



## Fire and Rescue Department

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Sam Hanania  
Tire Depot USA, Inc.  
1104 Cassat Avenue  
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RE: Outside Tire Storage

Dear Mr. Hanania,

After conducting a post-inspection of your tire facility, I do concur with Inspector Tenneth Minor's assessment that a modification from the Code requirement of providing a 50' clearance between the perimeter fence and the tire storage piles.

Under the Florida Fire Prevention Code, which is an adopted part of Florida Statutes (Chapter 633), a 50' clearance is required to be provided between tire storage piles and the perimeter fence (NFPA 1, 33.1.8); however, if this Code requirement is upheld, a tremendous impact to the survival of the business would more than likely occur. Therefore, pursuant to NFPA 1, 1.4.3, as the Authority Having Jurisdiction, I am providing a modification to the 50' clearance requirement.

Under the Florida Fire Prevention Code, a modification can be provided to a Code requirement when (1) practical difficulty exists with carrying out the Code requirement, (2) the intent of the Code is maintained, (3) public safety is secured, and (4) substantial justice is done. As previously stated, a practical difficulty does exist whereby it would be virtually impossible for the business to survive if the 50' clearance had to be enforced. Due to the fact that there is only one residential structure located approximately 50' west of the perimeter fence, public safety can be secured. By allowing this modification to the Code, substantial justice can be done both economically and effectively for both the business and the general public.

Since the farthest point of the business location is slightly greater than 200' from the north entrance roadway, it is agreed that an area 20' wide and 50' long will be maintained free and clear of tire piles and other obstructions. This clearance area is necessary in order to comply with the Code requirements that state that no portion of any property will be greater than 150' from a fire department access roadway (NFPA 1, 18.2.3.2.2), and a minimum 20' wide opening must be provided as a fire department access roadway (NFPA 1, 18.2.3.4.1.1). It is also agreed that an 8' - 10' clearance area will be maintained between the tire piles and the perimeter fence.

As long as the access roadway and clearance area indicated is maintained, the modification herein provided will be indefinite; however, upon violating the stipulations indicated, the modification given will become void and compliance with all applicable fire code requirements will be enforced. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, .



K. L. Jones, Division Chief