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Sec. 7-18. Fire suppression systems inspection.

- (a) The City of Bristol Fire Department shall provide a system for receiving, reviewing and maintaining records of inspections, testing and maintenance, including but not necessarily limited to any fire protection and life safety system installed and/or required by the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code and Connecticut Fire Prevention Code with respect to properties within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Bristol, in accordance with the applicable requirements of such Codes and the Records Retention Schedules of the State Records Administrator.
- (b) The fire chief and/or the fire marshal shall have the authority to mandate the method in which contractors who perform required inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire and life safety systems submit reports to the City of Bristol Fire Department.
- (c) Effective as soon as practicable, any and all contractors who perform inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire protection and life safety systems including, but not limited to, 5-Year Sprinkler, Active Smoke Control System, Automatic Closing Fire Assemblies, Automatic Sprinkler System, Emergency Generator, Emergency Radio Responder Coverage, Fire Alarm System, Fire Extinguisher, Fire Escape, Fire Pump, Gas Detection System, Private Fire Hydrant, Special Suppression System, Spray Booth, and Standpipe systems within the City of Bristol shall be required to electronically submit all compliant and non-compliant reports to the City of Bristol Fire Department via a method approved by the fire chief and/or the fire marshal unless otherwise permitted by the fire chief and/or fire marshal for good cause.
- (d) Effective as soon as practicable, any and all contractors who perform inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire protection and life safety systems as set forth in subsection (c) above, within the City of Bristol, shall be required to electronically submit all compliant and non-compliant reports to the City of Bristol Fire Department via "the Compliance Engine Solution" system operated by the third-party provider in accordance with the requirements of the City of Bristol Fire Department and the third-party provider, unless otherwise permitted by the fire chief or fire marshal for good cause.
- (e) The third-party provider may charge a fee to any and all contractors who perform inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire protection and life safety systems within the City of Bristol. Any such fee charged by the third-party provider shall be paid directly to the third-party provider at the time of filing any and all required reports. Any such fee shall be in addition to any other fee charged by the office of the fire marshal. Fees charged by the City of Bristol, Office of the Fire Marshal shall be paid directly to the Fire Marshal.

(f) Failure to comply with the inspection and reporting requirements in Sec. 7-18 in the Bristol Code of Ordinances shall result in fines of \$150.00 per incident. Contractors will have 45 days to comply from date of inspection to affect repairs to any non-compliant system or at the discretion of the Fire Chief and/or Fire Marshal.

(g) Any person aggrieved by the imposition of the fines in Section (f) above may appeal to the Fire Marshal for the City of Bristol within 45 days of the imposition of such fine. Such appeal shall be in writing, directed to the Fire Marshal's office. The Fire Marshal shall schedule a hearing within 30 days of receipt of the appeal at which time the appellant may present such evidence as they wish to the Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal shall issue a determination on such appeal within 15 days of hearing such appeal.

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