

Other Information

Tactical Surveys - Once a year, a fire engine crew will stop by to conduct a tactical survey. This tactical survey allows the firefighters serving your area of the City to become familiar with your building layout and utility features. These visits are separate from your annual fire inspection.

Fireworks - The selling and discharging of fireworks within the corporate city limits of North Myrtle Beach is illegal as well as a fire hazard. **Fireworks stores that appear to be located within North Myrtle Beach are not actually within corporate city limits.**

Property Appearance - Due to our principal industry being tourism, the City of North Myrtle Beach strives to maintain a pleasing appearance within the City. A clean and well-kept property invites customers and enhances our city image.

Fire Hydrant - Fire hydrants are an important tool of your fire suppression forces. Keeping them free from obstructions and readily visible is essential. This also affects our fire protection class rating. If you have a fire hydrant near your business, please report any problems regarding obstruction or visibility.



Obtaining Business License Approval from the Office of the Fire Marshal



**The City of North Myrtle Beach
Office of the Fire Marshal
1015 Second Avenue South
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582**

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**Should you have any questions concerning any of these items prior to your fire inspection please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 843-280-5621
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Obtaining Business License Approval from The Fire Department

As part of your business license application process, a fire and life safety inspection will be performed on your business by a certified fire inspector.

- Submit your business license application to the City of North Myrtle Beach, and fill out all pertinent information.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the Fire Marshal's office for their inspection if applicable. jjortiz@nmb.us 843- 280-5621.

If you are doing any renovations to the building or space you intend to occupy, please contact the Building Department to inquire if permits are required prior to removing or adding any walls or changing doors. You are not allowed to remove any existing fire protection systems or devices. Failure to do this could result in the work that was done having to be removed or corrected due to failure to meet code compliance.

Contact Deputy Fire Marshal Ortiz at 843-280-5621.

Deputy Fire Marshal Ortiz will be checking for fire code compliance on the following fire protection systems and devices. An effort to address these items before your inspection if applicable shall be done.

1. **Exit lights** - Exit lights are required to be illuminated at all times and the battery back-up must function properly.
2. **Emergency Egress Lights** - Where required or installed must operate.
3. **Exit Doors** - Surface mounted slide bolts, dead bolts and pad locked hasps are not allowed on required exit doors.
4. **Exit Doors** - Some exit doors may require special locking hardware such as panic hardware, push pads or exit alarms.
5. **Fire Extinguishers** - Are required in every business. There are minimum size requirements that will be determined at the time of your fire inspection. **Do not purchase a fire extinguisher until the Deputy Fire Marshal completes his inspection.**
6. **Housekeeping** - Storage is prohibited within any exit or egress pathway. Accumulation of any refuse is prohibited.
7. **Extension Cords** - Extension cords cannot be used as permanent wiring. **Please consult with the Fire Marshal's Office prior to the purchase of extension cords to be used in your business.**
8. **Business Address** - Your businesses numerical address must be posted in a minimum of 4-inch numbers on the street address side of your business so as to be readily visible from the street. Numbers must contrast with the background upon which they are affixed. This helps your customers find your location as well as the fire, police and emergency medical service.
9. **Emergency Contacts** - In the event that your building or surrounding property is involved in an emergency we would like to have after hours' numbers for yourself and/or other responsible persons so that we may contact you and advise you of the situation and the status of your business.
10. **Fire Alarms** - Fire alarms, where installed or required, must have an annual certification/inspection performed by a certified/licensed fire alarm contractor. Contact the Fire Marshal's Office for last certification/inspection date.
11. **Kitchen Grease Hood Suppression Systems** - Are required to be kept free of heavy accumulations of grease and shall be professionally serviced at least twice annually. Contact the Fire Marshal's Office for last certification/inspection
12. **Automatic Fire Sprinklers** - Structures equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system are required to have an annual inspection performed by a licensed fire sprinkler contractor. The addition or removal of walls will require sprinkler system reconfiguration. Contact the Fire Marshal's office for last certification/inspection date.
13. **Kitchen Grease Hood Cleanings** - Are required to be kept free of heavy accumulations of grease and shall be professionally cleaned at least twice annually. More frequent cleanings may be required. Contact the Fire Marshal's Office for last certification/inspection date.
14. **Knox Box** - If your building or structure is equipped with a KNOX BOX we will be requiring a key from you to place in this box. This allows us to access your business in an emergency without having to break in the door.