



Georgia Administrative Code

Chapter 120-3. RULES OF SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER

Subject 120-3-3 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE STATE MINIMUM FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS

Subject 120-3-19 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE GEORGIA FIRE SPRINKLER ACT

Rule 120-3-3-.04. State Minimum Fire Safety Standards with Modifications

(23) NFPA 25, 2017 Edition, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water- Based Fire Protection Systems

Modifications:

(a) Modifications to Chapter 4:

1. Add a new Subsection 4.3.1.2 to read as follows:

4.3.1.2 " On non-compliant or impaired systems, a copy of the inspection report shall be forwarded to the authority having jurisdiction by the owner and/or the occupant."

2. Delete 4.3.3* in its entirety and substitute in its place the following:

4.3.3" * Records shall be maintained by the property owner for a period of at least three years."

3. Delete Section 4.3.5 and replace with the following:

4.3.5" Subsequent records shall be retained for a period of 3 years after the next inspection of that type required by the standard."

4. Add a new subsection 4.3.6 to read as follows:

4.3.6" Tagging.

4.3.6.1 Inspection Tag.

(a) After inspection and testing, an Inspection Tag shall be completed indicating all work that has been done, and then attached to the system in such a position as to permit convenient inspection and not hamper its activation or operation. A new Inspection Tag shall be attached to each system each time an inspection and test service is performed.

(b) Inspection Tags must be GREEN in color having a minimum dimension of 133 mm (5 1/4 inches) in height and 67 mm (2 5/8 inches) in width.

(c) Inspection tags shall bear the following information in an easily read format:

1. 'DO NOT REMOVE BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.' This particular information shall be in a minimum of 10pt type and in all capital letters.
2. The licensed Fire Sprinkler Contractor's name and physical address;
3. The license number of the Fire Sprinkler Contractor;
4. The license number of the fire sprinkler inspector;
5. The licensed fire sprinkler inspector's signature;
6. The day, month and year (to be punched);
7. The facility name and address.

(d) Inspection Tags may be printed and established for any period of time. After each printing, a minimum of three sample tags must be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal's office.

(e) An Inspection Tag shall only be removed by an authorized representative of a licensed fire sprinkler contractor.

(f) Should impairments or noncompliance items be found, the licensed inspector shall notify the building owner or his representative and the authority having jurisdiction in writing of all noncompliance items and/or impairments found. A fire sprinkler system compliance Inspection Tag shall not be installed on each system until the impairments or noncompliance items have been corrected and each system has been re-inspected and found to be in a state of operational readiness.

4.3.6.2 Noncompliance Tag.

(a) If a fire sprinkler system is found in noncompliance with the applicable NFPA standards, a completed Noncompliance Tag shall be attached to the main control valve of each system to indicate that corrective action is necessary.

(b) Noncompliance Tags must be YELLOW in color having a minimum dimension of 133 mm (5 1/4 inches) in height and 67 mm (2 5/8 inches) in width.

(c) Noncompliance Tags shall bear the following information in an easily read format:

1. 'DO NOT REMOVE BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL-SYSTEM NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NFPA STANDARDS.' This particular information shall be in a minimum of 10pt type and in all capital letters.
2. The licensed Fire Sprinkler Contractor's name and physical address;
3. The license number of the Fire Sprinkler Contractor;
4. The license number of the fire sprinkler inspector;
5. The licensed fire sprinkler inspector's signature;
6. The day, month and year (to be punched);
7. The noncompliance issue(s);
8. The facility name and address.

(d) Noncompliance Tags may be printed and established for any period of time. After each printing, a minimum of three sample tags must be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal's office.

(e) The signature of the licensee on a Noncompliance Tag certifies the impairments listed on the label cause the system to be out of compliance with NFPA standards.

(f) A Noncompliance Tag shall only be removed by an authorized representative of a licensed fire sprinkler contractor upon re-inspection of the fire sprinkler system.

(g) A letter of noncompliance conditions shall be sent to the building owner or authorized representative within five working days of the date of the inspection.

4.3.6.3 Impairment Tag.

- (a) Should impairments constitute an emergency impairment as defined in this standard, then the inspector shall complete and attach an Impairment Tag to the main control valve of each system and the fire department connection to indicate that corrective action is necessary.
- (b) Impairment Tags must be RED in color having a minimum dimension of 133 mm (5 1/4 inches) in height and 67 mm (2 5/8 inches) in width.
- (c) Impairment Tags shall bear the following information in an easily read format:
 - 1. 'DO NOT REMOVE BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.' This particular information shall be in a minimum of 10pt type and in all capital letters.
 - 2. The licensed Fire Sprinkler Contractor's name and physical address;
 - 3. The license number of the Fire Sprinkler Contractor;
 - 4. The license number of the fire sprinkler inspector;
 - 5. The licensed fire sprinkler inspector's signature;
 - 6. The day, month and year (to be punched);
 - 7. The emergency impairment(s);
 - 8. The facility name and address.
- (d) Impairment Tags may be printed and established for any period of time. After each printing, a minimum of three sample tags must be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal's office.
- (e) The signature of the licensee on an Impairment Tag certifies the impairments listed on the label cause the system to be out of compliance with NFPA standards.
- (f) An Impairment Tag shall only be removed by an authorized representative of a licensed fire sprinkler contractor upon re-inspection of the fire sprinkler system.
- (g) A letter of emergency impairment conditions shall be sent to the building owner or authorized representative and to the occupant within 24 hours of the time of the inspection. The building owner and/or occupant shall notify the authority having jurisdiction within 24 hours of the time of the impairment notification."

(b) Modifications to Chapter 6:

- 1. Add a new 6.1.1.1.1 to read as follows:

6.1.1.1.1 " In new and existing buildings, the requirements for hose for occupant use are eliminated, subject to the approval of the local Fire Chief or local Fire Code Official having fire suppression jurisdiction."

Rule 120-3-19-.07 Inspectors License

- 1) Any individual desiring to become a fire protection sprinkler system inspector shall submit to the Commissioner a completed application on the prescribed forms. Such individual shall remit with his or her application a nonrefundable license fee of \$50.00 plus a fee of \$50.00. Such fees shall not be prorated for portions of a year.
- 2) Prior to obtaining a license, the applicant shall demonstrate evidence of his or her competence and employment by a sprinkler contractor by possessing at minimum a NICET Level II Certification in Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems or an equivalent certification acceptable to the Commissioner.
- 3) The applicant shall submit to the Commissioner proof of employment by a licensed fire protection sprinkler contractor who has comprehensive liability insurance coverage. The liability insurance policy shall provide coverage in an amount not less than \$1 million and shall cover any loss to property or personal injury caused by the fire protection sprinkler inspector. The policy must be purchased from an insurer authorized to do business in Georgia.
- 4) A fire protection sprinkler system inspector license shall expire annually on December 31st of each year. A license holder desiring to renew his or her license shall submit a renewal application to the Commissioner and remit a renewal fee of \$50.00 for the upcoming year, between August 1st and no later than December 1st of the current year.
- 5) Individuals possessing valid waivers issued by the Commissioner prior to the effective date of these Rules and Regulations shall have twelve months from the issuance date of the waiver to obtain NICET Level II Certification in Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems or an equivalent certification acceptable to the Commissioner. No waivers shall be issued or renewed after the effective date of these rules and regulations.
- 6) Individuals who have not yet satisfied the requirements of these Rules and Regulations as they pertain to inspector licenses shall work under the direct supervision of a NICET Level II Certified individual or approved equivalent until such time they possess a NICET Level II Inspector Certification or approved equivalent certification.
- 7) "Direct supervision," or "Supervision" means to personally superintend the design and/or installation of water-based fire protection systems, by personally regulating the activity of a project through intermittent and verifiable personal contact at an installation or installations in progress.