

## Chapter 24.01

### LINCOLN FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS

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#### **24.01.010 Definitions.**

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

**Administrative Authority** shall mean the Director of Building and Safety or his authorized representative.

**Director** shall mean the Director of Building and Safety or his authorized representative.

**Fire and Rescue Department** shall mean the Chief of the Fire and Rescue Department or his authorized representative.

**Fire Inspector** shall mean the Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention or his authorized representative.

**Bureau of Fire Prevention** shall mean a division within the City of Lincoln Department of Building and Safety.

**Fire suppression system contractor** or **contractor** shall mean any person who holds himself out as skilled in designing, planning, and superintending the installation, alteration, modification, and repair of automatic sprinkler systems, special hazard fixed piping fire control systems, automatic and manual water spray and deluge systems, standpipe systems, special extinguishing systems using carbon dioxide, foam, dry chemical, or inert gas, and any other such systems used for the control or extinguishment of fire, which person is engaged in contracting for such work with full responsibility of supervision, whether doing such work by himself or employing fire suppression system journeymen, apprentices, or helpers to assist him.

**Fire suppression system journeyman** or **journeyman** shall mean any person employed by a fire suppression system contractor, other than an apprentice or helper who, as his principal occupation, is engaged in the installation, alteration, and repair of fire suppression systems, and the supervision thereof.

**Fire suppression system contractor's apprentice or helper** or **apprentice** or **helper** shall mean a person other than a journeyman or a contractor who, as his principal occupation, is engaged in learning and assisting in the installation, repair, and alteration of fire suppression systems as an employee under the direct supervision and in the immediate presence of a contractor or a journeyman.

**Person** shall mean any natural person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind.

#### **Fire suppression systems.**

(1) Sprinkler systems shall mean automatic sprinkler systems, automatic manual spray or deluge systems, special fixed piping fire control systems using water, and standpipe systems. For the purpose of this chapter, standpipe systems shall mean a wet or dry system of piping, valves, outlets and related equipment designed to provide water at specified pressures and installed exclusively for the fighting of fires.

(2) Wet/dry chemical systems shall mean special fire extinguishing systems using foam or dry chemicals or both for the control or extinguishing of fire.

(3) Gas extinguishing systems shall mean special fire extinguishing systems using inert gases for the control or extinguishing of fire.

**Water system** shall mean the public water system of the City of Lincoln. (Ord. 18431 §1; August 23, 2004; prior Ord. 18170 §36; April 28, 2003; prior Ord. 16951 §147; March 11, 1996; Ord. 16318 §1; March 1, 1993; Ord. 14837 §23; February 29, 1988; Ord. 13045 §2; November 24, 1980).

#### **24.01.020 Registration Required.**

Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall engage in the business of designing, planning, or superintending the installation, alteration, modification, or repair of fire suppression systems, nor engage in contracting for such work without first having been registered as a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor under the provisions of this chapter; provided, however, the employees of a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor performing work for such contractor pursuant to and within the scope of work permitted by the following registration shall be deemed in compliance with this section.

(a) Registration under this chapter as a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system journeyman entitles the journeyman to install, alter, or repair the respective fire suppression system he or she is registered for in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Registration under this chapter as a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor's apprentice or helper entitles the apprentice to assist in the installation, repair, or alteration of the respective fire suppression system he or she is registered for under the direct supervision and in the immediate presence of the sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor or journeyman.

Registration under this chapter does not authorize the installation, repair, or alteration of plumbing or drainage for which a plumber's registration is required under this code. (Ord. 16318 §2; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §3; November 24, 1980).

#### **24.01.030 Application.**

Application for registration shall be made in writing in the office of the Administrative Authority upon blanks furnished by said authority, which shall show the name and residence of the applicant, the business location of the applicant, and such other information as required by the Administrative Authority to prove the competence of the applicant. (Ord. 13045 §4; November 24, 1980).

#### **24.01.040 Examining Board.**

There is hereby created an examining board to examine the qualifications of applicants desiring to be registered as a fire suppression contractor or journeyman. Such examining board shall consist of the Fire Inspector of the city, a representative of the Water System of the city, a sprinkler system contractor, a wet/dry chemical system contractor, a gas extinguishing system contractor, a registered mechanical engineer and the Chief Plumbing Inspector of the Plumbing Board of Examiners established in this code. The sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system and gas extinguishing system contractors shall be appointed by the Mayor, with City Council approval, to serve on the examining board for a term of three years and shall serve without pay. The Fire Inspector shall be the permanent secretary of the examining board and shall keep a record of all meetings. (Ord. 16318 § 3; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §5; November 24, 1980).

#### **24.01.050 Examining Board; Authority.**

Unless authority is specifically delegated to other boards provided by this code, the examining board shall, subject to the approval of the Mayor, adopt rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this code for the examination of applicants for registration under the provisions of this code. All decisions of the examining board shall be subject to review by the mayor upon written request of the aggrieved party. The examining board shall determine minimum

qualifications for applicants for registration based upon a point system as part of the rules and regulations and shall determine the nature of the examination to be given applicants for registration. (Ord. 13045 §6; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.060 Examination Required.**

Before the applicant shall be registered as a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor or journeyman, he shall pay an examination fee and submit to an examination to determine his fitness and competency to engage in the business, trade, or calling of a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor or journeyman, which examination shall be given by the examining board.

The examination for each type of fire suppression system contractor or journeyman will be given on the third Thursday of February, May, August, and November of each year. The application, on forms furnished by the Administrative Authority, along with the examination fee, shall be submitted at least two weeks prior to each examination. Upon the payment of the required registration fee, the applicant, after having by said examination shown himself to the satisfaction of the examining board to be fit, competent, and qualified to engage in the business, trade, or calling of a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical, or gas extinguishing system contractor or journeyman, as the case may be, shall be registered by the Administrative Authority, who shall deliver to said applicant the respective certificate of registration signed by said authority. Any applicant who fails to pass the required examination shall not be eligible to take the examination until six months have elapsed. (Ord. 16318 §4; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §7; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.070 Examining Board; Meetings.**

The examining board shall meet when deemed necessary at the call of the chairman. (Ord. 16318 §5; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §8; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.080 Registration of Corporations, Firms, or Partnerships.**

Any corporation, firm, or partnership may be registered hereunder as a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor in the name of such corporation, firm, or partnership; provided, that such corporation, firm, or partnership shall have a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor who has submitted to the examination given by the examining board and has thereby shown himself fit, competent, and qualified to engage in the respective business, trade, or calling of a contractor as a bona fide officer or manager of such corporation or a member of such firm or partnership, and who shall at all times be in actual charge of and be responsible for the installation or repair of any and all sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system work done by such corporation, firm, or partnership. Before a corporation, firm, or partnership shall be registered in its corporate, firm, or partnership name as a contractor, there shall be filed with the Administrative Authority a certificate from the examining board showing the fitness and competency of such officer or manager of such corporation or such member of such firm or partnership to engage in the business or calling of a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor; provided, further, that if after a certificate of registration is issued to such corporation, firm, or partnership, the contractor, as an officer or manager of the corporation or a member of the firm or partnership, shall withdraw therefrom and cease to be connected therewith, then and in that event the Administrative Authority shall forthwith revoke the certificate of registration of such corporation, firm, or partnership. A sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor

working for and covered by the insurance of a corporation, firm, or partnership registered under this section is not required to duplicate such coverage under his own insurance policy. (Ord. 16318 §6; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §9; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.090 Expiration of Registration.**

All registrations shall expire on the thirty-first day of May following the date thereof, and shall not be assignable. (Ord. 13045 §10; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.100 Suspension or Revocation of Certificate of Registration.**

The Mayor, after hearing as hereinafter specified and upon the recommendations of the Administrative Authority and a report from the examining board, shall have the power to suspend or revoke any fire suppression system contractor's or journeyman's certificate of registration if the same was obtained by error or fraud, or if the holder thereof is shown to be no longer qualified, or if such holder fails, neglects, or refuses to comply with the provisions of this code.

If suspension or revocation of a certificate of registration is recommended as above provided, the mayor shall cause written notice to be served upon the registered contractor or journeyman whose registration is recommended for suspension or revocation, setting forth a time and place for a public hearing. Upon the conclusion of such hearing, the mayor shall within thirty days thereafter render a written decision to such registered contractor or journeyman regarding suspension or revocation of his registration. Such written decision shall be served by mailing it to such registered contractor by certified mail at his last known business address or by personal service. If a certificate of registration is revoked, the holder of the same shall not apply for registration until one year after the date of such revocation. (Ord. 13045 §11; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.110 Renewal of Certificate of Registration.**

Certificates of registration at the time of their expiration may be renewed upon recommendation of the examining board and upon payment of the required annual registration fee. (Ord. 13045 §12; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.120 Lapsed Registration.**

Any person registered under the provisions of this chapter as a contractor or journeyman who does not renew his certificate of registration for a period of sixty days after the expiration of the same shall pay the examination fee required by this chapter for a contractor or journeyman, as the case may be, and shall submit himself to an examination by the examining board before such person can again be registered hereunder. (Ord. 16318 §7; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §13; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.130 Apprentice or Helper; Registration.**

No person shall engage in any sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system work as an apprentice or helper unless he has registered with the examining board as a contractor's or journeyman's apprentice or helper upon forms prescribed by the Administrative Authority. No registered contractor or journeyman shall employ any person as an apprentice or helper who is not so registered. No apprentice or helper shall be permitted to work at the installation, alteration, or repair of any sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system he or she is registered for except under the personal supervision and direction and in the presence of a contractor or journeyman registered for the same type of fire suppression

system. All apprentices or helpers, after having served four years at such trade, or having equivalent training, may apply for registration as a journeyman hereunder and take the required examination. (Ord. 16318 §8; March 1, 1993: prior Ord. 13045 §14; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.140 Registered Contractor or Journeyman Not to Permit Another Person to Work on his Certification.**

No registered contractor or journeyman shall allow his name to be used by another person, directly or indirectly, either to obtain a permit for the installation, repair, or alteration of any fire suppression system as hereinafter required, or to do any fire suppression system work; and if any registered contractor or journeyman violates this provision, the Administrative Authority shall forthwith recommend revocation of the certificate of registration issued to such person. In addition to having this certificate of registration revoked, such contractor or journeyman may be prosecuted under the penalty section of this chapter for such violation. (Ord. 16318 §9; March 1, 1993: Ord. 13045 §15; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.150 Registration and Examination Fee.**

The following shall be the fees charged in this chapter:

Sprinkler system contractor -- annual registration fee .....	\$100.00
Wet/dry chemical system contractor -- annual registration fee .....	100.00
Gas extinguishing system contractor -- annual registration fee .....	100.00
Sprinkler system journeyman -- annual registration fee .....	15.00
Wet/dry chemical system journeyman -- annual registration fee .....	15.00
Gas extinguishing system journeyman -- annual registration fee .....	15.00
Sprinkler system contractor's examination fee .....	40.00
Wet/dry chemical system contractor's examination fee .....	40.00
Gas extinguishing system contractor's examination fee .....	40.00
Sprinkler system journeyman's examination fee .....	40.00
Wet/dry chemical system journeyman's examination fee .....	40.00
Gas extinguishing system journeyman's examination fee .....	40.00

Sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas  
extinguishing system apprentice's registration fee . . . . . 15.00

Such fees shall be paid to the Department of Building and Safety. No fee shall be refunded. (Ord. 16318 §10; March 1, 1993: prior Ord. 13045 §16; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.160 Certificate of Insurance.**

Before any fire suppression system contractor as herein defined may be issued a permit under the provisions of this code, such contractor shall be required to:

(a) At all times maintain public liability insurance coverage for all claims arising out of all work in the City of Lincoln and within three miles of the corporate limits thereof done by or under the supervision of the contractor under the provisions of this code. Such insurance shall be in the form of a commercial or comprehensive general liability policy, or an acceptable substitute policy form as permitted by the City Attorney, with a minimum combined single limit of \$500,000.00 aggregate for any one occurrence on any job for which a permit is required under this code, provided the City of Lincoln shall be named an additional insured thereunder. The coverages required herein shall be subject to review and approval by the City Attorney for conformance with the provisions of this section.

(b) At all times keep on file with the Administrative Authority a current certificate of insurance signed by a qualified agent of an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Nebraska and approved by the City Attorney for conformance with the provisions of this section evidencing the existence of valid and effective policies of insurance naming the city as an additional insured for the coverage required by subsection (a) of this section, the limits of each policy, the policy number, the name of the insurer, the effective date and expiration date of each policy, the deductibles or self-insurance retainers of each policy, and a copy of an endorsement placed on each policy requiring thirty days notice by mail to the Administrative Authority before the insurer may cancel the policy for any reason, and upon request of the Administrative Authority or the City Attorney, a copy of any endorsements placed on such policies or the declarations page of such policies.

Expiration or cancellation of any insurance coverage required by this section shall constitute an automatic and immediate termination of the contractor's privilege to be issued permits under the provisions of this code, unless other insurance meeting the requirements of this section is provided and in full force and effect at the time of such expiration or cancellation. (Ord. 15930 §4; July 29, 1991: prior Ord. 13045 §17; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.170 Payment Bond.**

Before any master plumber or sprinkler system contractor, as defined herein, may be issued a permit to make excavations in the public ways of the city, such master plumber or sprinkler system contractor shall deposit with the Administrative Authority a \$5,000.00 payment bond. Said bond shall provide that the master plumber or sprinkler system contractor shall pay to the city the cost of refilling such excavation and replacing the surface thereof. Failure to keep charges for excavation backfills and resurfacing in accordance with Public Works and Utilities Department policy shall be grounds for withholding further permits of any kind until such backlog of charges are paid in full. (Ord. 16951 §149; March 11, 1996: prior Ord. 16318 §11; March 1, 1993: Ord. 13045 §18; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.180 Application for Permit.**

Every person, firm, or corporation desiring to install, alter, or remove any portion of a fire suppression system in any building or upon any premises shall on a form provided by the Administrative Authority make written application therefor to the Administrative Authority and attach detailed sets of plans and specifications of the entire fire suppression system in triplicate. Sprinkler system permits shall only be issued to registered sprinkler system contractors, wet/dry chemical system permits shall only be issued to registered chemical system contractors, and gas extinguishing system permits shall only be issued to registered gas extinguishing system contractors. The Administrative Authority shall refer any applications for a sprinkler system permit to the water system and the Fire and Rescue Department, and if approved by them as meeting all applicable requirements, shall issue a permit to install, alter, or remove such system and connect the same to the water system in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Title 17. Other fire suppression systems shall be approved by the Fire Inspector. (Ord. 18170 §37; April 28, 2003; prior Ord. 16318 §12; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §19; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.190 Plans and Specifications.**

Upon the granting of a permit, the Administrative Authority shall retain one set of the approved plans and specifications of the proposed fire suppression system. The Administrative Authority shall file such plans and specifications in his office. The applicant shall keep one set of approved plans and specifications at the site where the work is being done. (Ord. 13045 §20; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.200 Permit Fee.**

The following shall be the permit fees charged in this chapter:

Minimum Permit Fee .....	\$65.00
Sprinkler systems:	
Up to 5,000 sq. ft. coverage .....	65.00
Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof up to 50,000 sq. ft. ....	40.00
Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof over 50,000 sq. ft. ....	10.00
Partial sprinkler coverage:	
Per head .....	1.00
Underground .....	65.00
Standpipe systems:	
Each riser up to 4 inches .....	15.00
Each riser larger than 4 inches .....	25.00
Wet/dry chemical systems and gas extinguishing systems:	

First cylinder .....	65.00
Each additional cylinder .....	5.00
Reinspection fee (wrong address, work not complete, inaccessibility of equipment and equipment that does not pass inspection) .....	65.00

(Ord. 18431 §2; August 23, 2004: prior Ord. 16318 §13; March 1, 1993: Ord. 13045 §21; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.210 Rates for Service.**

The Director shall charge the following annual rates for the furnishing of water to fire suppression systems:

2-inch service line connection .....	\$ 15.00
3-inch service line connection .....	40.00
4-inch service line connection .....	75.00
6-inch service line connection .....	150.00
8-inch service line connection .....	225.00
10-inch service line connection .....	300.00
12-inch service line connection .....	400.00

The above rates are due in advance of service. (Ord. 16318 § 14; March 1, 1993: prior Ord. 13045 §22; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.220 Installation of System.**

(a) Each sprinkler system, including the supply pipe and post indicator valve, shall be installed as hereinafter provided at the cost and expense of the applicant. The location of the supply pipe and post indicator valve shall be designated by the Director upon the recommendation of the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

(b) Either a master plumber or a sprinkler system contractor, registered under this code in the City of Lincoln, may install the underground system supply line, which commences where the line connects to the tapping sleeve and valve on the city's water main and extends to the point where the line connects to the first check valve inside the building or premises. Only a registered sprinkler system contractor shall install, alter, or remove any portion of the sprinkler system from and including the installation of the first check valve inside the building or premises.

(c) The installation of a fire suppression system shall comply with the appropriate references found in the Lincoln Building Code, the Lincoln Fire Code, and the State of Nebraska fire regulations. The latest publication of the appropriate National Fire Protection Association pamphlets referenced in the above-mentioned codes shall apply unless amended in this code. (Ord. 16318 §15; March 1, 1993: prior Ord. 13045 §23; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.230 Post Indicator Valve.**

Each sprinkler system shall be provided with a post indicator valve of a make or pattern to be approved by the Administrative Authority, and shall be placed as designated by the Administrative Authority. (Ord. 16318 § 16; March 1, 1993: prior Ord. 13045 §24; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.240 Separate From Domestic Supply System.**

Each sprinkler system shall be entirely separate and apart from the general water supply or domestic water supply of the building or premises in which such system is situated, and the supply pipe shall be used exclusively for fire protection; provided, where the domestic supply is attached to the supply tank of any fire suppression system, such connection may be permitted if made in such manner as to allow a sufficient supply of water to be maintained in such tank at all times for fire protection; and provided, further, such connection may be permitted to a potable water supply system if adequate protection against possible backflow is assured by the installation of a backflow preventer device approved by the Director. A sprinkler system that incorporates an anti-freeze, foam, or other chemicals or other system deemed necessary by the Director shall also have a reduced pressure backflow preventer device. All fire suppression systems shall meet the backflow preventer requirements of Title 17 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. No fire suppression system shall be in any manner connected with any private water supply or water supply other than that furnished by the city when the water system is available. It shall be deemed available if the water system is located within 300 feet of the premises utilizing the fire system. (Ord. 13045 §25; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.250 Installation.**

No person, firm, or corporation shall install, alter, or repair a fire suppression system as herein provided until the appropriate permit is issued and the prescribed fee is paid. Where work for which a permit is required by this code is started prior to obtaining a permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled. No portion of a fire suppression system shall be concealed by any permanent portion of a building until inspected and approved by the Administrative Authority. (Ord. 16318 §17; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §26; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.260 Not to Make Changes Without Permit.**

Except as otherwise herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any premises on which there is located any fire suppression system to alter or extend such system or any part thereof, including the supply pipe connecting such system with the water system without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Administrative Authority. (Ord. 13045 §27; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.270 Plans and Specifications of Previously Installed Systems.**

The owner or occupant of any building or of any premises in which any fire suppression system has heretofore been installed shall file with the Administrative Authority detailed plans and specifications of such system, including any supply pipe connecting such fire suppression system with the water system within thirty days after having been requested to do so by the Administrative Authority. If, in the opinion of the Administrative Authority, such fire suppression system is defective, inadequate, improperly constructed, or a menace to the water system, he shall recommend such changes as are necessary, and shall notify the owner or occupant of the premises in which such fire suppression system is located, and in such notice shall fix a reasonable length of time in which to make the change therein specified. The owner or occupant of any premises in which there is a fire suppression system which constitutes a menace to the water system shall comply with such recommendation within the time specified. (Ord. 13045 §28; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.280 Permit for Extension.**

All equipment, appliances, and accessories to each fire suppression system shall be confined within the building or on the premises specified in the application for such system, and no fire suppression system shall be extended into any other building or upon any other premises than those specified in the application, unless special permission is obtained from the Administrative Authority. The Administrative Authority shall grant no permit for the extension of any fire suppression system into any building or upon any premises other than specified in the application, unless plans and specifications thereof have been furnished as provided in this code. (Ord. 16318 §18; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §29; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.290 System to be Kept in Repair.**

All fire suppression systems shall at all times be kept in good repair so as to cause no unnecessary waste or leakage of water, chemicals, or gases; and every owner or occupant of any building or premises in or on which there is installed any fire suppression system shall immediately, upon being notified by the Administrative Authority that such fire system is out of repair, cause the same to be repaired.

Each fire suppression system shall be tested by the appropriately registered sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor as specified in the referenced codes to assure proper operation and compliance with this code.

EXCEPTION: Vacant buildings, when all combustibles have been removed and all utilities have been disconnected and the building has been secured to the satisfaction of the Administrative Authority. (Ord. 16318 §19; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 § 30; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.300 Notice When Abandoned or Out of Order.**

When any fire suppression system, or any part thereof, is out of repair or not in operations or has been abandoned, the owner or occupant of the building in which such fire suppression system is contained shall immediately notify the Emergency Communications Center. (Ord. 16318 §20; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §31; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.310 Notice of Draining and Refilling System.**

When any fire suppression system is to be drained or refilled, notice shall be given the Emergency Communications Center. (Ord. 16318 §21; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §32; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.320 Disconnect Upon Failure to Pay Charges.**

The failure to pay the annual rate specified herein and in Section 24.01.210 of the Lincoln Municipal Code within ten days after the same becomes due, the failure to pay the cost of any installation, repair, or alteration by the water system of any fire suppression system, or the violation of any provision of this title shall be sufficient cause to disconnect any fire suppression system from the city water system. (Ord. 13045 §33; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.330 Detector Meter.**

The Director may order a detector meter installed on any fire suppression system, and it shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of the premises to install such detector meter within the time specified. Such detector meter shall be of the kind, size, and pattern approved by the Director. (Ord. 13045 §34; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.340 Access for Inspection at Reasonable Hours.**

The Administrative Authority and director shall be permitted at all reasonable times to inspect any fire suppression system or other water service, whether private or connected with the water system, together with all connections thereto, and shall be given access to the building and premises in which such fire suppression system is installed and all parts thereof for the purpose of making such inspection and may, if it is deemed necessary by the Director or Administrative Authority, put seals on any valve, hydrant, or other outlet of such fire suppression system. (Ord. 13045 §35; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.350 Nonliability on Part of City.**

The City of Lincoln, any of its departments, officers, agents, or inspectors shall not be liable in any manner for any change, alteration, or addition recommended or ordered to any fire suppression system, nor for the approval of any plan or specification, or the designation of any pattern or type of valve, accessories, or appliances to any fire suppression system; nor shall the ordering or recommending of any alteration or addition to any fire suppression system be construed as a guarantee of the sufficiency thereof; nor shall the issuance of any permit be construed as a guarantee of the sufficiency thereof; nor shall the issuance of any permit be construed as a guarantee of the sufficiency of the water supply for any such fire suppression system in any building or upon any premises; nor shall the City of Lincoln or the water system be liable for the failure to provide sufficient pressure or sufficient water supply to any fire suppression system; and every permit issued by the city shall be conditioned upon this section which is hereby made a part of each permit issued for all fire suppression systems. (Ord. 13045 §36; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.360 Testing of Fire Suppression System.**

(a) Upon the completion of the installation or alteration of the water system supply line and prior to the filling of the trench, the master plumber or registered contractor performing said work shall conduct a hydrostatic pressure test and flush of the exposed line in the presence of city inspectors, according to city standards. The Director and Administrative Authority shall be notified of the test at least twenty-four hours in advance of the time of said test. Upon the successful completion of the test, the master plumber or registered sprinkler system contractor shall protect the water system supply line by capping said line at the point where it joins the other portion of the fire suppression system until the entire fire suppression system is operable.

(b) Upon the completion of the installation or alteration of any other portion of a sprinkler system, the registered contractor performing said work shall conduct a hydrostatic pressure test and flush of the fire suppression system in the presence of city inspectors, according to city standards. The Director and Administrative Authority shall be notified of the time of the tests at least twenty-four hours in advance of the time of said test.

(c) Any time a hydrostatic pressure test is conducted of a fire suppression system, whether for insurance purposes or otherwise, the owner or occupant of the building in which such

system is located shall notify the Director and Administrative Authority at least twenty-four hours prior to the test so that they may, if they desire, have inspectors present during the test.

(d) Each sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system and gas extinguishing system shall be tested by a respectively registered contractor or journeyman as specified in this chapter. Reports of each fire suppression system test shall be filed with the Administrative Authority on forms furnished by the Administrative Authority. (Ord. 16318 §22; March 1, 1993; prior Ord. 13045 §37; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.370 Certificate of Completion.**

The registered contractor shall furnish to the Administrative Authority on forms approved and furnished by the Administrative Authority, a certificate of completion in which such contractor certifies that the work of installing, altering, or removing a fire suppression system has been completed in accordance with the city-approved plans and specifications for said fire system, and the required testing of the same has been accomplished in accordance with the said plans and specifications and with the applicable provisions of Titles 17, 19, and 20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code or any of the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. (Ord. 13045 §38; November 24, 1980).

**24.01.380 Penalty for Violations.**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not exceeding \$500.00 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding six months. Each person so convicted shall be fined in a sum of not less than \$200.00 for the first offense, not less than \$250.00 for the second offense, and not less than \$300.00 for the third offense and each offense thereafter. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder. (Ord. 18431 §3; August 23, 2004; prior Ord. 16318 §23; March 1, 1993; Ord. 13045 §39; November 24, 1980).