



Fire Sprinkler Contractor Rules 2023 Fact Sheet

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is proposing changes to the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Rules ([41 Ill. Adm. Code 109](#)) that may affect fire sprinkler contractors.

What changes can Fire Sprinkler Contractors expect to see because of this rulemaking?

The proposed rules will update the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Rules to reflect changes to the [Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act \(225 ILCS 317\)](#) by [Public Act 102-0612](#), including providing the rules for fire sprinkler inspector licensing.

Fire Sprinkler Inspector License & Qualifications

- A fire sprinkler inspector must be employed and licensed through the fire sprinkler contractor.
- A fire sprinkler inspector's license will be specific to the fire sprinkler contractor which employs that fire sprinkler inspector. A fire sprinkler that works for more than one contractor must have a fire sprinkler inspector license with each fire sprinkler contractor.
- Establishes a minimum age of 21 years for fire sprinkler inspectors.
- Fire sprinkler inspectors must provide proof of qualifications, such as:
 - NICET III Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems
 - NFPA Water-Based Inspection, Testing and Maintenance
 - ASSE 15010 Water-Based Protection Systems.
 - Completion of a DOL approved Sprinkler Fitter Apprenticeship program.
- The fire sprinkler inspector license period will be two years.
- Fire sprinkler inspectors must complete continuing education during each year of their license period.
- Fire sprinkler inspector applicants must provide a list of any license issued by an AHJ and any discipline related to fire sprinkler inspecting for the three year period prior to application.
- The fire sprinkler inspector must carry the license at all times while performing routine inspection or testing and must show the license to an AHJ upon request.

Fire Sprinkler Contractor and Fire Sprinkler Inspector

- Requires any licensee to maintain the conditions of licensure throughout the license period or have their license suspended.
 - Examples include evidence of good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, evidence of insurance, and evidence of certification.

- Both fire sprinkler contractor and fire sprinkler inspector must provide notice to OSFM within specific timeframes when the employment of a fire sprinkler inspector is terminated.

Complaints, Unlicensed Practice & Appeals

- Specifies that all complaints concerning violations regarding licensees or unlicensed activity must be submitted to the OSFM in writing.
- Adds a section on unlicensed practice as a fire sprinkler contractor or fire sprinkler inspector. Unlicensed practice may result in a civil penalty up to \$10,000 through an administrative hearing.
- Updates and provides details for the procedure to appeal an administrative action by the OSFM.

Fees

- New license fees are proposed.
 - \$3,000 per fire sprinkler contractor license. OSFM recognizes increased costs for program management since fees were last updated.
 - \$500 per fire sprinkler inspector license.

Miscellaneous

- Proposed rules also added and updated definitions, made technical and administrative corrections, and provided other updates to clarify existing requirements.

Contact Us

OSFM will be hosting a public hearing that can be attended in person or through Webex (video or call-in options). Details will be posted on the OSFM's website. Members of the industry are invited to the public hearing to learn about the proposed rules and ask questions.

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