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Fire Safety Inspections

New Construction:

The Fire Inspector evaluates compliance with Minnesota State Fire Code requirements in new construction projects and is involved throughout the construction process from pre-construction meetings to issuing the Certificate of Occupancy.

The Fire Inspector works closely with the developer, the building official and other city officials during pre-construction meetings. Fire code requirements for items such as access roads, fire hydrant locations, sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, special structural requirements and other items are evaluated based on the use of the building. Building plans are then submitted to the Building Official and reviewed prior to construction to evaluate code compliance. During construction, the Fire Inspector inspects fire suppression systems, fire alarm systems, special

fire suppression systems, exit and emergency lighting and the means of egress to ensure code compliance. These systems must also pass acceptance testing prior to the Building Official issuing the Certificate of Occupancy.

Existing Construction:

The Fire Inspector and Fire Prevention & Education officer conduct scheduled inspections in existing buildings to ensure ongoing compliance with Minnesota State Fire Code requirements. Special inspections are also conducted upon request or upon being notified of a possible fire code violation. During fire inspections, the entire building is thoroughly inspected to evaluate code compliance. If violations are noted, a follow-up inspection is conducted to verify the violations identified have been corrected satisfactorily.

The Fire Prevention & Education officer will also schedule meetings and drills to go over evacuations, drills, trainings, and tips on how to make your building safe or what to do in an emergency.

The Inspector also conducts fire inspections in local daycare facilities when requested by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Inspections are conducted prior to licensing or upon special request.