11-7-1973

Letter from J.G. Degenkolb to D.D. Pearsall

J.G. Degenkolb

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.wpi.edu/ms055-02-0012

Part of the Entrepreneurial and Small Business Operations Commons

Recommended Citation
Retrieved from: https://digitalcommons.wpi.edu/ms055-02-0012/10

This Other is brought to you for free and open access by the MS055-02 Statitrol Records at Digital WPI. It has been accepted for inclusion in MS055-02-0012 Correspondence - Degenkolb, John G. by an authorized administrator of Digital WPI. For more information, please contact digitalwpi@wpi.edu.
November 7, 1973

George Clark
Pyrotronics
8 Ridgedale Road
Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927

Duane Pearsall
Statitrol
140 South Union
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

I regret to inform you that Southern did NOT recommend adoption of the code change to require smoke detectors sensing visible or invisible particles of combustion for one and two family dwellings.

What they did adopt was this:

"Every dwelling unit within an apartment house, condominium, townhouse, dormitory, etc. (not precise wording) shall be provided with a minimum of one approved listed smoke detector sensing visible or invisible particles of combustion installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and listing. When actuated, the detector shall provide an alarm suitable to warn the occupants within the individual dwelling unit."

According to Bob Sullivan of Southern, the long discussion resolved into the argument that a man's home is his castle, and he shouldn't be forced to put in a smoke detector - or something along that line of argument.

Next year I will re-submit for dwellings and I propose to submit such a change for the 1 and 2 family dwelling code which is sponsored by Basic, Southern, Uniform and National. John Jablonski of National tells me he will have the requirement in the 1974 National Building Code.

The High Rise provisions went through and calls for detectors in mechanical equipment rooms and in return air portions of every air conditioning and mechanical ventilation system serving other than the floor on which the equipment is located.
The requirement that doors between rooms and corridors, doors in smoke barriers, horizontal exits, stairway enclosures, etc. be self-closing and be so maintained or be automatic closing by smoke detection was approved.

The requirement for sprinklering institutional occupancies and permit substitution of smoke detectors in surgeries, intensive care units, patient sleeping rooms of under 600 sq. ft. area, etc. was not accepted but is being considered for further study under a change submitted by the State of Virginia.

The Hi Rise Committee will continue to meet. Since apartments require smoke detectors, would it be in order to suggest elimination of sprinklers in apartments if the detectors are connected to an annunciator panel? The idea was supported by New York City, but will run into trouble otherwise. What are your thoughts?

Sincerely,

JOHN G. DEGENKOLB

JGD: mfh