



## ***Town of Cedar Point Fire Prevention Inspection Program***

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### **What is the NC State Fire Prevention Code?**

The Fire Prevention Code is a set of minimum mandatory fire safety standards published and regulated by the North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal that apply to all occupancies in North Carolina, except one and two family dwellings. The Fire Prevention Code is uniformly enforced in all areas of the State. The fire code primarily regulates:

- 1) General Precautions against Fire
- 2) Emergency Preparedness
- 3) Fire Protection Requirements
- 4) Electrical Safety
- 5) Exits and Egress Requirements
- 6) Flammable/Combustible Liquid Safety
- 7) Hazardous Materials Operations and Storage
- 8) Other Specialized Operations and Storage

The North Carolina Fire Prevention Code may be viewed online at <http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/>

### **How Often Will the Town Provide Fire Inspection?**

The Town through the Western Carteret Fire and EMS Department will immediately respond to any complaint or request for assistance in Fire Code Safety. The Fire Department will make every effort to inspect all occupancies within the Town of Cedar Point annually. At minimum, inspections of all occupancies will be conducted as outlined below in the State mandated minimum inspection schedule:

Once every year - Hazardous, Institutional, High-Rise, Assembly except those noted below, and Residential except one and two family dwellings and only interior common areas of dwelling units of multifamily occupancies.

Once every two years - Industrial and Educational (Except public schools).

Once every three years - Assembly occupancies with an occupant load less than 100, Business, Mercantile, Storage, Churches, Synagogues, and miscellaneous Group U occupancies.

## **Who Will Perform The Fire Inspections?**

All personnel who enforce the State Fire Prevention Code are certified to do so by the North Carolina Code Official's Qualification Board. Each inspector that will work with you has undergone extensive education and training to provide quality service. Not only are the inspectors certified by the state to perform fire code enforcement, each is trained in firefighting procedures. This enables us to bring to you a clear understanding of fire behavior.

## **How Does The Fire Inspection Program Work?**

The Town Fire Inspector will call upon businesses within our jurisdiction. Upon arrival, the Inspector will ask for the owner, manager, safety officer or other responsible party. In some cases an appointment will be scheduled in advance, but most inspections will be by geographic area. A systemic inspection will be conducted of the exterior and interior of each building or business. Any code violations will be listed on an inspection form. All violations will be fully explained to the person in charge. Priority items will be identified.

An initial 30-day re-inspection date will be set for the inspector to return. The owner/operator will sign the form and a copy will be left as a record of the inspection. On or about the date set for the first re-inspection, an Inspector will return checking to see that all necessary corrections have been made.

If corrections have not been properly abated an additional 30-day re-inspection period **may** be given. On or about the date set for the second re-inspection, an Inspector will return checking to see that all necessary corrections have been made.

If corrections have not been properly abated, a Civil Citation will be issued to ensure all items have been properly corrected. If any additional re-inspections are necessary, Civil Penalties and Court Action will be sought to gain Code compliance.

## **Are There Any Charges For Fire Inspection Services?**

There is no fee for the initial fire inspection. Re-Inspections will incur a fee which is set by the Cedar Point Board of Commissioners and publish in an official Cedar Point Fee Schedule.

If Civil Citations are issued, fines will be assessed per outstanding violation. Civil Citation fees are set by the Cedar Point Board of Commissioners and publish in an official Cedar Point Fee Schedule.

## **Fire Inspection Program Time Periods and Fees/Fines**

1 <sup>st</sup> Inspection (Initial):	No Fee
2 <sup>nd</sup> Inspection (After 30 Days):	Potential Fines
3 <sup>rd</sup> Inspection (After 30 Days):	Potential Fines
4 <sup>th</sup> Inspection:	Civil Penalties & Fines, Plus Potential Civil Action (Court), Misdemeanor Charges