

**RULES OF SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER**

**CHAPTER 120-3-17**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR  
LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS  
AND  
COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS**

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**120-3-17-.01 Promulgation and Purpose**

- (1) These Rules and Regulations for Liquefied Natural Gas are promulgated by the Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 25-2-4.
- (2) The purpose of these rules and regulations is to provide precautionary and protective techniques that are reasonable and practical measures for the prevention of injury to persons and property from fire and related hazards incident to the storage and handling of liquefied natural gas and compressed natural gas.

**120-3-17-.02 Definitions**

The definitions contained herein are in addition to and in clarification of those contained in the adopted standard.

- (1) **PERSON.** Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, and any trustee, receiver, assignee, or personal representative thereof.
- (2) **COMMISSIONER.** The Georgia Safety Fire Commissioner.
- (3) **AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION.** The State Fire Marshal of Georgia.
- (4) **NFPA.** The National Fire Protection Association.



### **120-3-17-.03 Submission of Plans/Fees**

- (1) Complete plans and specifications for all systems involving the storage of liquefied natural or compressed natural gas shall be submitted to and receive approval by the State Fire Marshal before installation is started. Such plans shall be drawn to scale and be of sufficient detail and clarity as necessary to indicate the nature and character of the proposed system and its compliance with this Chapter. The plans shall be submitted to the State Fire Marshal and one copy shall be returned to the applicant with the approval or disapproval indicated thereon. A copy of the approved plans shall be kept available at the construction site for inspection by authorized representatives of the State Fire Marshal. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-4.1, the plans shall be accompanied by the mandatory plan review fee payable to the Safety Fire Commissioner. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-16 the plans shall bear the seal and Georgia registration number of the drafting architect or engineer or shall otherwise have the approval of the Safety Fire Commissioner or his designee.

### **120-3-17-.04 Reporting of Fires and Serious Accidents**

Every person who owns, operates or is responsible for storage and handling of liquefied natural gas as covered by this Chapter who suffers a fire or serious accident involving liquefied natural gas shall notify the State Fire Marshal's Office as soon as possible but in no event later than eight hours of the incident occurring. In addition to the initial notification, every person who owns, operates or is responsible for storage of liquefied natural gas as covered by this Chapter shall make a written report thereof to the State Fire Marshal's Office as soon as possible, but in no event later than seventy-two (72) hours. A serious accident shall be one which results in loss of life, hospitalization, or damage to property involving \$5,000.00 or more.

### **120-3-17-.05 Adopted Standards**

The standard for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for Vehicular Fuel Systems, NFPA 52, (1995 Edition), the standard for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Vehicular Fuel Systems, NFPA 57, (1996 Edition) and the standard for the Production, Storage and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), NFPA 59A (1996 Edition) are hereby adopted in their entirety.

### **120-3-17-.06 Request for Modification of Specific Requirements**

Upon receipt of a sworn affidavit from the owner stating all relevant facts and circumstances and such other information as may be required, the State Fire Marshal may recommend to the Commissioner that specific requirements of this Chapter and the NFPA code adopted herein be modified to allow alternative arrangements that will secure as nearly equivalent measures as practical for the prevention of injury to persons and property. The Commissioner in his discretion may accept the State Fire Marshal's recommendation and grant the requested modification.

### **120-3-17-.07 Penalties**

After notice and hearing provided in accordance with Rule 120-3-2-.02 of the Rules of Safety Fire Commissioner, any person who is found to have violated any of the rules contained in this Chapter shall be subject to such penalties as authorized by law or Regulation.

### **120-3-17-.08 Severability**

If any rule or portion thereof contained in this Chapter is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the rules herein and the applicability of such provisions to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.



- NOTES:**
1. The NFPA code adopted in this Chapter is on file in the Office of the State Fire Marshal and is available for viewing.
  2. Copies of the NFPA code may be obtained from:

National Fire Protection Association  
Batterymarch Park  
Quincy, Massachusetts 02269  
Phone 1-800-344-3555

A price list of NFPA codes and standards is available at the Office of the State Fire Marshal for viewing.

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