



## **El Segundo Fire Department - Fire Prevention Division**

### California Fire Code Section 901.6 Removal of Non-Required Fire Protection Systems Fire Prevention Interpretation #12-2

#### **Interpretation**

The Fire Department has received several requests over the past 20 years on can a building owner/occupant turn off a non-required fire protection system and leave the fire protection system components (for a fire alarm system, the fire alarm control unit, initiating devices and notification appliances) in place. It is recommended that all non-required fire protection systems remain operational, to be repaired or replaced when necessary. If the Department has determined that the fire protection system is non-required and the building owner/occupant elects to remove the non-required system the fire protection system must be removed.

In accordance with California Fire Code Section 901.6, non-required fire protection systems shall be inspected, tested and maintained or removed. If a building owner or occupant elects to remove the non-required fire protection system, they must complete the following:

1. Remove the fire alarm control unit (FACU) and all associated power supply units from the electrical enclosure(s).
2. Disconnect the 120 volt power supply to the FACU and associated power supply units and secure the wiring in accordance with California Electrical Code requirements.
3. Paint the enclosure door(s) so it does not resemble a fire alarm panel or power supply unit.
4. Remove all initiating devices (smoke detectors, heat detectors, manual pull stations, water flow devices and tamper switches).
5. Remove all notification appliances (bells, horns, horn/strobes)
6. Secure all wiring in the electrical junction box where the fire alarm initiating device or notification appliance was removed. The electrical junction box shall have a cover plate installed.
7. For fire sprinkler systems, all piping and valves must be removed back to the system source.
8. For pre-action and deluge fire sprinkler systems, the requirements # 1 through 7 shall be followed.

The removal shall be inspected by the El Segundo Fire Department to confirm compliance with this Interpretation.

The effective date of this interpretation is April 26, 2012.