

Fire Inspection Basics

- A. Scheduling: Fire Inspections are performed annually on commercial buildings, and courtesy home safety/surveys are available upon request.
- B. Occupancy Classification: A building's occupancy classification determines how it can be used (i.e. office space, restaurant, hotel, etc.)
- C. Fire Extinguishers: One fire extinguisher is required for every 75 feet of travel distance. Requirements can vary depending on type of occupancy.
- D. Exit Signs: Signs and lighting are required for all exits. This helps occupants safely exit the building in an emergency.
- E. Means of Egress Illumination/Emergency Lighting: Illumination is required in all exit access corridors, and is recommended in all rooms, and areas that are subject to darkness in the event of electrical power failure.
- F. Type 1 Hood/Vent: A type 1 hood is required for all commercial type cooking operations (i.e. restaurants, assembly type community halls, etc.) that produce grease laden vapors. A type 1 hood is designed to exhaust cooking vapors and provides an extinguishing system to prevent a cooking fire from spreading to other parts of the business and/or building.

For additional assistance with any Fire/Safety questions, concerns, code interpretations or to request a courtesy safety/survey please contact the City of Hillsboro Department of Public Safety Fire Marshal or local Fire Dept.

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