

NFPA 72®-2019 and Proposed 2022 Editions

National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code

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Reference: A.14.3.2(new) and A.14.4.4.1(new)

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1. Add new Annex material A.14.3.2 to read as follows:

A.14.3.2 In addition to safety considerations, other reasons for delaying fire alarm inspections include nationally or regionally declared disasters, such as pandemics, weather-related emergencies, or other governmentally recognized disruptions.

2. Add new Annex material A.14.4.4.1 to read as follows:

A.14.4.4.1 In addition to safety considerations, other reasons for delaying fire alarm testing include nationally or regionally declared disasters, such as pandemics, weather-related emergencies, or other governmentally recognized disruptions.

Substantiation: The Underwriters Laboratories standard for Central Station monitoring (UL 827) is currently being modified to allow temporary monitoring “at home” or other non-listed locations due to what the standard now defines as “nationally or regionally declared emergencies” which would disrupt normal operations. During the UL Standards Technical Panel discussions relating to this change to UL 827, it was brought up that not only are the monitoring locations being challenged as a result of the current pandemic, but fire alarm service companies are finding that the fire alarm owners and subscribers are not open, or are unwilling for outside contractors to enter their premises to perform code-mandated fire alarm inspections and testing.

Emergency Nature: The proposed TIA intends to offer to the public a benefit that would lessen a recognized (known) hazard or ameliorate a continuing dangerous condition or situation.

The annex material proposed in the above sections will make it easier for code officials and other AHJs to allow delays in the frequencies of inspection and testing of the fire alarm systems in their jurisdictions.

TENTATIVE INTERIM AMENDMENT BALLOT
EMERGENCY NATURE SELECTION OF RESPONSES

- A.** The standard contains an error or an omission that was overlooked during the regular revision process.
- B.** The NFPA Standard contains a conflict within the NFPA Standard or with another NFPA Standard.
- C.** The proposed TIA intends to correct a previously unknown existing hazard.
- D.** The proposed TIA intends to offer to the public a benefit that would lessen a recognized (known) hazard or ameliorate a continuing dangerous condition or situation.
- E.** The proposed TIA intends to accomplish a recognition of an advance in the art of safeguarding property or life where an alternative method is not in current use or is unavailable to the public.
- F.** The proposed TIA intends to correct a circumstance in which the revised NFPA Standard has resulted in an adverse impact on a product or method that was inadvertently overlooked in the total revision process or was without adequate technical (safety) justification for the action.