



## MONROE FIRE DISTRICT #3

### Fire Prevention Division

# OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION

## TITLE / SUBJECT: LP-GAS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

CODE: International Fire Code (IFC), 2003 Edition

Authority: IFC 104.1

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### Background:

The definition of an LP-Gas system as specified in the International Fire Code is not clear. IFC 105.7.8 requires that “a construction permit is required for installation of or modification to an LP-gas system.” Although Section 3801.1 refers to NFPA 58 as a reference and requires that LP-Gas storage, handling and transportation and installation of LP-Gas equipment comply with NFPA 58, Chapter 38 of the IFC does not define an LP-Gas system. The term “system” is defined in Section 2702.1; however, that definition does not relate well to the methods in which LP-Gas is utilized.

Additionally, it is confusing for LP-Gas distributors and applicants using this code to determine if permits are required based on capacity of the LP-Gas container. It is the intention of this interpretation to render a permit threshold for construction permits.

### Interpretation:

- This jurisdiction shall utilize NFPA 58 (current edition) to define an LP-Gas System.
- Construction permits shall only be required of installations of containers > of > 1000 lb water (> 119 gallons water) capacity. Non-container LP-Gas system components shall require permits as specified in the IFC.

### Net Effect:

With respect to LP-Gas Permit requirements, the net effect of this Interpretation is as follows:

- Construction Permits are required in the City of Monroe for the installation of or modification to an LP-gas container of >119 gallons water capacity.
- This interpretation does not modify or lessen the requirements of Section 105.6.28 (LP-Gas Operational Permits).