



CITY OF BUCKEYE
Fire Department

RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES
IFC 2012 Chapter 9 section 405, 907
Annual Inspection Fee Required

Adult Care Homes: A residential care institution licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services, which provides supervisory care, personal care, or custodial care services to not more than 10 adults who are unrelated to the manager or owner of the home and who requires the assistance of not more than one (1) person to walk or to transfer from a bed, chair, toilet, but who are able to self-propel a wheelchair.

R-4 Occupancy Definition: R-4 Residential occupancies shall include buildings arranged for occupancy as residential care/assisted living homes including not more than 10 occupants, excluding staff.

Zoning Ordinance: *City of Buckeye Development Code*

R-4 Occupancy Requirements: Certificate of Occupancy, residential sprinkler system (Modified 13D), emergency lighting, fire alarm system, two exit doors not less than 36" pivoted or side hinged, swing type. Thresholds at doorways shall not exceed ½ inch for swinging type doors.

Means of Egress Identification: The path of exit travel to and within a building shall be identified by exit signs. Exit signs shall be located as necessary to clearly indicate the direction of egress travel.

Egress Illumination: Anytime the building is occupied, the means of egress shall be illuminated at an intensity of not less than 1-foot candle at the floor level. In the event of a power failure, means of egress illumination shall be automatically provided from an emergency system.

Emergency Escape: Every sleeping room shall be provided with emergency escape or rescue facilities.

Fire Alarm Systems: An approved automatic and manual alarm system shall be provided. Offsite monitoring shall be provided by a licensed company.

Fire Sprinkler System: An approved automatic fire sprinkler, meeting the City of Buckeye requirements for Modified 13D. All Residential Care Facilities are required to have Automatic Fire Sprinklers.

Fire Extinguishers: Provide one (1) portable fire extinguisher minimum rated 2A-10BC. Travel distance from any point in the building not to exceed 75 feet.



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Three (3) complete sets of the following are necessary to meet Residential Care Facility Permit Submittal Requirements:

- Complete Permit Application with two (2) copies of the following:
 - Plot plan with dimensions
 - Building floor plan indicating each room use
 - Window sizes
 - Door sizes indicating direction of travel
 - Delayed submittals for fire sprinklers and fire alarm plans (installing contractor required to submit)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Buckeye Fire Marshal Nate Ryan at 623-349-6759.