OCFA Fire Master Plan Notes (1-1-17)

All of the notes listed in the INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS and GENERAL REQUIREMENTS sections shall be placed, verbatim, on the plan under the heading “FIRE AUTHORITY NOTES.” Include individual notes, as applicable, from the PROJECT-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS section.

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

1. OCFA site inspections are required for this project. Please schedule all field inspections at least 48 hours in advance. Inspections canceled after 1 p.m. on the day before the scheduled date will be subject to a re-inspection fee. Call OCFA Inspection Scheduling at (714) 573-6150.
2. A lumber drop inspection shall be performed prior to bringing combustible materials (or combustible fixtures and finishes for structures of non-combustible construction). All-weather access roads capable of supporting 68,000 lbs., topped with asphalt, concrete, or equivalent shall be in place and hydrants operational at time of lumber drop inspection.
3. For projects with fuel modification, a vegetation clearance inspection is required prior to a lumber drop inspection. Use the fuel modification plan service request number to schedule the vegetation clearance inspection.
4. Phased installation of fire access roads requires additional inspections not covered by the fees paid at plan submittal. Contact Inspection Scheduling to arrange for additional inspections that may be needed and any fees that may be due.
5. An original approved, signed, wet-stamped OCFA fire master plan shall be available on-site at time of inspection.
6. Access roads and hydrants shall be maintained and remain clear of obstructions at all times during and after construction. Areas where parking is not permitted shall be clearly identified at all times. Obstruction of fire lanes and hydrants may result in cancellation or suspension of inspections.
7. Temporary fuel tanks of 60 or more gallons shall be reviewed, inspected, and permitted by the OCFA prior to use.
8. The project address shall be clearly posted and visible from the public road during construction.
9. All gates in construction fencing shall be equipped with either a Knox or breakaway padlock.
10. Buildings of four or more stories shall be provided with stairs and a standpipe before reaching 40 feet in height.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

11. Fire lane widths shall be measured from top face of the curb to top face of the curb for fire lanes with standard curbs and gutters and from flow-line to flow-line for fire lanes with modified curb designs (e.g., rolled, ramped, etc.). The developer is responsible to verify that all approved public works or grading department street improvement plans or precise grading plans conform to the minimum street width measurements per the approved OCFA fire master plan and standards identified in OCFA Guideline B-09 for all portions of the fire access roads.
12. Permanent, temporary, and phased emergency access roads shall be designed and maintained to support an imposed load of 68,000 lbs. and surfaced to provide all-weather driving capabilities.
13. Fire lane signs and red curbs shall meet the specifications shown in OCFA Guideline B-09 and shall be installed as described therein. Additional fire lane markings may be required at the time of inspection depending on field conditions.
14. All fire hydrants shall have a “Blue Reflective Pavement Marker” indicating their location per the OCFA standard. On private property markers are to be maintained in good condition by the property owner.
15. Address numbers shall be located and be of a color and size so as to be plainly visible and legible from the roadway from which the building is addressed in accordance with OCFA Guideline B-09. Wayfinding signs, when required by the local AHJ, shall comply with the standards of that agency. When wayfinding signs are also required by the OCFA, they may be designed to local AHJ requirements provided that such standards facilitate location of structures, suites, and dwelling units by emergency personnel.
16. Access gates shall be approved prior to installation and shall be in compliance with Chapter 5 of the CFC and OCFA guidelines.
17. Approved access walkways shall be provided to all required openings and all rescue windows.
18. Vegetation shall be selected and maintained in such a manner as to allow immediate access to all hydrants, valves, fire department connections, pull stations, extinguishers, sprinkler risers, alarm control panels, rescue windows, and other devices or areas used for firefighting purposes. Vegetation or building features shall not obstruct address numbers or inhibit the functioning of alarm bells, horns, or strobes.

19. Dumpsters and trash containers larger than 1.5 cubic yards shall not be stored in buildings or placed within 5 feet of combustible walls, openings or combustible roof eave lines unless protected by an approved sprinkler system.

20. Any future modification to the approved Fire Master Plan or approved site plan, including but not limited to road width, grade, speed humps, turning radii, gates or other obstructions, shall require review, inspection, and approval by the OCFA.

21. Approval of this plan shall not be construed as approval of any information or project conditions other than those items and requirements identified in OCFA Guideline B-09 and related portions of the 2016 CFC and CBC. This project may be subject to additional requirements not stated herein upon examination of actual site and project conditions or disclosure of additional information.

PROJECT-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (Include only those notes that are applicable to the project as designed; some notes may need to be modified to address specific project conditions)

22. An underground piping plan is required for the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system or for a private fire hydrant system. A separate plan submittal is required.

23. An architectural plan is required to be submitted to the OCFA for review and approval for projects containing A, C, E, F, H, I, L, and R-4 occupancies. A plan may also be required for R-1 and R-2 occupancies over two stories or those utilizing sprinklers or fire walls to increase the maximum building size allowed—see OCFA Info Bulletin 02-13.

24. A chemical classification and hazardous materials compliance plan shall be approved by the OCFA prior to any hazardous materials being stored or used on site. A separate plan submittal is required.

25. Buildings used for high-piled storage shall comply with CFC requirements. A separate plan submittal is required if materials will be stored higher than 12 feet for lower-hazard commodities, or higher than six feet for high-hazard commodities such as plastics, rubber, flammable/combustible liquids, tires, carpet, etc.

26. An automatic fire sprinkler system shall be installed in accordance with applicable codes and local ordinances, amendments, and guidelines. Sprinkler systems, other than those listed in CFC 903.4, shall be monitored by an approved central station. Separate plan submittals for the sprinkler and monitoring systems are required.

27. Buildings containing industrial refrigeration systems shall comply with CFC requirements. A separate plan submittal is required if refrigerant quantities exceed thresholds.

28. A fire alarm system shall be installed in accordance with applicable codes and local ordinances, amendments, and guidelines. A separate plan submittal is required.

29. Structures located in a Fire Hazard Severity Zone or Wildland-Urban Interface area are subject to the construction requirements prescribed in Chapter 7A of the 2016 CBC and/or Section 337 of the 2016 CRC. Construction materials/methods are reviewed and inspected by the Building Department.

30. One or more structures shown on this plan are located adjacent to a fuel modification area. Changes to the fuel modification zone landscaping, new structures, or addition/alteration to existing structures requires review and approval by the OCFA.

31. Projects located in State Responsibility Areas shall also comply with all applicable requirements from Title 14, Div. 1.5, Ch. 7, SubCh. 2 “SRA Fire Safe Regulations” and Guideline B-09a.

32. Structures meeting the criteria in CFC 510.1 shall be provided with an emergency responder radio system. Refer to CFC 510.2 through 510.6.3 and DAS/BDA guidelines published by OC Sheriff’s Communication and Technology Division and OCFA for technical and submittal information.