MOBILE FIRE - RESCUE DEPARTMENT
FIRE CODE ADMINISTRATION

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Municipal Code Chapter 22 Fire Prevention Web Portal:
https://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=11265

City of Mobile Web Portal for Fire Code Guidance Documents:
http://www.cityofmobile.org/services2.php

2018 International Fire Code / Commercial Projects

1. Fire protection system plans are submitted at the Bureau of Fire Prevention.
2. A Knox Key is required where access within a facility or structure is secured (506.).
3. Fire protection equipment and rooms shall be identified by signage. Access to fire protection equipment shall be maintained (509).
4. The required fire department access roads are a minimum unobstructed 20 ft. in width and 13 ft. 6 in. clear height (503.).
5. "No Parking Fire Lane" signs are provided at Fire Code Official prescribed locations (503).

6. Required fire department access roads are designed to support an apparatus with a gross axle weight of 75,000 lb, engineering specifications are provided.

7. Required fire department access roads: All-weather asphalt or concrete driving surface, (503. and App D)

8. The proposed building does have an emergency vehicle access road within 150 ft. of any exterior portion of the structure, if not, a fire department access road must be provided (503).

9. The dead-end fire department access roads(s) in excess of 150 ft. are provided with a turn-around (503.).

10. The turn-around cul-de-sac has an approved outside radius.

  a. A hammerhead design is a minimum 70 ft. L x 20 ft. W, or another approved design may be used.

11. Fire department access roads shall be constructed and maintained for all construction sites, prior to construction.

12. Dead-end streets in excess of 150 ft. resulting from a phased project are provided with an approved temporary turnaround.

13. Aboveground fuel storage tanks are required to be inspected annually by Fire Code Administration Staff.

14. Waste accumulation is prohibited in buildings, structures or upon premises.

15. Open burning is prohibited within the City of Mobile.

16. A fire flow test and report is provided to verify that the required fire-flow amount is available. **Note:** When a hydrant water flow report is required, the test should be performed by MAWSS or a company approved by MAWSS. The report shall provide the water pressures measured and provide the available GPM at 20 PSI residual pressure.

17. Water mains and pipe sizes are detailed on the site plan.

18. All water mains and hydrants shall be installed and operate as soon as combustible materials arrive on a construction site.

19. The nearest hydrant(s) to the project structure and/or property road frontage are required to be shown on the plan.

20. Prior to the installation of private water main systems, plans shall be submitted to Build Mobile Department’s Central Permitting Office for a permit at Mobile Government Plaza South Tower, 3rd Floor 205 Government Street Mobile, AL 36644 (251) 208-7198.

21. A hydrant is required within 400 ft. of any exterior portion of a non-sprinkled building or 600 ft. for an R-3 occupancy or sprinkled building.
22. Fire Department Connections (FDC) shall not be located on the underground piping supplying a single sprinkler or standpipe system.