



Pickens County Fire Marshal

Fire Marshal Inspections / Business Licenses

Business Licenses are required for all businesses operating with the unincorporated areas of Pickens County. **Business License Inspections** are required to be performed by inspectors from the Fire Marshal's Office as well as from the Building Department and Environmental Health Department (if applicable).

Business License Inspections by the Fire Marshal's Office

Request for Business License Inspections are initiated with the county Planning and Development office, who determines whether or not a particular business will be required to submit plans for review prior to performing inspections. Contact the Planning and Development office for further information regarding the Business License Procedure. In addition, **Annual Inspections** are performed by Fire Inspectors to verify that buildings in Pickens County continue to be in compliance with fire and life safety code requirements.

The Following is a list of the types of items which the Fire Inspector will look for during a Business Inspection.

- Current inspection tag on sprinkler riser (if applicable).
- Current inspection tag on Kitchen hood suppression system (if applicable).
- General housekeeping.
- Required exit doors are functional and have correct hardware.
- Fire Extinguishers have the current inspection tag.
- Fire alarm is functional and has been tested within 12 months.
- Exits are clear and accessible.

- Exit signs are functional.
- Emergency lights are functional.
- Electrical panel is labeled and has no open slots for breakers.
- Extension cords are not being used on permanent fixtures.
- Address/suite numbers are clearly visible.
- Mechanical rooms are clear of combustible storage.
- All switch and outlet covers are installed.
- Outside utilities (gas/electric meter) are labeled if building is multi-tenant.
- Any potential fire hazards for occupants or firefighters in the event of an emergency.

Annual Inspections by the Fire Marshal's Office

The following is a list of the types of items which the Fire Inspector will look for during an annual inspection.

- Exit Access-clear and unobstructed
- Door Hardware functionality
- Electrical/Mechanical rooms, clear of combustible storage
- Emergency lights and Exit signs functioning properly
- FDC-accessible and visible
- Fire Department access. Parking and signage
- Hydrants- visible and accessible
- Kitchen Hood – Maintained and operational
- Hood Suppression System – Operational with current tag
- Sprinkler System – operational with current “Green” tag
- Fire Extinguishers – current tag, clear and accessible
- General Housekeeping – aisle widths maintained
- Any potential fire hazards for occupants or firefighters in the event of an emergency.