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Spokane Valley Fire Department (SVFD) Notice

Attention Partners in Fire Safety:

The Spokane Valley Fire Department sends out general information to contractors working in our jurisdiction and makes this information available on our website. This is to address issues that have come up, provide information on code changes or policy changes, and to inform contractors about upcoming items. If you have any questions on the information presented here, please contact our office.

Current Fire Codes

The City of Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, and Spokane County adopted the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC) with State amendments on July 1, 2016. The NFPA Standards referenced in that code are the version at the time of publication (i.e., NFPA 13-2013, NFPA 72-2013).

Due to Covid-19 the State of Washington has delayed the implementation of the State Amended Codes until February 1, 2021. At that time the 2018 International Fire Code will apply along with the NFPA Standards referenced in the 2018 IFC; the version at the time of publication (i.e., NFPA 13-2016, NFPA 72-2016).

New Requirements Effective December 1, 2020

Due to the increasing number of submittal reviews required to approve and issue a permit combined with the increasing number of re-submittals for changes found in the field after permit issuance the permit fee schedule has been adjusted. The adjustments account for the amount of time necessary to accommodate the increased volume.

Review: The fees listed in the SVFD Fee Schedule cover the initial review and one resubmittal. Additional reviews will be assessed fees based on an \$88.00 hourly engineering review fee.

Issued Permits: Resubmittals that are received; either through a change discovered during an inspection by SVFD or revisions submitted by the contractor for other reasons; shall be assessed fees based on an \$88.00 hourly engineering review fee.

Re-Inspections, those beyond one for each test/inspection listed on the permit, will be assessed additional fees at \$75.00 per inspection. This would include inspections that were cancelled without advance notice; inspections that failed and required rescheduling along with projects with phasing that was not accounted for during the initial submittal. If project phasing is known at the time of initial submittal additional inspections can be accounted for at the time when fees are calculated.

Re-review fees and re-inspections fees may be paid online with a credit card on the Spokane Valley Fire Department website; located under Permits & Forms/Events &

Operational Permits.

Third Party Web-based Inspection Program – IROL

Just a reminder effective January 1, 2019 all Life Safety System inspection reports were to be submitted via the web-based portal to IROL. [<https://www.inspectionreportsonline.net/>] Service Providers need to register online at the above link, just click on “Service Provider” under “IROL Entities” then click “Register”. Our AHJ Number is: WAA11372.

Service Providers may continue to utilize their current inspection forms as they can be uploaded onto the site, along with any supporting documentation such as pictures. There will be a minimal fee of \$17.99 per report, a single report may cover multiple systems within a single building.

Please also remind building owners or their designated representative that this new platform meets the requirement that Life Safety System inspection reports be submitted to the local fire department per RCW 19.27.031 WAC 51-54A Section 107.3.

Electronic Permit Submittals

Due to Covid-19 all plan reviews are required to be submitted electronically as the Spokane Valley Fire Department administrative building is closed and staff is working remotely per the Governor’s and Health District requirements.

Submit via email to: Inspections@SpokaneValleyFire.com. A hyperlink is available on the SVFD website: www.SpokaneValleyFire.com under Permits & Forms/Electronic Plan Submittal and Review. You will receive an e-mail response acknowledging receipt of your submittal.

Permit Submittals (building, grading, plat related, etc.) shall utilize the following format for the Subject line:

- Building Permit Submittal – Address or Permit Number
- Grading Permit Submittal – Address or Permit Number (Grading permit number or associated plat number)
- Plat Submittal – Plat number (preliminary or final)
- Water Plan Submittal – Permit Number or project address

Calls for Inspections

To schedule an inspection call 509-892-4153 a minimum of 48-hrs in advance. Please provide the permit number and project address and indicate the type of inspection and desired day and time as well as contact information with name and phone number. If multiple inspections are desired each contractor will need to call in their own inspection; reference the day and time of the coordinated inspection.

Due to Covid-19 and the closure of the Spokane Valley Fire Department administrative building the inspectors are working remotely. Because of working remotely all inspections are being scheduled prior to noon.

Final installation forms are required for project closeout; the permit number shall be provided on the form or it will be returned and the permit will remain open. (Some commonly used forms are available on our website: www.spokanevalleyfire.com)

In closing, thank you for your continued cooperation, dedication, and commitment to safety. Spokane Valley is a safe city thanks to you and the conscientious professionalism you provide.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rogers".

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