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## City of Scottsdale Fire Ordinance Requirements Scottsdale Revised Codes, Chapter 36-18, Ordinance #4283: 2015 IFC

### Guide for Residential Occupancy Classifications

This guide is in response to requests from property managers and residents, related to the requirements for single-family facilities that provide care and/or accommodations for other than immediate family occupants. To help ensure a safe environment for our citizens, the following requirements of the Scottsdale Fire Codes/Ordinance shall be enforced:

#### **Section 202: General Definitions**

Institutional: Institutional Group I-1 is amended to include but not limited to the following;

- Congregate Living Facilities
- Convalescent Facilities

Facilities such as the above with five (5) or fewer persons may be classified as a Group “R-3” occupancy or may comply with the International Residential Code...

Facilities such as above housing at least six (6) and not more than ten (10) persons may be classified as a Group “R-4” occupancy.

Occupancies providing care and accommodations for more than ten (10) occupants, excluding staff, shall be classified as a Group “I” occupancy type.

Residential Group R-3: International Fire Code (IFC)/COS Ordinance #4283 Requirements.

1. IFC 403.10 – General requirements and approved safety evacuation plan (Ord. 4283)
2. IFC 906 – Portable Fire Extinguishers – recommended - not required in R-3.
3. IFC 1103.8.1 – single station smoke alarms required in Group “I” and “R” occupancies.

Residential Group R-4: International Fire Code (IFC)/COS Ordinance #4283 Requirements.

1. IFC 403.10 – General requirements and approved safety evacuation plan.
2. IFC 906 – Portable Fire Extinguishers – required for R-4 occupancies.
3. IFC 1103.8.1 – single station smoke alarms required in Group “I” and “R” occupancies.
4. IFC 1103.5 – Group R-4 residential sprinkler system required (Ord. 4283)

### **Additional Information**

Group R-3 and R-4 Occupancies shall meet the requirements for construction as defined in the International Building Code (IBC) or shall comply with the International Residential Code (IRC).

For additional information, question or inspections please contact the Scottsdale Fire Department at 480-312-1855.