Pre-Inspection Checklist

This Checklist is to assist you with your upcoming fire inspection. The items listed below reflect the most common deficiencies found during inspections. The District’s actual inspection will seek to enforce all the provisions of the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Common Life Safety Deficiencies

☐ Building address, unit number (6 inches in size), must be visible and legible from the street
☐ Fire extinguisher(s) serviced and tagged annually
☐ Exit signs/emergency light bulbs are operational
☐ No blocked exits (passages to exits must remain clear)
☐ Handrails/guardrails secured to wall
☐ No storage over 12 feet
☐ Storage over components of means of egress is prohibited
☐ Fire rated walls, ceilings, etc. shall be protected with a fire caulking/proper assembly (suggested to contact a fire stopping contractor)
☐ No vegetation permitted within 7 1/2 feet of fire hydrants and fire department connections
☐ Fire department access roads require clearance of 20 feet in width, and all trees need to be trimmed to allow for 13 feet 6 inches vertical clearance

Electrical General

☐ Cover plates on switches and receptacles
☐ No extension cords as permanent wiring (use UL power strips according to their listed directions)
☐ Clear access to electrical service panel(s). Provide 31 inches in front of panel.

If Applicable (please have current reports ready at inspection)

Fire Alarm Systems

☐ Valid service tag (inspected in last 12 months)
☐ Up-to-date log book containing inspection reports and fire alarm drawings at panel.
☐ Current knox box key

Automatic Fire Sprinkler System and Backflow Prevention (both)

☐ Valid service tag (inspected in the last 12 months)
☐ Spare head box—head wrench and spare heads
☐ Sprinkler head(s) unobstructed (no storage located within 18 inches of sprinkler heads)
☐ Any painted, corroded, or rusted sprinkler head(s) shall be replaced by licensed professional. This also applies to the piping of the riser, backflow preventer and inspector’s test.

Kitchen Hood(s) and Hood Suppression Systems

☐ All cooking equipment present should be properly protected
☐ Valid service tag within the last 6 months
☐ Hood and duct work are clean
☐ Class “BC” and Class “K” fire extinguishers (valid service tag within last 12 months)
☐ Grease catch container on roof vent present and functional. No grease on roof surface.

LP Gas / Natural Gas

☐ Clear access to gas shut off
☐ Gas piping and tanks should be clean and painted. If rust or corrosion is present, a protective coating must be provided.

Please call the Fire Prevention Division at (239) 949-6211 with any questions regarding this list.