



ALTOONA FIRE DEPARTEMNT

Licensed Portable Fire Extinguisher Service Companies

The following businesses have met the requirements of the City of Altoona Resolution #0092-17 to operate as a licensed Portable Fire Extinguisher Service Company in the City of Altoona.

BLUES FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE, INC.

License # - FE2019-0003

1241 Franklin Street Johnstown, PA 15905
Phone: 814-525-0076

KAZA FIRE EQUIPMENT, LLC

License # - FE2020-0001

155 Lowel Avenue Ebensburg, PA 15931
Phone: 814-472-8650

LIBERTY FIRE SOLUTIONS, LLC

License # - FE2019-0004

13210 Dunnings Highway Claysburg, PA 16625
Phone: 814-239-3473

SNEATH FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, INC

License # - FE2020-0002

415 Five Points Road La Jose, PA 15753
Phone: 814-277-6887

SWARTZ FIRE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT, INC

License # - FE2019-0005

513 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823
Phone: 814-355-9033



Commercial Kitchen Hood System Cleaning And Extinguishing Systems

The Altoona Fire Department’s Fire Safety Inspection program works with business through inspections, enforcement, and fire prevention education to reduce the risk of fire related incidents. The City of Altoona has adopted the 2015 International Fire Code as its Fire Prevention Code and utilizes this Code in all fire safety inspections. The following are general guidelines used during inspections. Please keep in mind this guide may not address every situation or violation that could arise.

Extinguishing Systems

- Hood suppression system(s) is serviced in accordance with the applicable NFPA code every six months by a licensed City of Altoona Fire Extinguishment Servicing Company. (A list of licensed companies is available on the City of Altoona website.)
- A manual actuation device is present and located no less than 10 feet but no more than 20 feet from the hood system.
- The manual actuation device is easily accessible and not obstructed.
- A current inspection tag is affixed to the suppression cylinder, the manual actuation device, or both stating the company/technician who serviced the system and the month and year the system was serviced.

Hood Cleaning

- Cleaning of hood systems and the attached ventilation systems is cleaned in accordance with ANSI/IKECA C 10 and the table below by a licensed City of Altoona Commercial Kitchen Hood Cleaning Service. (A list of licensed companies is available on the City of Altoona website.)
- A tag is affixed to the hood system in a conspicuous location stating the cleaning company name, address, telephone number and date of service/cleaning.
- Records of each cleaning are kept on property stating the name of the individual/company who performed the cleaning, when the cleaning took place, documentation of the work performed, and photographs before and after the cleaning was completed.

TYPE OF COOKING OPERATION	FREQUENCY OF INSPECTION/CLEANING
High-volume cooking operations such as 24-hour cooking, charbroiling or wok cooking	3 Months
Low-volume cooking operations such as places of religious worship, seasonal businesses and senior centers.	12 Months
Cooking operations utilizing solid fuel-burning cooking appliances	1 Month
All other cooking operations	6 Months



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FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION **FEES AND CHECKLIST**

Fire Inspection Fees

The fee for your fire and life safety inspection is based upon a fee schedule that takes in consideration the square footage of your occupancy. This fee applies only to the initial inspection. You will not be assessed an additional fee for re-inspections. The Fee Schedule is as follows:

1. Building less than 6,000 square feet	\$60.00	5. Domiciliary Care Home	\$40.00
2. Buildings 6,001 to 25,000 square feet	\$120.00	6. Room Boarding House	\$25.00
3. Buildings 25,001 to 75,000 square feet	\$180.00	7. Room Boarding License	\$50.00
4. Buildings greater than 75,000 square feet	\$480.00		

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Access and Premises

- Address numbers are posted and visible from the street.
- Fire lanes and access roads are maintained clear to provide fire department vehicle access.
- Premises is clear of combustible materials and vegetation that could create a fire hazard.
- Fire Department Connections and Fire Hydrants are clear from obstructions and easily accessible.
- Does the building have a Knox Box if required?

Means of Egress (Exiting)

- Means of egresses are free from obstructions that would prevent its use, including the accumulation of snow and ice.
- Exit doors open easily from the inside.
- Exit hardware is in operable condition.
- Doors with self-closing hinges are maintained in the closed position.
- Exit ways and doors are easily recognized and distinguishable from adjacent construction and finishes.
- Minimum clear width of aisles is maintained.

Emergency Lighting/Egress Illumination

- If emergency lighting is provided, is it maintained in operable condition?
- Means of egress is illuminated when the building is occupied.

Exit Signs

- Exit signs are internally or externally illuminated.
- Exit sign battery-backup power must work properly
- Exit signs are readily visible from any direction of egress travel.

Electrical Hazards

- Electrical outlets, switches, and junction boxes are properly covered with cover plates.
- Working space of 30 inches in width, 36 inches in depth, and 78 inches in height is provided in front of electrical service equipment.
- Electrical rooms are labeled.
- Multiplug adapters and unfused plug strips comply with NFPA 70.
- Power Strips have over current protection and are listed in accordance with UL 1363. Power strips are plugged directly into an outlet and are not connected in series.
- Extension Cords are not a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords are plugged directly into an outlet and are maintained in good condition.
- Portable space heaters are listed and labeled, plugged directly into an outlet, not used with an extension cord, and not operated within 3 feet of combustible materials.

Fire Extinguishers

- Fire extinguishers are easily accessible, unobstructed from view, and located not further than 75 feet in travel distance.
- Fire extinguishers are securely mounted on a bracket with the top of the extinguisher not more than 5 feet above the floor.
- Fire extinguishers are serviced on a yearly basis by a licensed City of Altoona Fire Extinguisher Servicing Company and have a current inspection tag. (List of licensed companies available on City of Altoona website.)
- Class K extinguisher provided for the protection of cooking grease fires.

Fire Sprinkler Systems

- Maintained in an operative condition at all times and shall be repaired or replaced where defective.
- If equipped with a fire sprinkler system, the required annual service has been performed in the last year by a qualified individual.
- Storage is maintained a minimum of 18" below sprinkler head deflectors in fire sprinkled areas.
- Rooms containing fire sprinkler equipment are properly labeled.
- Access to fire equipment is unimpeded and available at all times.

Fire Alarm Systems

- Maintained in an operative condition at all times and shall be repaired or replaced where defective.
- Fire alarm system is inspected, tested, and maintained on yearly basis and records of this are kept.
- Required Fire Alarm system is monitored by an approved supervising station in accordance with NFPA 72.
- Rooms containing fire alarm control panels are properly labeled.

Commercial Kitchen Hood Systems and Extinguishing Systems

- Hood Suppression System is serviced every six months by a licensed City of Altoona Fire Extinguishment Servicing Company. (List of licensed companies is available on the City of Altoona website.)
- Hoods, grease removal devices, fans, ducts and other appurtenances are cleaned and inspected at required intervals by a qualified individual.

Storage

- Boiler, Electrical, and Mechanical rooms are free from storage.
- Storage is not placed within 24" of the ceiling.
- Storage of combustible materials is separated from heaters or heating devices.
- Storage of materials in buildings is orderly and stacks are stable.
- Combustible materials are not stored in exits or enclosures for stairways and ramps.