



HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

1460 Obetz Road, Columbus Ohio 43207

Resolution No. F26-002

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTERIOR RISER IDENTIFICATION AND VISUAL ALARM SIGNAGE FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AND ADOPTING RELATED FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Ohio Fire Code (OFC), Chapter **1301:7-7**, requires fire protection equipment — including sprinkler risers and associated control valves — to be identified in an approved manner so that fire departments and emergency responders can readily locate and operate them in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, proper signage helps ensure the safety of building occupants and emergency personnel, and improves the efficiency of responding operations by identifying the location of sprinkler risers and control elements; and

WHEREAS, visual notification devices such as visible alarm strobes can be a recognized practice (with AHJ approval) for indicating system issues to responders, even if not explicitly mandated in the base OFC language, and may be adopted at the local level under the authority of the Fire Code Official per state/local amendments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Applicability

This resolution applies to all buildings within the Township subject to inspection under the Ohio Fire Code where a **fire suppression system riser** (sprinkler riser, standpipe riser, or combination) exists.

SECTION 2. Exterior Signage Required

1. Exterior Door Identification

- a. Doors providing direct exterior access to rooms containing fire suppression system risers shall be marked with a sign reading "*FIRE SUPPRESSION RISER ROOM*" or equivalent approved wording.
- b. Signs shall be constructed of **durable, permanent materials** and be **readily**

riser signage and visual indicators into compliance within a timeframe specified by the Fire Code Official following written notice.

SECTION 6. Definitions

For purposes of this resolution:

- *Fire Suppression System Riser* means any vertical piping assembly (sprinkler riser, standpipe riser) serving a fire suppression system.
- *Strobe Visual Indicator* means a listed visible notification appliance capable of providing visual indication of system trouble or supervisory conditions.

Supporting Code References (for Resolution Language)

1. Fire Protection Equipment Identification (Ohio Fire Code § 509)

The OFC requires identification of sprinkler risers/control equipment in an approved manner; signage must be durable and visible.

2. NFPA Standards for Signage

NFPA 25 and NFPA 13 require control valves and risers to be identified with appropriate signage indicating system coverage, auxiliary systems, and other essential information.

3. Visual Notification Devices (NFPA 72)

While the OFC/NFPA 72 requires visible alarm notification devices for fire alarm systems, the specific application for exterior strobes tied to riser conditions will require AHJ approval and design coordination