

ORDINANCE NO. _____

1 AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 24.01 of the Lincoln Municipal Code (Lincoln
2 Fire Suppression Systems) by amending Section 24.01.010 to replace the definition of
3 “Administrative Authority” with the definition of “Building and Safety”; amending Section
4 24.01.030 to delete references to Administrative Authority; amending Section 24.01.040 to delete
5 the Examining Board provisions, to provide qualifications for a Fire Suppression Journeyman and
6 Fire Suppression Contractor, and to provide that the Director shall determine the minimum
7 qualifications for applicants for registration based on a point system and shall approve the form and
8 content of any examination to be given to applicants; repealing Section 24.01.050, Examining
9 Board, Authority; amending Section 24.01.060 to delete references to examining board and
10 Administrative Authority; adding a new section numbered 24.01.065 to provide for the appeal of
11 an issued or denied registration certificate; repealing Section 24.01.070, Examining Board,
12 Meetings; amending Section 24.01.080 to delete actions required of the examining board and
13 references to Administrative Authority; amending Section 24.01.100 to change the process for
14 suspending or revoking a certificate of registration; amending Section 24.01.110 to provide renewal
15 of certificates of registration upon approval of the Director; amending Section 24.01.120 to provide
16 any person registered as a contractor or journeyman who does not renew his certificate of
17 registration for a period of 60 days after the expiration of the same may be required to submit him-
18 self to an examination by the Director before such person can again be registered; amending Section
19 24.01.130 to delete references to examining board and Administrative Authority; amending Section
20 24.01.140 to delete a reference to Administrative Authority; amending Section 24.01.150 to increase
21 registration and examination fees; amending Section 24.01.160 to delete references to
22 Administrative Authority; amending Section 24.01.180 to delete references to Administrative
23 Authority and Fire and Rescue Department; amending Section 24.01.190 to provide for a plan

1 review fee and to delete references to Administrative Authority; amending Section 24.01.200 to
2 increase permit fees and inspection fees and to provide double fees where work for which a permit
3 is required is started without a permit and to add provisions relating to permit expirations and
4 refunds; amending Section 24.01.220 to require a double check backflow preventer of all sprinkler
5 systems; amending Sections 24.01.230, 24.01.250, 24.01.260, 24.01.270, 24.01.280, and 24.01.290
6 to delete references to Administrative Authority; repealing Section 24.01.330, Detector Meter;
7 amending Sections 24.01.340, 24.01.360, and 24.01.370 to delete references to Administrative
8 Authority; and repealing Sections 24.01.010, 24.01.030, 24.01.040, 24.01.060, 24.01.080, 24.01.100,
9 24.01.110, 24.01.120, 24.01.130, 24.01.140, 24.01.150, 24.01.160, 24.01.170, 24.01.180, 24.01.190,
10 24.01.200, 24.01.220, 24.01.230, 24.01.250, 24.01.260, 24.01.270, 24.01.280, 24.01.290, 24.01.340,
11 24.01.360, and 24.01.370 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

12 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

13 Section 1. That Section 24.01.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
14 read as follows:

15 **24.01.010 Definitions.**

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

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

19 **Building and Safety** shall mean the Department of Building and Safety of the City of
20 Lincoln.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 **Fire suppression systems.**

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

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

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

30 **Water system** shall mean the public water system of the City of Lincoln.

1 Section 2. That Section 24.01.030 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
2 read as follows:

3 **24.01.030 Application.**

4 Application for registration shall be made in writing in the office of the ~~Administrative~~
5 ~~Authority~~ Director upon blanks furnished by said ~~authority~~ Director, which shall show the name and
6 residence of the applicant, the business location of the applicant, and such other information as
7 required by the ~~Administrative Authority~~ Director to prove the competence of the applicant.

8 Section 3. That Section 24.01.040 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
9 read as follows:

10 **24.01.040 Examining Board Qualifications.**

11 The Director shall determine the minimum qualifications for applicants for registration
12 based on a point system and shall approve the form and content of any examination to be given to
13 applicants.

14 The applicant for a Fire Suppression Journeyman Registration Certificate shall have at least
15 four years of practical experience in the design, layout, construction and/or installation of Fire
16 Suppression (Sprinkler, Wet/Dry Chemical and Gas Systems) materials and equipment.

17 An applicant, while regularly employed by a person, firm or corporation regularly engaged
18 in the installation of Fire Suppression equipment, shall receive one year practical experience credit
19 for each year of full time employment. The practical experience credited for part-time Fire
20 Suppression installations shall be determined by the Director.

21 An applicant graduating from a four year engineering course from an accredited college
22 or university will receive two years of practical experience credit required above.

23 An applicant completing a course of study, approved by the Director, in the design,
24 construction and installation of Fire Suppression equipment will receive one year of practical
25 experience credit required above.

26 A professional mechanical engineer registered in the state of Nebraska, will receive three
27 years of practical experience credit required above.

28 Fire Suppression education and training received from military service, extension courses,
29 adult education classes, etc., may account for practical experience credit at the discretion of the
30 Director.

1 The applicant for a Fire Suppression Contractors Registration Certificate shall be the
2 holder of a valid City, Building and Safety Suppression Journeyman Registration Certificate for at
3 least one year or shall be a graduate Mechanical Engineer from an accredited college or university
4 and have at least two years of practical experience in the planning, layout, supervising and installing
5 of Fire Suppression equipment, shall be a registered professional Mechanical Engineer in the State
6 of Nebraska or (NICET) National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies Level 3
7 or 4.

8 An applicant holding a valid Journeyman or Contractors Fire Suppression License or
9 Certificate, received by examination from another state or municipal governmental agency, shall be
10 entitled to take the equivalent respective City of Lincoln Journeyman or Contractor examination
11 without submitting any additional qualifications.

12 ~~There is hereby created an examining board to examine the qualifications of applicants~~
13 ~~desiring to be registered as a fire suppression contractor or journeyman. Such examining board shall~~
14 ~~consist of the Fire Inspector of the city, a representative of the Water System of the city, a sprinkler~~
15 ~~system contractor, a wet/dry chemical system contractor, a gas extinguishing system contractor, a~~
16 ~~registered mechanical engineer and the Chief Plumbing Inspector of the Plumbing Board of~~
17 ~~Examiners established in this code. The sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system and gas~~
18 ~~extinguishing system contractors shall be appointed by the Mayor, with City Council approval, to~~
19 ~~serve on the examining board for a term of three years and shall serve without pay. The Fire~~
20 ~~Inspector shall be the permanent secretary of the examining board and shall keep a record of all~~
21 ~~meetings.~~

22 Section 4. That Section 24.01.050 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be and the same
23 is hereby repealed.

24 **~~24.01.050 — Examining Board; Authority.~~**

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

1 ~~qualifications for applicants for registration based upon a point system as part of the rules and~~
2 ~~regulations and shall determine the nature of the examination to be given applicants for registration.~~

3 Section 5. That Section 24.01.060 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
4 read as follows:

5 **24.01.060 Examination Required.**

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

11 The examination for each type of fire suppression system contractor or journeyman will be
12 given on the third Thursday of February, May, August, and November of each year or as ordered
13 by the Director. The application, on forms furnished by ~~the Administrative Authority Building and~~
14 Safety, along with the examination fee, shall be submitted at least two weeks prior to each
15 examination. Upon the payment of the required registration fee, the applicant, after having by said
16 examination shown himself to the satisfaction of the ~~examining board~~ Director to be fit, competent,
17 and qualified to engage in the business, trade, or calling of a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical, or
18 gas extinguishing system contractor or journeyman, as the case may be, shall be registered by the
19 ~~Administrative Authority~~ Director, who shall deliver to said applicant the respective certificate of
20 registration signed by said ~~authority~~ Director. Any applicant who fails to pass the required
21 examination shall not be eligible to take the examination until six months have elapsed.

22 Section 6. That Chapter 24.01 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding
23 a new section numbered 24.01.065 to read as follows:

24 **24.01.065 Appeals.**

25 Any party aggrieved by a decision of the Director may submit a written appeal to the Mayor
26 who shall have the final authority on issuance or denial of a registration certificate. The Mayor shall
27 have 30 days to review the appeal and issue a decision. In the event no decision is issued within 30
28 days, the aggrieved party may seek relief in any manner allowed by law.

29 Section 7. That Section 24.01.070 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be and the same
30 is hereby repealed.

1 ~~24.01.070 — Examining Board; Meetings.~~

2 ~~— The examining board shall meet when deemed necessary at the call of the chairman.~~

3 Section 8. That Section 24.01.080 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
4 read as follows:

5 **24.01.080 Registration of Corporations, Firms, or Partnerships.**

6 Any corporation, firm, or partnership may be registered hereunder as a sprinkler system,
7 wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor in the name of such corporation,
8 firm, or partnership; provided, that such corporation, firm, or partnership shall have a sprinkler
9 system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor who has submitted to the
10 examination given by the ~~examining board~~ Director and has thereby shown himself ~~fit, competent,~~
11 and qualified to engage in the respective business, trade, or calling of a contractor as a bona fide
12 officer or manager of such corporation or a member of such firm or partnership, and who shall at
13 all times be in actual charge of and be responsible for the installation or repair of any and all
14 sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system work done by such
15 corporation, firm, or partnership. ~~Before a corporation, firm, or partnership shall be registered in~~
16 ~~its corporate, firm, or partnership name as a contractor, there shall be filed with the Administrative~~
17 ~~Authority a certificate from the examining board showing the fitness and competency of such officer~~
18 ~~or manager of such corporation or such member of such firm or partnership to engage in the business~~
19 ~~or calling of a sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor;~~
20 ~~provided, further, that~~ if after a certificate of registration is issued to such corporation, firm, or
21 partnership, the contractor, as an officer or manager of the corporation or a member of the firm or
22 partnership, shall withdraw therefrom and cease to be connected therewith, then and in that event
23 the Administrative Authority shall forthwith revoke the certificate of registration of such corpora-
24 tion, firm, or partnership certificate shall immediately be void and without force or effect. A
25 sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system contractor working for and
26 covered by the insurance of a corporation, firm, or partnership registered under this section is not
27 required to duplicate such coverage under his own insurance policy.

28 Section 9. That Section 24.01.100 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
29 read as follows:

1 **24.01.100 Suspension or Revocation of Certificate of Registration.**

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

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

16 Prior to suspension or revocation, the Mayor shall conduct a hearing, upon reasonable notice
17 to the certificate holder, wherein the Director and certificate holder may present evidence on
18 whether the recommendations should be followed. Within ten (10) days of the hearing, the Mayor
19 shall announce his decision and provide notice to all parties.

20 Section 10. That Section 24.01.110 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
21 read as follows:

22 **24.01.110 Renewal of Certificate of Registration.**

23 Certificates of registration at the time of their expiration may be renewed upon
24 ~~recommendation of the examining board~~ approval by the Director and upon payment of the required
25 annual registration fee.

26 Section 11. That Section 24.01.120 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
27 read as follows:

28 **24.01.120 Lapsed Registration.**

29 Any person registered under the provisions of this chapter as a contractor or journeyman who
30 does not renew his certificate of registration for a period of sixty days after the expiration of the

1 same shall pay the examination fee required by this chapter for a contractor or journeyman, as the
2 case may be, and ~~shall~~ may be required to submit himself to an examination by the ~~examining board~~
3 Director before such person can again be registered hereunder.

4 Section 12. That Section 24.01.130 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
5 read as follows:

6 **24.01.130 Apprentice or Helper; Registration.**

7 No person shall engage in any sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas
8 extinguishing system work as an apprentice or helper unless he has registered with ~~the examining~~
9 ~~board~~ Building and Safety as a contractor's or journeyman's apprentice or helper upon forms
10 prescribed by ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety. No registered contractor or
11 journeyman shall employ any person as an apprentice or helper who is not so registered. No appren-
12 tice or helper shall be permitted to work at the installation, alteration, or repair of any sprinkler
13 system, wet/dry chemical system or gas extinguishing system he or she is registered for except under
14 the personal supervision and direction and in the presence of a contractor or journeyman registered
15 for the same type of fire suppression system. All apprentices or helpers, after having served four
16 years at such trade, or having equivalent training, may apply for registration as a journeyman
17 hereunder and take the required examination.

18 Section 13. That Section 24.01.140 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
19 read as follows:

20 **24.01.140 Registered Contractor or Journeyman Not to Permit Another Person to Work**
21 **on his Certification.**

22 No registered contractor or journeyman shall allow his name to be used by another person,
23 directly or indirectly, either to obtain a permit for the installation, repair, or alteration of any fire
24 suppression system as hereinafter required, or to do any fire suppression system work; and if any
25 registered contractor or journeyman violates this provision, the ~~Administrative Authority~~ Director
26 shall forthwith recommend revocation of the certificate of registration issued to such person. In
27 addition to having this certificate of registration revoked, such contractor or journeyman may be
28 prosecuted under the penalty section of this chapter for such violation.

29 Section 14. That Section 24.01.150 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
30 read as follows:

1 **24.01.150 Registration and Examination Fee.**

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

3 Sprinkler system contractor -- annual registration fee ~~\$100.00~~ \$135.00

4 Wet/dry chemical system contractor -- annual
5 registration fee ~~100.00~~ \$135.00

6 Gas extinguishing system contractor -- annual
7 registration fee ~~100.00~~ \$135.00

8 Sprinkler system journeyman -- annual registration fee ~~15.00~~ \$40.00

9 Wet/dry chemical system journeyman -- annual
10 registration fee ~~15.00~~ \$40.00

11 Gas extinguishing system journeyman -- annual
12 registration fee ~~15.00~~ \$40.00

13 Sprinkler system contractor's examination fee ~~40.00~~ \$75.00

14 Wet/dry chemical system contractor's examination fee ~~40.00~~ \$75.00

15 Gas extinguishing system contractor's examination fee ~~40.00~~ \$75.00

16 Sprinkler system journeyman's examination fee ~~40.00~~ \$75.00

17 Wet/dry chemical system journeyman's examination fee ~~40.00~~ \$75.00

18 Gas extinguishing system journeyman's examination fee ~~40.00~~ \$75.00

19 Sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system or gas
20 extinguishing system apprentice's registration fee ~~15.00~~ \$40.00

21 Such fees shall be paid to the Department of Building and Safety. No fee shall be refunded.

22 Section 15. That Section 24.01.160 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
23 read as follows:

24 **24.01.160 Certificate of Insurance.**

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

1 (a) At all times maintain public liability insurance coverage for all claims arising out of
2 all work in the City of Lincoln and within three miles of the corporate limits thereof done by or
3 under the supervision of the contractor under the provisions of this code. Such insurance shall be
4 in the form of a commercial or comprehensive general liability policy, or an acceptable substitute
5 policy form as permitted by the City Attorney, with a minimum combined single limit of
6 \$500,000.00 aggregate for any one occurrence on any job for which a permit is required under this
7 code, provided the City of Lincoln shall be named an additional insured thereunder. The coverages
8 required herein shall be subject to review and approval by the City Attorney for conformance with
9 the provisions of this section.

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

21 Expiration or cancellation of any insurance coverage required by this section shall constitute
22 an automatic and immediate termination of the contractor's privilege to be issued permits under the
23 provisions of this code, unless other insurance meeting the requirements of this section is provided
24 and in full force and effect at the time of such expiration or cancellation.

25 Section 16. That Section 24.01.170 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
26 read as follows:

27 **24.01.170 Payment Bond.**

28 Before any master plumber or sprinkler system contractor, as defined herein, may be issued
29 a permit to make excavations in the public ways of the city, such master plumber or sprinkler system
30 contractor shall deposit with ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety a \$5,000.00 payment

1 bond. Said bond shall provide that the master plumber or sprinkler system contractor shall pay to
2 the city the cost of refilling such excavation and replacing the surface thereof. Failure to keep
3 charges for excavation backfills and resurfacing in accordance with the Department of Public Works
4 and Utilities ~~Department~~ policy shall be grounds for withholding further permits of any kind until
5 such backlog of charges ~~are~~is paid in full.

6 Section 17. That Section 24.01.180 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
7 read as follows:

8 **24.01.180 Application for Permit.**

9 Every person, firm, or corporation desiring to install, alter, or remove any portion of a fire
10 suppression system in any building or upon any premises shall on a form provided by ~~the~~
11 ~~Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety make written application therefor to ~~the Administra-~~
12 ~~tive Authority~~ Building and Safety and attach detailed sets of plans and specifications of the entire
13 fire suppression system in triplicate. Sprinkler system permits shall only be issued to registered
14 sprinkler system contractors, wet/dry chemical system permits shall only be issued to registered
15 chemical system contractors, and gas extinguishing system permits shall only be issued to registered
16 gas extinguishing system contractors. The ~~Administrative Authority~~ Director shall refer any
17 applications for a sprinkler system permit to the City of Lincoln wWater sSystem ~~and the Fire and~~
18 ~~Rescue Department~~, and if approved by them as meeting all applicable requirements, shall issue a
19 permit to install, alter, or remove such system and connect the same to the water system in
20 accordance with and subject to the provisions of Title 17. Other fire suppression systems shall be
21 approved by the Fire Inspector.

22 Section 18. That Section 24.01.190 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
23 read as follows:

24 **24.01.190 Plans and Specifications.**

25 A plan review fee of \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of valuation of the suppression system, with a
26 minimum of \$40.00, will be charged. Upon the granting of a permit, ~~the Administrative Authority~~
27 Building and Safety shall retain one set of the approved plans and specifications, ~~of the proposed~~
28 ~~fire suppression system. The Administrative Authority shall file such plans and specifications in~~
29 ~~his office.~~ The applicant shall keep one set of approved plans and specifications at the site where
30 the work is being done.

1 Section 19. That Section 24.01.200 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
2 read as follows:

3 **24.01.200 Permit Fee.**

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

5 Minimum Permit Fee ~~\$65.00~~ \$75.00

6 Sprinkler systems:

7 Up to 5,000 sq. ft. coverage ~~\$65.00~~ \$75.00

8 Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof
9 up to 50,000 sq. ft. ~~40.00~~ \$50.00

10 Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof
11 over 50,000 sq. ft. ~~10.00~~ \$15.00

12 ~~Partial sprinkler coverage~~ Relocate, Repair, Replace Sprinklers:

13 ~~Per head~~ 1-20 Heads ~~1.00~~ \$75.00

14 Underground ~~\$65.00~~ \$75.00

15 Standpipe systems:

16 Each riser up to 4 inches ~~15.00~~ \$25.00

17 Each riser larger than 4 inches ~~25.00~~ \$35.00

18 Wet/dry chemical systems and gas extinguishing systems:

19 First cylinder ~~\$65.00~~ \$75.00

20 Each additional cylinder ~~5.00~~ \$8.00

21 No Permit:

22 Where work for which a permit is required by this code is started
23 prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified shall be
24 doubled to cover the additional expense associated therewith; but the
25 payment of such double fees shall not relieve any person or persons
26 from fully complying with the requirements of this code in the
27 execution of the work or any other penalties prescribed herein.

28 Refunds and Expiration:

29 Every permit issued by the Bureau of Fire Prevention shall under
30 these provisions expire by limitation and become null and void if the

1 work authorized by such permit is not commenced within 120 days
2 from the date of such permits*, or if the work authorized by such
3 permits is suspended or abandoned at any time after the work has
4 commenced for a period of 180 days. Before such work can be
5 recommenced, a new permit shall be first obtained and the fee
6 therefor shall be one-half the amount required for a permit for such
7 work; provided that such suspension or abandonment has not
8 exceeded one year. There shall be no credits or refunds given on
9 permits which have expired.

10 *Permit holders returning the unused permit prior to the
11 expiration date of the permit shall be limited to a maximum
12 refund amounting to two-thirds of the original fee if the
13 original fee is \$75.00 or greater. For permits where the
14 original fee was less than \$75.00, a \$25.00 processing fee will
15 be levied and the remaining fee amount will be refunded to
16 the permit holder.

17 Reinspection fee (wrong address, work not complete,
18 inaccessibility of equipment and
19 equipment that does not pass inspection) ~~\$65.00~~ \$75.00

20 Section 20. That Section 24.01.220 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
21 read as follows:

22 **24.01.220 Installation of System.**

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

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

1 of the sprinkler system ~~from and including the installation of the first check valve inside the building~~
2 ~~or premises.~~

3 (c) The installation of a fire suppression system shall comply with the appropriate
4 references found in the Lincoln Building Code, the Lincoln Fire Code, and the State of Nebraska
5 fire regulations. The latest publication of the appropriate National Fire Protection Association
6 pamphlets referenced in the above-mentioned codes shall apply unless amended in this code.

7 Section 21. That Section 24.01.230 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
8 read as follows:

9 **24.01.230 Post Indicator Valve.**

10 Each sprinkler system shall be provided with a post indicator valve of a make or pattern to
11 be approved by ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety, and shall be placed as designated
12 by ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety.

13 Section 22. That Section 24.01.250 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
14 read as follows:

15 **24.01.250 Installation.**

16 No person, firm, or corporation shall install, alter, or repair a fire suppression system as
17 herein provided until the appropriate permit is issued and the prescribed fee is paid. Where work
18 for which a permit is required by this code is started prior to obtaining a permit, the fees herein
19 specified shall be doubled. No portion of a fire suppression system shall be concealed by any
20 permanent portion of a building until inspected and approved by ~~the Administrative Authority~~
21 Building and Safety.

22 Section 23. That Section 24.01.260 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
23 read as follows:

24 **24.01.260 ~~Not to Make~~ No Changes Without Permit.**

25 Except as otherwise herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any
26 premises on which there is located any fire suppression system to alter or extend such system or any
27 part thereof, including the supply pipe connecting such system with the water system without first
28 obtaining a permit to do so from ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety.

29 Section 24. That Section 24.01.270 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
30 read as follows:

1 **24.01.270 Plans and Specifications of Previously Installed Systems.**

2 The owner or occupant of any building or of any premises in which any fire suppression
3 system has heretofore been installed shall file with ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and
4 Safety detailed plans and specifications of such system, including any supply pipe connecting such
5 fire suppression system with the water system within thirty days after having been requested to do
6 so by ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety. If, in the opinion of the ~~Administrative~~
7 ~~Authority~~Director, such fire suppression system is defective, inadequate, improperly constructed,
8 or a menace to the water system, he shall recommend such changes as are necessary, and shall notify
9 the owner or occupant of the premises in which such fire suppression system is located, and in such
10 notice shall fix a reasonable length of time in which to make the change therein specified. The
11 owner or occupant of any premises in which there is a fire suppression system which constitutes a
12 menace to the water system shall comply with such recommendation within the time specified.

13 Section 25. That Section 24.01.280 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
14 read as follows:

15 **24.01.280 Permit for Extension.**

16 All equipment, appliances, and accessories to each fire suppression system shall be confined
17 within the building or on the premises specified in the application for such system, and no fire
18 suppression system shall be extended into any other building or upon any other premises than those
19 specified in the application, unless special permission is obtained from ~~the Administrative Authority~~
20 Building and Safety. The ~~Administrative Authority~~Director shall grant no permit for the extension
21 of any fire suppression system into any building or upon any premises other than specified in the
22 application, unless plans and specifications thereof have been furnished as provided in this code

23 Section 26. That Section 24.01.290 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
24 read as follows:

25 **24.01.290 System to be Kept in Repair.**

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

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

4 EXCEPTION: Vacant buildings, when all combustibles have been removed and all
5 utilities have been disconnected and the building has been secured to the satisfaction of ~~the~~
6 ~~Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety.

7 Section 27. That Section 24.01.330 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be and the same
8 is hereby repealed.

9 ~~**24.01.330** — **Detector Meter.**~~

10 ~~———— The Director may order a detector meter installed on any fire suppression system, and it shall~~
11 ~~be the duty of the owner or occupant of the premises to install such detector meter within the time~~
12 ~~specified. Such detector meter shall be of the kind, size, and pattern approved by the Director.~~

13 Section 28. That Section 24.01.340 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
14 read as follows:

15 **24.01.340 Access for Inspection at Reasonable Hours.**

16 The ~~Administrative Authority and d~~Director shall be permitted at all reasonable times to in-
17 spect any fire suppression system or other water service, whether private or connected with the water
18 system, together with all connections thereto, and shall be given access to the building and premises
19 in which such fire suppression system is installed and all parts thereof for the purpose of making
20 such inspection and may, if it is deemed necessary by the Director ~~or Administrative Authority~~, put
21 seals on any valve, hydrant, or other outlet of such fire suppression system.

22 Section 29. That Section 24.01.360 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
23 read as follows:

24 **24.01.360 Testing of Fire Suppression System.**

25 (a) Upon the completion of the installation or alteration of the water system supply line
26 and prior to the filling of the trench, the master plumber or registered contractor performing said
27 work shall conduct a hydrostatic pressure test and flush of the exposed line in the presence of city
28 inspectors, according to city standards. ~~The Director and Administrative Authority~~ Building and
29 Safety shall be notified of the test at least twenty-four hours in advance of the time of said test.
30 Upon the successful completion of the test, the master plumber or registered sprinkler system con-

1 tractor shall protect the water system supply line by capping said line at the point where it joins the
2 other portion of the fire suppression system until the entire fire suppression system is operable.

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

8 (c) Any time a hydrostatic pressure test is conducted of a fire suppression system,
9 whether for insurance purposes or otherwise, the owner or occupant of the building in which such
10 system is located shall notify ~~the Director and Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety at least
11 twenty-four hours prior to the test so that ~~they~~ the department may, if ~~they~~ it desires, have inspectors
12 present during the test.

13 (d) Each sprinkler system, wet/dry chemical system and gas extinguishing system shall
14 be tested by a respectively registered contractor or journeyman as specified in this chapter. Reports
15 of each fire suppression system test shall be filed with ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and
16 Safety on forms furnished by ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety.

17 Section 30. That Section 24.01.370 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
18 read as follows:

19 **24.01.370 Certificate of Completion.**

20 The registered contractor shall furnish to ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety
21 on forms approved and furnished by ~~the Administrative Authority~~ Building and Safety, a certificate
22 of completion in which such contractor certifies that the work of installing, altering, or removing
23 a fire suppression system has been completed in accordance with the city-approved plans and
24 specifications for said fire system, and the required testing of the same has been accomplished in
25 accordance with the said plans and specifications and with the applicable provisions of Titles 17,
26 19, and 20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code or any of the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant
27 thereto.

28 Section 31. That Sections 24.01.010, 24.01.030, 24.01.040, 24.01.060, 24.01.080,
29 24.01.100, 24.01.110, 24.01.120, 24.01.130, 24.01.140, 24.01.150, 24.01.160, 24.01.170, 24.01.180,
30 24.01.190, 24.01.200, 24.01.220, 24.01.230, 24.01.250, 24.01.260, 24.01.270, 24.01.280, 24.01.290,

1 24.01.340, 24.01.360, and 24.01.370 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing be and the
2 same are hereby repealed.

3 Section 32. Pursuant to Article VII, Section 7 of the City Charter, this ordinance
4 shall be posted on the official bulletin board of the City, located on the wall adjoining the City
5 Clerk's office at 555 S. 10th Street, in lieu of and in place of newspaper publication with notice of
6 passage and such posting to be given by publication one time in the official newspaper by the City
7 Clerk. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication
8 as herein and in the City Charter provided.

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form & Legality:

City Attorney

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2013:

Mayor