

**ORDINANCE TO
AMEND SECTION 253-23(A), FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS OF THE
CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL ORDINANCES**

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FROM: PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 253-23(A) Fire protection systems is hereby amended as follows:

§ 253.23(A) Fire protection systems.

The following requirements are in addition to the requirement in IBC Section 901.

A. Application for permit; plans and specifications.

- (1) General. No person may install, erect or construct any fire alarm system or fire suppression system or add to, enlarge, move, improve, alter, convert, extend or demolish any fire alarm system or fire suppression system, or cause the same to be done, or commence any work covered by this chapter on any fire alarm system or fire suppression system without first obtaining a fire alarm/fire suppression system permit therefor from the Fire Department. Such permit shall be issued in the name of the owner/contractor.
- (2) Applications for fire alarm/fire suppression system permits shall be filed with the Fire Inspector in writing on a form to be furnished for that purpose. Such application shall describe the land and/or structure upon which the proposed installation or work is to be done by a general description which will readily identify and definitely locate the proposed installation or work and shall show the use or occupancy of all parts of the building and such other pertinent information as may be required by the Fire Inspector. The Fire Inspector or any inspector of the Fire Department shall, as a condition of granting a fire alarm/fire suppression system permit, have the right to enter the premises for which said permit was issued at any reasonable time during and throughout the course of such work and until final approval thereof has been granted, for the purpose of inspecting said premises and its compliance as to construction or use with all statutory and ordinance regulations in reference to the installation, modification, construction, repair, use and location of fire alarm/fire suppression systems.
- (3) Working plans and specifications showing the location of each component element of the proposed fire alarm system and/or fire suppression system, all drawings, manufacturer's cut sheet for devices, calculations, material approvals, manufacturer's listed installations and design manuals, pre-engineered design specifications, design specifications, and the manufacturer model and type of each component element of such systems shall accompany every application for a permit and shall be filed in duplicate with the Fire Inspector. If the installation involves a building meeting the criteria in § **SPS 361.30(3)**, Wis. Adm. Code, the submittal will require approved plans by the ~~Department of Safety and Professional~~

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~~Services-City of Watertown Fire Department.~~ However, the Fire Inspector may authorize the issuance of a permit without plans or specifications for minor or inconsequential work.

- (a) Plans submitted shall be drawn to scale ~~on substantial paper~~ and be submitted electronically via approved means. The submitted plans shall be working plans of sufficient clarity to indicate the nature and character of the work proposed and to show that the regulations which apply will be complied with. They shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and shall bear the name of the designer, professional engineer, contractor or other person who prepared them.
- (b) Specifications shall be in detail. Any specifications in which general expressions are used to the effect that "work shall be done in accordance with the IBC and SPS 316" or "to the satisfaction of the Fire Inspector" shall be deemed imperfect and incomplete, and every reference to the IBC and Ch. **SPS 316**, Wis. Adm. Code, shall be to the section or subsection applicable to the material to be used or to the method of construction proposed.
- (c) Automatic fire sprinkler system projects involving the alteration, addition or removal of fewer than 21 sprinklers in an already existing automatic fire sprinkler system must comply with the requirements of NFPA 1.
- (d) Alterations to and/or modifications of an existing fire alarm system and/or fire suppression system may not, at the discretion of the Fire Inspector, require a complete set of plans as set forth above; however, each such application for a permit shall include appropriate supporting documentation establishing that the proposed alterations/modifications comply with all appropriate codes, ordinances and standards.
- (e) For state-owned buildings, plans shall be approved by the appropriate state agency. A permit is required for said projects; a copy of the state plan approval letter is required as part of the permit application. The Fire Inspector shall inspect the fire protection systems in state-owned buildings. When a state agency specifies plan review and inspection by the City, a complete submittal is required.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

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