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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

BEFORE THE SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	DOCKET NUMBER
MOTOR VEHICLE RACETRACKS AND)	
GRANDSTANDS)	SF-92-R-11

ORDER

On October 5, 1992, notice of intent to adopt rule changes and notice of hearing were given regarding the proposal of the Safety Fire Commissioner to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Office of Safety Fire Commissioner as follows:

Chapter 120-3-18 of the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner entitled "Rules and Regulations for Fire Inspection and Certification of Motor Vehicle Racetracks and Grandstands" is hereby amended by deleting paragraph (2) of Rule 120-3-18-.02, entitled "Administration," in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (2). Rule 120-3-18-.03, entitled "Definitions," is hereby amended by deleting paragraph (5) entitled "Grandstands" in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (5) entitled "Grandstands." Rule 120-3-18-.05, entitled "Standards for Grandstands Used for Places of Assembly," is hereby amended by deleting said rule in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof

a new Rule 120-3-18-.05, entitled "Standards for Grandstands Used for Places of Assembly." Rule 120-3-18-.07, entitled "Fire Suppression Equipment and Personnel and Ambulance Service," is amended by deleting paragraph (2), entitled "Fire Extinguishers," in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (2) , entitled "Fire Extinguishers." Rule 120-3-18-.07 is further amended by deleting paragraph (4), entitled "Ambulance Service (all tracks and courses)," in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (4) entitled "Ambulance Service (all tracks and courses)." Rule 120-3-18-.11, entitled "Storage, Handling and Use of Liquified Petroleum Gases" is hereby amended by deleting paragraph (1), entitled "General," in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (1), entitled "General." Rule 120-3-18-.13, entitled "Severability," is hereby amended by deleting said rule in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Rule 120-3-18-.13 entitled "Severability." Chapter 120-3-18 is further amended by adding a new Rule 120-3-18-.14, entitled "Notes."

The proposal has been approved as to legality by the Attorney General, as is evidenced by a letter dated October 27, 1992, from Rebecca S. Mick, Staff Attorney, Department of Law, State of Georgia.


Opportunity was given to interested persons to participate in the proposed rulemaking by submitting their written data, views, or arguments by November 3, 1992 and opportunity was also given to persons to participate in the proposed rulemaking by submitting oral views, data, or arguments at a hearing held on November 10,

1992. All written comments received prior to or during the hearing held on November 10, 1992, were made a part of the record of the hearing. At the hearing, Dwayne Garris, on behalf of the Safety Fire Division of the Office of Safety Fire Commissioner, appeared to explain the purpose of the proposed amendment. No interested persons appeared at the hearing to submit oral views, data or arguments in regard to the proposed amendment.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§50-13-21, 25-2-4, and 33-2-9, the Safety Fire Commissioner adopts and promulgates the proposed amendment to the Rules and Regulations of the Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

It is ordered that the amendments to Chapter 120-3-18 of the Rules and Regulations of the Office of Safety Fire Commissioner shall become effective twenty days after proper filing is made with the Office of Secretary of State.

Given under my Hand and Official Seal this 14 day of December, 1992.



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RECOMMENDED DECISION

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It is recommended that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§50-13-21, 25-2-4, and 33-2-9, the Safety Fire Commissioner adopt and promulgate the proposed amendment to the Rules and Regulations of the Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

Respectfully submitted this 14 day of December, 1992.


DEBORAH OWENS
ASSISTANT HEARING OFFICER
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
SAFETY FIRE DIVISION

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER
CHAPTER 120-3-18

The Rules and Regulations of the Safety Fire Commissioner Chapter 120-3-18 entitled "RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE RACETRACKS AND GRANDSTANDS" are hereby amended as follows:

In the Table of Contents add a new rule to read as follows:

"120-3-18-.14 Notes."

Rule 120-3-18-.02 Entitled "Administration" is amended by deleting paragraph (2) in its entirety and substituting in its place the following:

"(2) It is prohibited for any person, firm or corporation to operate any motor vehicle racetrack or other facility, by whatever name called, within this state without first having a Certificate of Occupancy issued by the State Fire Marshal's Office or the appropriate local fire code enforcement authority or appropriate local fire marshal. This Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued by the State Fire Marshal's Office or the appropriate local fire code enforcement authority or appropriate local fire marshal only when the authority having jurisdiction is satisfied that such Rules and Regulations have been complied with. The fee for such Certificate shall be as specified in O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-4."

Rule 120-3-18-.03 Entitled "Definitions" is amended by deleting paragraph (5) in its entirety and substituting in its place the following:

"(5) GRANDSTANDS: Any permanent structure used for the purpose of general assembly outlined in NFPA 102 as specified by Chapter 120-3-3."

Rule 120-3-18-.05 Entitled "Standards for Grandstands Used for Places of Assembly" is amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in its place the following main paragraphs:

"Standards for Grandstands Used for Places of Assembly

(1) New Construction: All grandstands shall be designed by a Georgia registered architect or engineer and constructed to conform with NFPA 102 as specified in Chapter 120-3-3. A complete set of plans and specifications shall be reviewed, approved and a construction permit issued by the State Fire Marshal's Office or the appropriate local fire code enforcement authority or appropriate local fire marshal prior to construction. A fee as specified in O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-4.1 shall be charged for reviewing the plans and specifications. The responsible registered architect or engineer shall notify the State Fire Marshal's Office or the appropriate local fire code enforcement authority or appropriate local fire marshal in writing 21 days before the grandstand(s) are 80% complete so that an inspection can be scheduled and conducted and again 21 days before the grandstand(s) are 100% complete. A certificate of occupancy shall be issued upon compliance with all construction standards. A fee as specified in O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-4.1 will be charged for the certificate of occupancy.

(2) Existing Grandstands: Existing grandstands shall be thoroughly inspected by a representative of the State Fire Marshal's Office or the appropriate local fire code enforcement authority or appropriate local fire marshal. This inspection shall be for the purpose of determining if the grandstand(s) meet the requirements of NFPA 102 as specified in Chapter 120-3-3. If determined necessary by the inspector, the owner/operator of the facility shall be notified to have the grandstands inspected by a Georgia registered architect or engineer at the owner's/operator's expense. When an architect's or engineer's inspection is required, the owner/operator shall forward a written report of the architect's or engineer's findings to the State Fire Marshal's Office or the appropriate local fire code enforcement authority or appropriate local fire marshal for review. All discrepancies noted in the grandstands shall be corrected to comply with the requirements of this regulation.

(3) All uprights and supports shall be free of dry rot and cracking. The foundation(s) shall be of concrete and steel frame. The grandstand area shall be properly maintained at

