

INSPECTION CHECKLIST

You can use this checklist to help you prepare for your inspection.

- Address Numbers Clearly Visible
- Portable Fire Extinguisher/s Installed, serviced and inspected
- Fire Suppression System installed and serviced (annual requirement)
- Smoke Detector/Alarms Installed
- Emergency Egress Escapes are marked and adequate
- Entry/Exit door Suitable
- Electrical Panel is unobstructed and in good working order
- Extension Cords/Multi-plug adapters removed

Additional requirements may apply, depending on the type and size of the establishment. Contact the City of Fredericksburg Fire Marshall, for more information on any of these items.

APPLICABLE CODES

The City of Fredericksburg has adopted the 2015 International Fire Code and NFPA 101 Life Safety code. The following codes are the source of the requirements stated in this brochure.

Address Numbering:

2015 International Fire Code Section 505

Portable Fire Extinguishers:

2015 International Fire Code Sections 906 and 904

Fire Suppression Systems

2015 International Fire Code Section 903 and 904

Smoke Detectors/Alarms:

2015 International Fire Code Section 907

Emergency Egress:

2015 International Fire Code Chapter 10

Electrical Panel:

2015 International Fire Code Section 605

Extension Cords and Multi-Plug Adapters:

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BED AND BREAKFAST FIRE INSPECTION GUIDELINES



What commercial cooking establishments need to know about Fire Inspections in Fredericksburg



Electrical Panel

Breaker and/or Fuse boxes will need to be in good working order. The circuits will need to be individually labeled and any empty space needs to have a blank cover installed. All plug, switch and/or electrical boxes will need to have a cover installed not to allow dust accumulation or accidental electrocution. There must be a working space of 30 inches in width, 36 inches in depth and 78 inches in height in front of all electrical service equipment..



Extension cords and multi-plug adapters

Any appliance being powered by the use of an extension cord needs to have a permanent outlet installed. In some cases it may be advisable to have an electrician permanently lengthen the appliances electrical cord. In areas where multiple outlets are needed, power strips equipped with a breaker/fuse can be used. Multiplug adapters such as cube adapters, unfused plug strips or any other device not complying with NFPA 70 are prohibited.



Smoke Detector/Alarms

An approved fire alarm system installed in accordance with the adopted code and NFPA 72 shall be installed in all new buildings and structures. If a fire alarm system is installed in a pre-existing business, it is required to be operational and properly serviced and inspected.



Emergency Escapes

Two means of Egress are required for any room used for sleeping purposes. One mean of egress is obtained through the normal entry/exit. The second would be a window or secondary door leading out of the room. Window or doors must be fully functional and meet a minimum size requirement. The clear open space of windows at grade level (first floor in most cases) must have a minimum open space of 5 square feet and 5.7 for windows above grade level. This can be measured by fully opening the window, measuring and multiplying the length by the width of the open space. This will give you the square feet of the opening. Minimum opening height of a window is 24 inches and minimum widths of 20 inches.



Entry/Exit doors

One exit door must comply with the following information for a structure to be considered habitable. The exit door will need to be a minimum of 3ft in width 6ft 8inches in height and hinged from the side. No special tools or keys can be used to make egress through the door. Deadbolt locks are suitable in most cases as long as they can be easily unlocked without a key from the inside of the structure.



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Address Numbers:

To better help local Emergency Service workers find locations quickly, address numbers should be clearly visible from the street at all times. Numbers should contrast with the background they are mounted on and have a minimum size of four inches in height with a half inch brush stroke.



Portable Fire Extinguishers and Fire Suppression Systems

A minimum 2a-10bc (5lb) type fire extinguisher needs to be installed on each floor of all occupancies. The extinguisher must be mounted in a conspicuous location that's easily accessible. Class K Fire extinguishers must be installed within 30 feet of commercial cooking equipment. Extinguishers need to be inspected annually by a licensed operator.



Inspections

For questions concerning your inspection, please call the Building Official at 830-997-7521.

