

Section 905 - Fire Prevention Code

905.01 Codes adopted by reference. The Minnesota State Fire Code, as adopted by the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 299F.011, including all of the amendments, rules and regulations established, adopted and published from time to time by the Minnesota Commissioner of Public Safety, through the Fire Marshal Division is hereby adopted by reference. (Amended Ord. 2003-901)

905.03 Fires or barbecues on balconies prohibited. No person shall kindle or permit a fire or open flame on a balcony of any apartment, condominium or other similar structure or within 10 feet of such structure in a portable device used for heating, lighting or food preparation nor shall any person leave or otherwise store such a device on or in a balcony of any aforementioned structure. Exception: Listed electric or gas-fired barbecue grills that are permanently mounted and wired or plumbed to the building's gas supply or electrical system and that maintain a minimum clearance of 18 inches on all sides, unless listed for lesser clearances, may be installed on balconies and patios. (Revised Ord 99-826)

905.05 Bulk storage of hazardous materials prohibited. Bulk storage of above ground flammable or combustible liquids, liquefied petroleum gases or other hazardous materials shall be prohibited within the city. Bulk storage of explosives or blasting agents, above or below ground shall be prohibited within the city. The Chief shall promulgate regulations specifying what constitutes bulk storage of the substances and materials regulated by this section.

905.07 Premises identification. Subdivision 1. Unit or room directional identification. Directional signs shall be provided in buildings designated by the Chief at central floor locations to clearly show the direction to the unit or room. Such signs shall also be placed at hallway intersections. Lettering shall be plainly visible and have a contrasting background.

Subd. 2. Unit or room identification. Each unit or room shall be numbered or lettered with identification plainly visible in the corridor. Such identification shall have a contrasting background.

905.09 Violation. It is unlawful for a person to violate or fail to comply with the provisions of this code, or to fail to construct in compliance with the terms and conditions or specification of plans submitted and approved by the city or any certificates or permits issued for such purpose from which no appeal has been taken. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or be construed as a permit to continue. All such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violation or defects within a reasonable time to be established in writing by the Chief. Each day that such prohibited conditions are maintained is a separate offense.

905.11 Liability for Violations. When an inspection reveals violations of this Code, the Chief shall issue a Violation Notice to the occupant of the premises or the owner, or both. The Violation Notice shall be served in the manner specified in the Minnesota Uniform Fire Code. Correction of all violations listed on the Violation Notice is the responsibility of the party or parties receiving the notice. Failure to correct any violation described in the Violation Notice on or before the deadline stated therein shall constitute a misdemeanor by the occupant and by the owner to whom the Violation Notice was issued.

905.13 Fee Fire Inspections. A fee shall be charged for fire inspections. This fee will not apply to complaints on specific hazards. Such fee shall be collected from either the owner or the occupant who gets the inspection. The fee shall be in an amount established by City Council resolution. If there are no violations found or the violations are corrected by the end of the first re-inspection the fee shall be 50% of the established rate. If the violations are corrected by the end of the second re-inspection the fee shall be 100% of the established rate. If the violations are not corrected by the end of the second re-inspection the fee shall be 150% of the established rate. (Amended by Ord. #92-719)

905.15 Fee for Mandatory Fire Inspections. A fee shall be charged for fire inspections conducted because of a request from the business itself or an outside agency. This fee will not apply to complaints on specific hazards. Such fee shall be collected from either the owner or the occupant who needs the inspection. The fee shall be in an amount established by Council Resolution.

(Section 905 was amended in its entirety by Ord. No. 91-700)

(Amended by Ord. No. 99-826)