City of Altoona Fire Department

Certification Guidelines for Portable Fire Extinguisher Servicing Companies within the

City of Altoona Limits

Per the International Fire Code, 2012 Section 906.2.1, which states, "Service personnel providing or conducting maintenance on portable fire extinguishers shall possess a valid certificate issued by an approved governmental agency, or other approved organization for the type of work performed.

1. Portable Fire Extinguisher Servicing Companies must have a Current City of Altoona Business License. 2. Each employee servicing Portable Fire Extinguishers must acquire and maintain ICC Certified Portable Fire Extinguisher Technician Certification. Proof of certification shall be provided for each Technician working within City limits prior to certification by the City of Altoona. 3. Portable Fire Extinguisher Servicing Companies must provide the Altoona Fire Department with current points of contact as well as business information including currently certified personnel at the time of certification or recertification. This information must be updated when changes occur. 4. Portable Fire Extinguisher Servicing Companies must provide signed documentation that their business has the facilities and capabilities to provide all levels of Portable Fire Extinguisher servicing, including hydrostatic testing. <u>Or</u> 4b. Provide a signed contract with a 3^{rd} party company that will complete all levels of Portable Fire Extinguisher Servicing, if the business does not have the facilities or equipment to accomplish servicing and hydrostatic testing. 5. All employees must be clearly credentialed when entering a business property. Once all prerequisites are met, the Portable Fire Extinguisher Servicing Company will be given a certificate by the City of Altoona Fire Department. This certificate must be produced to customers upon their request. A fully qualified list of such companies and their certified employees will be maintained by the Altoona Fire Department and will be displayed on the City of Altoona website for citizens to view.