



# City and Borough of Sitka

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## City and Borough of Sitka Building Department Fire and Life Safety Inspection Priorities Policy #02-03

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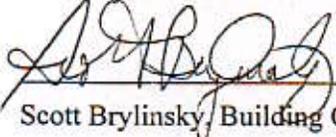
**Purpose:** To establish inspection priorities for Fire and Life Safety inspections conducted under the municipality's deferral from the State Fire Marshal.

**Background:** Under the deferral from the State Fire Marshal, the municipality is to conduct a building fire safety inspection program which meets or exceeds the standards of the program which would be conducted by the state fire marshal. The State Fire Marshal's office no longer routinely distributes their inspection priorities. Rather, the State Fire Marshal's office, in the interest of public safety, is advising deferred jurisdictions to assess risk in their own communities and allocate inspection resources accordingly.

**Policy:** Inspection priorities and frequencies are as follows.<sup>1</sup>

- A-1 and A-4 occupancies will be inspected every two years.  
*1-3 - every 3 yrs.*
- E occupancies with an occupant load greater than 12 will be inspected on an annual basis.
- E occupancies with an occupant load of 12 or fewer will be inspected once every two years.
- Any occupancy with a commercial cooking facility will be inspected once every two years. (These occupancies are indicated with a /C in the FLS database.)
- Any occupancy where welding takes place or where compressed flammable gases are stored and used in commercial quantities will be inspected once every two years. (These occupancies are indicated with a /G in the FLS database.)
- Certain R-1 occupancies will be inspected annually. This includes a) hotel/motels, dormitories, and apartments with more than 15 rooms where they do not have direct outside exiting for each unit, b) B&B's with more than 5 rooms to rent.
- R-4 occupancies will be inspected on an annual basis.
- H occupancies will be inspected every two years.
- All non-'B' Sawmill Cove Industrial Park occupancies will be inspected on an annual basis.
- All ~~major~~ public buildings will be inspected once every two years. *1-6-02*
- Resources permitting, all other occupancies will be inspected once every five years. *AB*

Approved:

  
Scott Brylinsky, Building Official

*7-25-02*

Date

<sup>1</sup>Occupancy designations are based on the 2000 International Building Code.