** The statutory or code enacted authority for a person to legally operate in a capacity as an inspector to enforce the provisions of a particular code or law.

**Law:** The principles and regulations established in a community by some authority and applicable to its people, whether in the form of legislation or of custom and policies recognized and enforced by judicial decision.

**May:** Not required, optional.

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**National Electric Code:** A publication of the National Fire Protection Association (Standard #70) that provides for the design and criteria of electrical installations and operation.

**Ohio Building Code:** The standard for the design and construction of buildings statewide as adopted by reference from a national model code.

**Ohio Revised Code:** A set of laws establishing regulations within the State of Ohio and also establishes the legal rights and limitations of counties, townships and municipalities.

**Ohm:** The resistance of electricity to flow.

**Ordinance:** A municipal statute or regulation.

**Person:** (ORC) in addition to the meaning in section 1.59 of the Revised Code, means the state and any political subdivision of the state, and any other entity, public or private.

**Resolution:** A county or township statute or regulation.

**Responsible person:** (ORC) means the person responsible for compliance with the state fire code, including, but not limited to, the owner, lessee, agent, operator, or occupant of a building, premises, or vehicle.

**Scope:** Range or extent of action, inquiry or inclusion.

**Shall:** Indicates a mandatory requirement.

**Should:** Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

**Volts:** The pressure of electricity.

**Watt:** A unit of power as measured in electricity.