



Resolution

International Association of Fire Chiefs

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CHANGE TO THE
INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE TO REQUIRE FIRE
SPRINKLERS IN NEW ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS
AND TOWNHOUSES

WHEREAS the International Association of Fire Chiefs is an organization dedicated to public safety, and

WHEREAS the International Association of Fire Chiefs considers it unacceptable that in the 21st century, more than 3,000 people in the United States are killed in fires each year, with an overwhelming number of these deaths occurring in homes, and

WHEREAS the International Association of Fire Chiefs desires to have a positive and consequential impact on reducing the nation's losses due to fire, and

WHEREAS the International Association of Fire Chiefs recognizes that fire sprinklers represent a proven, reliable, efficient and effective method of protecting life and property in both commercial and residential occupancies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The International Association of Fire Chiefs supports the approval of recommended modifications to the International Residential Code to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all new residential structures, and
- 2) Members of the International Association of Fire Chiefs are hereby encouraged to attend and participate in the ICC code development hearings to cast their votes in favor of modifications to the International Residential Code to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all new residential structures.
- 3) The International Association of Fire Chiefs hereby encourages jurisdictions to fund and support building and fire code officials to attend the ICC Final Action Hearing in Minneapolis, Minnesota in September 2008 to support residential sprinklers.

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