




**COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Division of the Fire Marshal**  
**Administrative Ruling**



<b>Number:</b>	2021-2		
<b>Subject:</b>	Tank Definition		
<b>References:</b>	<i>Ordinance 18-50, Fire Prevention Code and Standards, Section 202 General Definitions, Tank</i> <i>2015 International Fire Code, Section 202 General Definitions, Tank</i>		
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**PURPOSE:** This ruling aims to clarify the intent and definition of the word tank.

**SCOPE:** This ruling applies to the word tank. (Containers and cylinders do not fall within the definition of a tank.)

**DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE:** The City Council approved amendments to the *2015 International Fire Code*, Section 202 (General Definitions), as stated within Ordinance 18-50, Fire Prevention Code and Standards, defines a tank as:

*Any normally open or normally closed vessel having a capacity greater than 60 gallons (230 L) intended for storing or processing (but not transporting outside the facility) Class 1 liquids, and equipped with provisions for emergency venting.*

This amended definition limits a tank to a non-portable vessel only for storing and processing a Class 1 liquid. It ineffectively eliminates the storage of Class II and Class III liquids from the equation.

Additionally, because the *2015 International Fire Code* contains definitions specific to portable, stationary, and vehicle tanks and lists requirements for the emergency venting of tanks, an amended definition is unnecessary.

**DECISION:** The amendment to the definition of the word, tank, is rescinded. The definition of a tank reverts to the 2015 International Fire Code and is:

**TANK.** A vessel containing more than 60 gallons (227 L).