



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**

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1 **Rule 120-3-3-.04 State Minimum Fire Safety Standards with**
2 **Modifications**
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4 (23) **NFPA 25, 2023 Edition, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-**
5 **Based Fire Protection Systems.**

6 (a) Modifications to Chapter 4:

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

8 4.3.1.2 On non-compliant or impaired systems, a copy of the inspection' report shall be
9 forwarded to the authority having jurisdiction by the owner or the occupant.

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

11 4.3.3 Records shall be maintained by the property owner for a period of at least three years.

12 3. Delete Section 4.3.5 and replace with the following:

13 4.3.5 Subsequent records shall be retained for a period of 3 years after the next inspection of
14 that type required by the standard.

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

16 4.3.6 Tagging.

17 4.3.6.1 Inspection Tag.

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

22 (b) Inspection Tags must be GREEN in color.

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

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

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

33 4.3.6.2 Noncompliance Tag.

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

37 (b) Noncompliance Tags must be YELLOW in color.

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

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

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

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

46 4.3.6.3 Impairment Tag.

47 (a) Should impairments constitute an emergency impairment as defined in this standard,
48 then the inspector shall complete and attach an Impairment Tag to the main control valve of
49 each system and the fire department connection to indicate that corrective action is
50 necessary.

51 (b) Impairment Tags must be RED in color.'

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

54 (d) The signature of the licensee on an Impairment Tag certifies the impairments listed on
55 the label cause the system to be out of compliance with NFPA standards.

56 (e) An Impairment Tag shall only be removed by an authorized representative of a licensed
57 fire sprinkler contractor upon re-inspection of the fire sprinkler system.

58 (f) A letter of emergency impairment conditions shall be sent to the building owner or
59 authorized representative and to the occupant within 24 hours of the time of the inspection.
60 The building owner or occupant shall notify the authority having jurisdiction within 24 hours
61 of the time of the impairment notification.

62 (b) Modifications to Chapter 6:

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

64 6.1.1.1.1 In new and existing buildings, the requirements for hoses for occupant use are
65 eliminated, subject to the approval of the local Fire Chief or local Fire Code Official having fire
66 suppression jurisdiction.

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Rule 120-3-19-.07 Inspectors License

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69 (1) Any individual desiring to become a fire protection sprinkler system inspector shall submit to the
70 Commissioner a completed application on the prescribed forms. Such individual shall remit with his or
71 her application a nonrefundable license fee of \$50.00 plus a fee of \$50.00. Such fees shall not be prorated
72 for portions of a year.

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74 (2) Prior to obtaining a license, the applicant shall demonstrate evidence of his or her competence and
75 employment by a sprinkler contractor by possessing at minimum a NICET Level II Certification in
76 Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems or an equivalent certification acceptable to the
77 Commissioner.

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79 (3) The applicant shall submit to the Commissioner proof of employment by a licensed fire protection
80 sprinkler contractor who has comprehensive liability insurance coverage. The liability insurance policy
81 shall provide coverage in an amount not less than \$1 million and shall cover any loss to property or
82 personal injury caused by the fire protection sprinkler inspector. The policy must be purchased from an
83 insurer authorized to do business in Georgia.

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85 (4) A fire protection sprinkler system inspector license shall expire annually on December 31st of each
86 year. A license holder desiring to renew his or her license shall submit a renewal application to the
87 Commissioner and remit a renewal fee of \$50.00 for the upcoming year, between August 1st and no later
88 than December 1st of the current year.

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90 (5) Individuals possessing valid waivers issued by the Commissioner prior to the effective date of these
91 Rules and Regulations shall have twelve months from the issuance date of the waiver to obtain NICET
92 Level II Certification in Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems or an equivalent certification
93 acceptable to the Commissioner. No waivers shall be issued or renewed after the effective date of these
94 rules and regulations.

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96 (6) Individuals who have not yet satisfied the requirements of these Rules and Regulations as they
97 pertain to inspector licenses shall work under the direct supervision of a NICET Level II Certified individual
98 or approved equivalent until such time they possess a NICET Level II Inspector Certification or approved
99 equivalent certification.

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101 (7) "Direct supervision," or "Supervision" means to personally superintend the design and/or
102 installation of water-based fire protection systems, by personally regulating the activity of a project
103 through intermittent and verifiable personal contact at an installation or installations in progress.