

4.09 Removal of Class II Standpipe Hose Cabinets in Sprinkler Retrofitted Buildings (2025)

Reference: 2025 CFC Section 901.8.

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **Existing High-Rise Buildings.** 2025 SFFC Section 901.8 requires written approval from the fire code official in order to remove any existing fire appliances or equipment. In order to speed the permit process, existing high-rise buildings will be permitted to remove Class II Standpipe hose cabinets on individual floors only after they have been fully sprinklered. The applicant shall state his or her intention to remove the hose cabinets on the approved sprinkler plans.
2. **Approved Fire Only Permit.** Removal of Class II standpipes requires a fire only permit by a C-16 contractor or qualified engineer.

To request removal of hose cabinets a letter on business letterhead shall be written to the SFFD Fire Marshal requesting removal of hose cabinets. The letter shall list all permit number(s) under which the sprinkler system was installed under. The letter shall be delivered or mailed to:

*San Francisco Fire Department
Attn: Fire Marshal
698 2nd Street Room 109
San Francisco, CA 94107*

The Fire Department will verify the sprinkler permit(s) has been completed and a fire inspector will do an onsite inspection. If it is determined that the building is fully sprinklered a letter from the Fire Marshal approving the removal of the hose cabinets will be issued.

The approval letter must be submitted as part of the construction plans to remove the hose cabinets. At minimum, the plans must show the locations of the standpipe outlets and by what means they are being removed.