

**TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 7: BUILDING AND ZONING CODES**

**§ 7312. Definitions.**

All definitions pertaining to the Commonwealth Fire Safety Code not listed below are set forth in the Uniform Fire Code published by the International Conference of Building Officials and the Western Fire Chiefs Association.

(a) “Code” refers to this Commonwealth Fire Safety Code;

(b) “Department” means the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services;

(c) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Fire and Emergency Medical Services;

(d) “Fire” is the combustion of material other than deliberate combustion for cooking, heating, recreation, incineration or purposes incidental to normal operation of a property;

(e) “Fire hazard” is anything or act which increases or may cause an increase of the hazard or menace of fire to a greater degree than that customarily recognized as normal by persons in the public service regularly engaged in preventing, suppressing or extinguishing fire or any thing or act which may obstruct, delay, hinder, or interfere with the operations of the fire department or the egress of occupants in the event of fire;

(f) “Fireworks” are devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration or detonation, including but not limited to, firecrackers containing more than two grains (130 milligrams) of explosive composition, aerial shells containing more than 40 grams of pyrotechnic composition, and other display pieces which are classified as Class B or Class C by the labeling requirements of the United States Department of Transportation;

(g) “Hazardous Materials” are those chemicals or substances which are physical hazards or health hazards whether the materials are in usable or waste condition;

(h) “Uniform Fire Code” means the ordinances adopted and published by the International Conference of Building Officials and the Western Fire Chiefs Association.

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