

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1-6

FIRE INSPECTION ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. Intent of Ordinance.

- 1) It is the intent of this Ordinance to enforce regulations consistent with national and state recognized fire protection codes.
- 2) The primary intent of the Ordinance will be the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion within the jurisdiction of the Adams County Fire Protection District.

SECTION 2. Adoption of Orders, Codes, Rules and SOGs.

The following orders and codes are hereby adopted by reference:

- 1) The following fire codes shall apply to all structures within the Adams County Fire Protection District including their applicable adopted reference standards and materials to the extent permitted by SPS 314.
 - a. SPS 314
 - b. NFPA 1
 - c. SPS 361-366
- 2) Whenever the provisions of the aforementioned codes conflict, the stricter interpretation shall apply.
- 3) Adams County Fire Protection District Fire Service Standard Operational Guidelines shall be adopted by reference herein.

SECTION 3. Authority to Enter Premises.

The Fire Chief or Fire Marshal, or any designated officer of the Adams County Fire Protection District Fire Service who presents credentials may inspect any property as allowed by statute for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. If the owner or occupant of the premises denies access to the property for this purpose, a special inspection warrant shall be obtained in accordance with Section 66.0119, Wis. Stats.

SECTION 4. Inspection of Buildings and Premises within the Jurisdiction of Adams County Fire Protection District.

- 1) The fire marshal shall ensure that all buildings and premises that fall under the purview of the fire department are inspected as often as may be necessary to ensure compliance of all codes listed in Section 2.
- 2) As a general guideline, the timeframe to inspect businesses within the jurisdiction of the Adams County Fire Protection District shall be:
 - a. Inspections within Adams County Fire Protection District shall be conducted at least once per calendar year. For businesses with a history of habitual violations, the Fire Marshal may deem it appropriate, for the safety of the public, to inspect certain businesses more frequently.
 - b. Penalties for non-compliance. The first fire inspection to any business is considered to fall under the State of Wisconsin's 2% dues program. However, any follow-up or subsequent inspections fall outside of the parameters of the 2% dues program. As such, if any noted fire code violations are not corrected within the timeframe noted on the inspection report, the Fire Chief shall send a reminder letter to the business at no additional charge. If the business still does not prove compliance by informing the fire service, and a subsequent visit by fire service

personnel is necessary, the fees for subsequent inspections shall be as provided for in the Adams County Fire Protection District Fire Service Inspection Fee Schedule. If there is no compliance after the third reinspection, the business owner will be referred to the State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services for potentially adverse actions.

- c. Adams County Fire Protection District Fire Service Inspection Fee Schedule:
 - i. 2nd Inspection: \$25.00
 - ii. 3rd Inspection: 25.00
 - iii. 4th Inspection: \$50.00
 - iv. 5th or Subsequent Inspection: \$100.00

SECTION 5. Orders to Correct Fire Code Violations.

Upon the inspection of any premises within the jurisdiction of the Adams County Fire Protection District, any violation of the codes cited in Section 2 shall be corrected within the specified amount of time as identified on the official fire department inspection report, or by correspondence from the fire chief or their designee.

SECTION 6. Code Compliance Responsibility.

Compliance of fire code violations shall ultimately lie with the building owner. The violations will be explained to the owner, the manager, or another available employee and a copy of the inspection report will be left with the individual the violations are explained to, or through correspondence from the fire chief or their designee.

SECTION 7. Fire Records and Reports.

The chief of the fire service shall ensure that a record of all fire inspections are maintained for a period of seven years in accordance with SPS 314.

SECTION 8. New Construction Permits.

1. Any new construction in the Adams County Fire Protection District shall be done with proper permitting from the municipality. At such time, the building inspector/municipal office will notify the Adams County Fire Protection District Fire Service of the new construction.
2. This tracking mechanism will allow any new construction within the Adams County Fire Protection District to be placed on the fire inspection list in an expeditious manner.

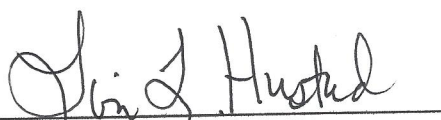
SECTION 9. Multi-Family Apartment Buildings.

1. Any multi-family apartment complex (3 or more) within the Adams County Fire Protection District must update their contact information when rental property is sold.
2. This procedure will be used to update inspection lists and contact information.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted by the Village Board this 6th day of January, 2025.


Antone Sindelar, Village President

Attest: 
Village Clerk/Treasurer