
Municipality of Cumberland Policy FS12-01

Fire Inspection Policy

1. This Policy is entitled the “Fire Inspection Policy”.
2. The Municipality of Cumberland recognizes that pursuant to section 19 of the Nova Scotia Fire Safety Act, a system of fire inspections must be established to provide compliance with that Act and the Fire Safety Regulations. The purpose of this Policy is to establish a system of fire inspections that complies with Section 19 of the Act and Regulations and that recognizes the Municipality’s resources, geography and priorities, based upon a risk analysis.
3. In this Policy:
 - a) **Assembly Occupancy (Group A)**, means the Assembly Occupancy as defined in the National Building Code of Canada (2010), as amended from time to time.
 - b) **Residential Occupancy (Group C)**, means a Residential Occupancy as defined in the National Building Code of Canada (2010), as amended from time to time.
 - c) **Business And Personal Service Occupancy (Group D)**, means a Business and Personal Service Occupancy as defined in the National Building Code of Canada (2010), as amended from time to time.
 - d) **Mercantile Occupancy (Group E)**, means a Mercantile Occupancy as defined in the National Building Code of Canada (2010), as amended from time to time.
 - e) **Industrial Occupancy (Group F)**, means an Industrial Occupancy as defined in the National Building Code of Canada (2010), as amended from time to time.
 - f) **Municipal Fire Inspector**, means a person appointed by the Municipality as a Municipal Fire Inspector pursuant to Fire Safety Act.
 - g) **Fire Safety Act (the “Act”)**, means “An Act to Promote and Encourage Fire Safety”, Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2002, Nova Scotia, as amended from time to time, and any other successor legislation.
 - h) **Fire Safety Regulations(the “Regulations”)**, means the Regulations Respecting Fire Safety made by the Governor in Council pursuant to Section 51 the Fire Safety Act.
 - i) **Council**, means the Council of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland.
4. Pursuant to Section 19 of the Fire Safety Act, Council shall appoint one or more Municipal Fire Inspectors, who shall carry out the System of Municipal Fire Inspections set out in section 5 herein, in

accordance with the requirements of the Fire Safety Act and Fire Safety Regulations. If, due to human resource limitations or operational demands, the Inspection Schedule is not met, that fact shall be reported to Council, which shall reconsider the Schedule and/or resource allocations.

5.

Occupancy Class	Inspection Schedule
Assembly Occupancy (Group A)	Every 3 years as per Section 13 and 14.1 of the Fire Safety Regulations. Also upon written request of the owner or tenant or if the Fire Inspectors deem that a more frequent inspection is required.
Residential Occupancy - 4 Units and over (Group C)	Inspected every three (3) years unless a written request is received from the owner or the Fire Inspectors deem that a more frequent inspection is required.
Residential Occupancy - 3 units and under (Group C)	Inspected upon written request from the owner or tenant or if the Fire Inspectors deems that an inspection is required.
Business and Personal Services Occupancy (Group D)	Inspected every five (5) years unless a written request is received from the owner or tenant or the Fire Inspectors deem that a more frequent inspection is required.
Mercantile Occupancy (Group E)	Inspected every five (5) years unless a written request is received from the owner or tenant or the Fire Inspectors deem that a more frequent inspection is required.
Industrial Occupancy (Group F)	Inspected every Four (4) years unless a written request is received from the owner or tenant or the Fire Inspectors deem that a more frequent inspection is required.

Clerk's Annotation for Official Policy Book

Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to Consider (7 days minimum): May 16, 2012

Date of Passage of Current Policy: June 13, 2012

I Certify that this Fire Inspection Policy FS12 - 01 was adopted by Council as indicated above.


 Municipal Clerk


 Date Sept 24, 2012

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