



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**FPB POLICY
H-09-13**

**FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS CABINETS NOT IN
COMPLIANCE WITH THE 2007 CALIFORNIA
FIRE CODE, CHAPTER 34**

I. PURPOSE

This policy is intended to establish a time frame for replacing or retrofitting flammable liquids cabinets to comply with the self-closing and latching requirements per California Fire Code 3404.3.2.1.3.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to existing cabinets that do not comply with either Section 3404.3.2.1.3 of the 2007 California Fire Code or the code that was in effect when it was purchased.

III. DEFINITIONS

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS CABINET: A cabinet meeting the requirements of the 2007 CFC 3404.3.2.

IV. TIMELINE FOR EXPIRATION OF NON-COMPLIANT FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS CABINETS

When the code requires the flammable liquid containers to be stored in storage cabinets, those cabinets shall meet the requirements of Section 3404.3.2.1.3 of the 2007 CFC or the code in effect when the cabinet was purchased.

Cabinets in use prior to the date of this policy that do not meet the requirements of Section 3404.3.2.1.3 of the 2007 CFC for self-closing and latching will continue to be accepted. After January 1, 2012, cabinets not in compliance with the 2007 CFC or the code in effect when they were purchased can no longer be used to meet the requirements of the fire code when flammable liquids are required to be stored in storage cabinets.

After January 1, 2012, cabinets that have not been brought into compliance shall have the word flammable removed from the front of the cabinet. It will be replaced by a 6"X6" NFPA 704 placard with the appropriate numbers on it. This will serve to identify to the business and the fire inspector that the cabinet can no longer be used for any code benefit, i.e.; quantity double.

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