

INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT[481]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rulemaking related to fire control administration
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing hereby proposes to amend Chapter 280, “Fire Control Administration,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 10A.511.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 10A.511.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking proposes the repromulgation of subrule 280.8(2). Iowa Code section 10A.511 requires that the Department adopt rules regarding fire hazards or fire safety or protection in any establishment, building, or structure. Subrule 280.8(2) was mistakenly revised during the Red Tape Review of Chapter 280. This proposed rulemaking implements Iowa Code section 10A.511 by returning subrule 280.8(2) to its previous form.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 7, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- January 27, 2026

The Department received no public comments.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 481—Chapter 6.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 24, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rulemaking may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind subrule 280.8(2) and adopt the following **new** subrule in lieu thereof:

280.8(2) The following chapters and sections of the International Building Code, 2024 edition, published by the International Code Council, as amended by rule 481—301.3(10A):

- a.* Chapter 2.
- b.* Chapter 3.
- c.* Chapter 4.
- d.* Chapter 5.
- e.* Chapter 6.
- f.* Chapter 7.
- g.* Sections 804 and 805.