



The State Fire Marshal (SFM) is pleased to announce that the 2017 Ohio Fire Code became effective December 15, 2017. Please use this document as a guideline for **licensing** changes in the 2017 Fire Code that affect the **Hotel and Motel Industry**. This list summarizes the changes and provides dates in which these changes are effective:

What is Changing?	Effective Date
\$250 late fee if Owner change applications are not received at SFM by the earliest of these three occurrences: 1. 90 days from the date of transfer; or 2. Upon submission of an application to renew a hotel license; or 3. The end of the calendar year in which the transfer occurred.	December 15, 2017
Duplicate license requests must be in writing and pay \$10 fee.	December 15, 2017
Owner, operator or responsible person in control of hotel must notify SFM of conviction or finding of a felony violation of R.C. Chapter 2925 or R.C. Chapter 3719 such as lewdness, assignation or prostitution; or if there's a nuisance finding issued by a court against a hotel, or owner, operator, responsible person, or property on the facility and conduct occurred on licensed premises. SFM must be notified in writing by submitting a copy of the judgment entry within 60 days of finding or when Hotel submits renewal, whichever is earlier.	December 15, 2017
10% late renewal fee eliminated. If not renewed by December 31 expiration date, must cease operations until hotel license is renewed.	December 31, 2018
\$300 reactivation fee if hotel not renewed by December 31 expiration date. \$300 reactivation fee is due in addition to annual renewal fee.	December 31, 2018
If renewal application is not received at SFM by March 1, renewal is treated as a new hotel application and new hotel license fees will be charged, which range from \$2,000 to \$4,000.	March 1, 2019

Here is the link to the Draft 2017 Ohio Fire Code <http://www.com.ohio.gov/ProposedRules.aspx>
Check the SFM website www.com.ohio.gov/fire for any upcoming technical bulletins and/or training opportunities related to 2017 Ohio Fire Code.

“Frequently Asked Questions” on the SFM website is also a helpful Hotel licensing resource. Scroll down to Testing and Registration – Hotel/Motel section: <http://com.ohio.gov/fire/FAQ.aspx#T&R>

Still have questions? Contact the Bureau of Testing & Registration at 614-752-7126 or by email at webfmtr@com.state.oh.us.