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## TIFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# Existing Business Common Code Violations

*This list can be used to help deter unwanted code violations, prevent insurance penalties, increase awareness of electrical and fire hazards, assist with daily maintenance operations, increase knowledge of fire and life safety systems, and increase occupant and employee safety!*

*\*Some code references may not be applicable for your specific location but is added for general use.*

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Exterior

- Address is posted and visible (505.1 IFC)
- Fire lanes are accessible and not blocked by vehicles (503.4 IFC)
- Combustible waste must be removed (304.1 IFC)
- Fire hydrants and private hydrants are maintained, visible, and accessible with a 3ft. minimum clearance (507.5.5 IFC)
- Fire department connections are visible and accessible (912 IFC, NFPA 13.8)
- Fire department connection caps are present and maintained (13.8 NFPA 25)
- Knox box has current keys and/or passcodes (506.2 IFC)
- Signs for fire sprinkler system riser rooms are present and visible (509.1 IFC)
- Electrical meters and gas meters are labeled with address numbers (509.1.1 IFC)

Interior

- Exit doors are visible, accessible, and free from obstructions (7.1.10.1 NFPA 101)
- Exit signs and emergency lights are tested, maintained, and test records are kept on file and readily available. These devices are required to be tested for 30 seconds once a month and 90 minutes annually (7.9.3 NFPA 101)
- Missing and damaged ceiling tiles are replaced (37.3.3.2 NFPA 101)
- Fire rated doors are inspected and maintained. Doors are labeled, not wedged in the open position, in working order with the self-closing devices present, and completely latch when closed (8.3.3.2.5, 8.3.3.3, 8.8 NFPA 101, 705 IFC, and NFPA 80)
- Fire alarm systems are in normal, operational order with testing documentation readily available (9.6.1.3 NFPA 101, NFPA 72, 907.1 Georgia 120-3-3)
- Emergency plans are developed, maintained, and readily available (36.7.1 Georgia 120-3-3, 403 IFC)
- Fire alarm manual pull stations are visible and accessible (9.6.2.7 NFPA 101)
- Fire sprinkler system riser access and control valves are accessible and maintained (509.2, IFC)





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- Fire sprinkler system is operational and is inspected, tested, and maintained at required intervals (*NFPA 25, 901.6 IFC*) (*509.2 IFC*)
- Storage under sprinkler heads must have an 18 in. minimum clearance and a minimum 2 ft. clearance under non-sprinklered areas (*315 IFC*)
- Sprinkler heads must not be painted, damaged, free of dust and other foreign materials. No signs of leaking and not have materials hanging from them (*5.2.1.1.1 NFPA 25*)
- Sprinkler piping must not have wiring, zip ties, HVAC ducts, or any other materials hanging or attached to them that can add excess load (*5.2.2.2 NFPA 25*)
- Electrical panels and electrical equipment rooms must be accessible and free from storage (*315.3.3, 604.3 IFC*)
- Openings and missing breakers from electrical panels need to be replaced or have approved covers (*NFPA 70*)
- Missing or damaged receptacle faceplates must be replaced (*406.6 NFPA 70*)
- Extension cords may not be used for permanent wiring and may not run through walls, doors, or ceilings (*604.5 IFC*)
- Large appliances such as microwaves, refrigerators, heaters, etc. are not plugged into extension cords (*604.5 IFC*)
- Junction boxes and open wire splices are covered (*604.6 IFC*)
- Surge protectors are plugged directly into an approved wall receptacle and not plugged into another surge protector (*604.4.2.2 Georgia 120-3-3*)
- Surge protectors being used are UL listed and have built in over current protection (*604.4.2.1 Georgia 120-3-3*)
- Multi-plug adapters being used must be UL listed and have built in over current protection (*604.4.1 Georgia 120-3-3*)
- Combustible waste creating a fire hazard must be removed (*304.1 IFC*)
- Storage should be maintained at a minimum and be separated from heating devices (*315.3 IFC*)
- Used, oily rags for cleaning and that are subjected to spontaneous ignition must be disposed of in an approved, listed container and be emptied daily (*304.3.1 IFC*)
- Portable fire extinguishers are tagged, annually serviced, accessible, visible, and on approved hangers or inside of wall cabinets (*NFPA 10*)
- Fire rated walls and construction are maintained and repaired when found damaged. Holes and penetrations are sealed with fire rated material equivalent to the rated construction (*Chapter 7 IFC*)



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Code References:

- NFPA 10 2018 (Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers)
- NFPA 101 2018 (Life Safety Code)
- IFC 2018 (International Fire Code)
- IBC 2018 (International Building Code)
- NFPA 17A 2013 (Wet-Chemical Extinguishing Systems)
- NFPA 25 2017 (ITM of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems)
- NFPA 70 2017 (National Electrical Code)
- NFPA 72 2019 (National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code)
- Georgia 120-3-3 (Georgia State Minimum Fire Safety Rules & Regulations Modification)
- NFPA 96 2017 (Ventilation Control & Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations)
- Tifton, Georgia City Ordinances
- OCGA Title 25 (Georgia Law Requirements Related to Fire Services and Fire Safety)

**Business owners, or their designated representatives, are responsible for the inspection, testing, and maintenance of all fire and life safety systems!**

- 7.1.1 NFPA 10 2018..... Fire Extinguishers
- 7.1 NFPA 17A 2013..... Wet-Chemical Hood Suppression Systems
- 4.1.1 NFPA 25 2017..... Sprinkler Systems
- 14.2.3.1 NFPA 72 2019..... Fire Alarm Systems and Smoke Alarms
- 4.1.5 NFPA 96 2017..... Commercial Hood Systems
- 4.2.5 NFPA 101 2018 ..... Life Safety Code
- Chapter(s) 108 and 110 IFC 2018..... International Fire Code

