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Guide to Fire Protection and Life Safety for Business Owners/Managers

The Council for the City of Nanaimo has a goal to maintain a **safe community** and recently adopted Fire Protection and Life Safety Bylaw No. 7108 placing a number of responsibilities on owners/occupants and managers of public buildings.

Nanaimo Fire Rescue Department is committed to educating and working closely with local business and building managers assisting them in meeting regulatory fire and life safety requirements in an attempt to reduce injury and loss to life and property.

The commitment to fire and life safety is important for building owners and occupants. Your involvement is essential and we encourage you to review some of the changes below, as there may be monetary implications should your business fail to comply.

Most notably, you could be charged a \$100 service fee for the third and subsequent inspections should they be necessary. In order for you to avoid this fee, the deficiencies that had been noted on your previous inspection report:

- must be corrected before the second inspection is conducted (usually within two weeks of the first inspection)

or

- must be corrected and the completed report be emailed to flpd@nanaimo.ca or faxed to 250-753-5480. The report must be marked and signed by you as corrected or repaired.

Other changes to the Fire Bylaw you should be aware of include:

Section 17	<u>Fire Safety Plans</u>
Section 18	<u>Pre-Incident Plan</u>
Section 20	<u>Containers for Collection of Combustible Refuse</u>
Section 27	<u>Fire Protection Technician's Obligations</u>
Section 28	<u>Fire Alarm Systems</u>
Section 28(1)	<u>Contact Persons for Fire Alarm Systems</u>
Section 31 to 36	<u>Servicing and Maintaining Private Fire Hydrants</u>
Section 37	<u>Street Addressing</u>

Any questions, please contact the Fire & Loss Prevention Division of Nanaimo Fire Rescue at 250-753-7311.