

C. FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

1. SFPC Section 901 – General

- a. **(SFPC) 901.2 Construction documents.** The building and fire code officials shall require construction documents and calculations for all fire protection **and hazardous materials dispensing or storage systems (hazmat system)** and to require permits be issued **prior to** the installation, rehabilitation or modification of any fire protection system, including all fire main piping from the private side of the water meter for water suppression systems, **or for any hazmat system.** **Three (3) sets of plans shall be submitted to Fire Prevention by a properly licensed contractor (holding current licenses in VA and Chesapeake) for review and approval that shall include pertinent calculations, manufacturer “cut sheets”, drawings and a completed [Fire Permit Application](#).** Completed review packages shall be submitted directly to: Fire Prevention at 304 Albemarle Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322, tel. 757-382-6566, fax. 757-382-8313.

Plan Review Time Table:

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| New fire alarm or sprinkler system | 20 working days |
| Alteration or addition to any existing system or any other new system | 10 working days |

A letter of approval is issued by Fire Prevention to accompany approved plans and the Fire permit application signed by the Fire Code Official, which are necessary to obtain a permit from the Department of Neighborhood Services where permit fees are also collected. Upon completion of the system installation and with 2 business days advanced notification to the Fire Prevention Inspection Request Line at 757-382-8211, system inspection and testing will be conducted by a Fire Inspector for final system acceptance approval.

a-1. **(SFPC) 901.2.1 Statement of compliance.** Before receiving final approval of the fire protection system **or hazmat system** installation, the installing contractor shall furnish a written statement to the fire code official that the subject fire protection system has been installed in accordance with approved plans and has been tested in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications and the appropriate installation standard. Any deviations from the design standards shall be noted and copies of the approvals for such deviations shall be attached to the written statement.