

9.02 FIRE DEPARTMENT

(9) Fire Inspector; Duties

(a) The Chief shall hold the office of Fire Inspector, with power to appoint one or more deputy/designee fire inspectors, who shall perform the same duties and have the same powers as the Fire Inspector.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief to provide for the inspection of every public building and place of employment to determine and cause to be eliminated any fire hazard or any violation of any law relating to fire hazards or to the prevention of fires. Inspections shall be done to the extent required by Wis. Stat. sec.101.14, and Chapter SPS 314, Wisconsin Administrative Code. The Fire Chief or designee shall further make and keep on file written reports of such inspections as may be required by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

(1) Inspections conducted under 9.02(9)(b) shall be made at least once per calendar year. The intervals between inspections shall not exceed 15 months.

(c) Whenever any City inspection by the Fire Chief or deputies/designee reveals a violation of this code, the Chief or deputies/designee shall serve notice in writing upon the owner, operator, occupant, or other person responsible for the condition or violation, giving a reasonable time in which to correct the violation. Any person who fails to comply with an abatement notice or other corrective orders shall be in violation of this Code and subject to the penalties under Chapter 9.02(12). The Fire Chief or deputies/designee shall have the authority to have a hazardous condition abated by the City and the cost of such abatement may be recovered in an action by the City against the owner of the property, and shall be a lien against such property.

(1) It shall be the discretion of the Chief or deputies/designee to place violations into a category based on severity of the violation. Any warnings or citations that are issued shall follow the classification requirements for correction.

(1a) Class A Violations: Violations that shall be remedied within 24 hours.

Exit blocked or locked; Fire Alarm System shut down; Sprinkler System shut down; any imminent fire danger; etc.

(2a) Class B Violations: Violations that shall be remedied within 15 days.

Fire Alarm / Sprinkler System Annual Inspection Test Maintenance not conducted within 12 months. Recurring exit sign / emergency light not maintained; etc.

(3a) Class C Violations: Violations that shall be remedied between 30 and 180 days.

Fire extinguisher annual maintenance past due; exit sign illumination, etc.

~~(d) The Chief shall keep such inspection records as required by State law or administrative rule.~~

(e) (d) No person shall deny the Chief or deputies free access to any property within the City at any reasonable time for the purpose of making fire inspections. No person shall hinder or obstruct the fire inspector or deputies in the performance of their duties or refuse to observe any lawful direction given by them.