

DATE: December 21, 2023
FROM: Office of the Kansas State Fire Marshal
TO: Owners/Operators of Elevators in Kansas; Elevator Contractors in Kansas
SUBJECT: ASME A17.1 (2022) Effective July 1, 2024

The Kansas State Fire Marshal will implement ASME A17.1 (2022) Safety Code for Elevators on July 1, 2024. The Elevator Safety Act of Kansas placed enforcement responsibility of the safety and operation of all elevators in Kansas with the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Under this law, the State Fire Marshal is directed to adopt rules and regulations that are “based on and follow generally accepted national engineering standards, formula and practices that shall at a minimum include adoption of current American national standards known as the American society of mechanical engineers (ASME) safety code for elevators[.]” ASME A17.1 (2022) recently became current. Each owner, operator, contractor, or subcontractor of elevators shall be responsible for compliance with ASME A17.1 (2022) on and after July 1, 2024.

Elevators designed, approved, or contracted prior to July 1, 2024, shall comply with the requirements of ASME A17.1 (2019) unless the Fire Marshal grants an applicable variance. The variance process currently in place for these projects remains in effect. Applications for variances or exemptions continue to be available on our website and retain their applicable fee.

Elevator contractors and subcontractors are encouraged to mind and communicate this upcoming change in their operations and contracting processes.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is committed to working with elevator owners, operators, lessees, and contractors through this upcoming change. While we are committed to seeking voluntary compliance with the Elevator Safety Act, please realize that violations of the requirements of ASME A17.1 (2022) after their applicability may result in civil penalties up to \$1,000.00 per violation for each day of unlawful operation or violation, per K.S.A. 44-1811.

If you have questions, please email us at ksofm_elevators@ks.gov.

Thank you,



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