

3.02 Fire Alarm Annunciation (2025)

Reference: 2025 San Francisco Fire Code Sections 907.6.3 - 907.6.4.4; SFFD Administrative Bulletins 2.01, 3.01, 3.05, and 3.08; 2025 NFPA 72

Purpose: To provide information and guidance about fire alarm systems and to set forth interpretations, rules, and supplemental regulations to carry out the application of the pertinent codes and standards. This bulletin is designed to clarify the San Francisco Fire Department's requirements for annunciation and when an LED annunciation is required.

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **Zoning Requirements.** The following conditions shall apply for zoning, depending on the type of fire alarm control unit [FACU] (Exceptions under 2025 CFC 907.6.3 are not permitted):
 - A. **Conventional Fire Alarm Control Unit.** Each floor shall be annunciated at the FACU, and separate zoning is required on each floor of the building. It is required for all initiating devices of each floor to be zoned, but it is not required for notification appliances to be separately zoned. Buildings with large floor areas or unusual designs (i.e. area separation walls) may require additional zoning on a case-by-case basis as required by SFFD.
 - B. **Addressable Fire Alarm Control Unit.** Each initiating device shall be annunciated at the FACU. It is not required for notification appliances to be separately zoned, except for buildings with partial evacuation or relocation of building occupants in accordance with 2025 SFFD Administrative Bulletin 3.05.
2. **LED Annunciator Requirements.** When the total number of floors/levels (above and below grade including basements) in the building is five (5) or more, an LED (light emitting diode) or graphic annunciator panel shall be required in an approved location in accordance with SFFD 2025 Administrative Bulletin 3.01.

Notes:

1. **Case-By-Case.** The San Francisco Fire Department may require zoned (LED – Matrix or Graphic type) annunciation on a case-by-case basis per SFFD 2025 Administrative Bulletin 2.01.
2. **Pre-Application Meeting.** The applicant may request to have a pre-application meeting with SFFD to discuss specific projects/designs on a case-by case basis.