MOBILE FIRE - RESCUE DEPARTMENT
FIRE CODE ADMINISTRATION

Sprinkler system Plan Review
2012 International Fire Code and NFPA 13R

Date of Review ___/___/______                         BLD201__ - _______________

Project Address: ____________________________ Project Name: ____________________________

Professional Engineer’s Name: ____________________________ Phone: __________

Sprinkler Contractor’s Business Name: ____________________________ Phone: __________

Sprinkler Contractors Name: ____________________________ Phone: __________

Sprinkler Contractor’s Email Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Occupancy Classification: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Reference numbers following checklist statements represent an NFPA code section unless otherwise specified.

1. _____ Two sets of drawings are provided.

2. _____ System components are listed for intended use and compatible with the system, and specification data product sheets are provided.

Drawings shall detail the following and items listed in 8.1: General

3. _____ The type of system is noted: __ wet, __ dry, __ antifreeze not exceeding 40 gals., __ pre-action, __ dry and type of sprinklers are noted: __ pendent, __ upright, __ sidewall.

4. _____ Scale: a common scale shall be used and plan information is legible, .

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5. ___ Plot plan showing supply piping and pipe size from the water source to the building.

6. ___ Building’s dimension, location of partitions, and fire walls.

7. ___ Room dimensions, labeled rooms, occupancy class of each room. If the room label is not descriptive provide the room’s type of use.

8. ___ Full-height cross elevation views and include ceiling construction.

9. ___ Type of protection for nonmetallic pipe.

10. ___ Dimensions for system piping, type of pipe, and component spacing.

11. ___ Equipment symbol legend and the compass point.

12. ___ A water flow alarm test connection is provided.

13. ___ All water supply valves and flow switches are supervised, IFC 903.4.

14. ___ Exterior flow alarm location is shown and the type identified, if electric, it is listed for outdoor use, and it is connected to the building fire alarm, if provided.

**Note:** if an electric bell is utilized, it shall be connected to the Fire Alarm Control Panel and listed for outdoor use.

16. ___ Backflow prevention device, when required by state or local regulations, is shown in the pipe schematic, listed specification sheet and pressure loss data are provided.

17. ___ Antifreeze systems are detailed and designed in accordance with NFPA 13:

18. ___ Water supply provides the system demand for at least 30 minutes.

19. ___ If a fire pump is required it is designed and detailed per NFPA 20 and this book’s checklist.

20. ___ Pressure gauges for the riser are provided and detailed for supply and system pressure.

21. ___ Riser coverage does not exceed 52,000 sq. ft.

22. ___ Aboveground water supply pipe is protected against freezing conditions.
Sprinklers

23. ____ Total number of each type of sprinkler is noted and the number of sprinklers per floor are noted,

24. ____ Sprinkler location is correct, ceiling and roof sectionals are provided for clarification.

25. ____ Type of sprinklers: sprinkler K-factors, temperature rating, and orifice size,.

26. ____ Residential sprinklers are limited for use for wet pipe automatic sprinkler systems unless specifically listed for another use,

27. ____ When listed quick-response sprinklers are used in dwelling units, the dwelling unit shall meet the definition of a compartment and a maximum of four sprinklers are used, sprinkler density complies with 6.2., providing at least 0.1 gpm/ft$^2$ in the dwelling unit.

28. ____ Sprinklers are rated for ordinary temperature (135°F-175°F) when ceiling temperature does not exceed 100°F,

29. ____ Sprinklers in areas with a ceiling temperature of 101°F-150°F are equipped with intermediate temperature sprinklers (175°F-225°F),

30. ____ Distance of sprinklers from heat sources complies with Table 6.2..

31. ____ Sprinklers outside the dwelling unit are quick-response,.

32. ____ Each sprinkler coverage area is within its listing limitations,.

33. ____ Sprinkler coverage not required for an architectural area, e.g., bay window, etc., up to 18 sq. ft., dimension up to 2 ft. in depth and up to 9 ft. in length and is within sprinkler’s spacing distance,.

34. ____ Sprinkler coverage is not required for shadowed areas in a compartment not exceeding 800 sq. ft., where the area does not exceed 3 sq. ft., the aggregate of the areas do not exceed 12 sq. ft. in a compartment and 30 sq. ft. in a dwelling unit,.

35. ____ Sloped ceiling spacing is in accordance with Section 6.4.

36. ____ Sidewall sprinklers are 4 in. to 6 in. from the ceiling unless listing permits otherwise,.

37. ____ Closets and storage areas not exceeding 400 cu. ft. a single sprinkler provides coverage and is located at the highest ceiling level,
38. ______ Pendent sprinkler are at least 3 ft. from obstructions, e.g., light fixtures, ceiling fans, etc., or in accordance with 6.4. Sprinkler locations for continuous obstructions are in compliance with 6.4.

39. ______ Sidewall sprinklers are at least 5 ft. from obstructions, e.g., light fixtures, ceiling fans, etc., Sprinkler locations for continuous obstructions are in compliance with 6.4.

40. ______ Soffits and cabinets are provided sprinkler coverage in accordance with 6.4.

41. ______ Ceiling pockets are sprinkled unless the pocket volume is 100 sq. ft. or less, its depth is 1 ft. or less, the fall below is protected, it is separated from other pockets by at least 10 ft., and the finish material is noncombustible or limited combustible.

42. ______ Sprinklers are not required in dwelling unit bathrooms less than 55 sq. ft.

43. ______ Sprinklers are not required in dwelling unit clothes closets, pantries, or linen closets less than 24 sq. ft. with the least dimension being 3 ft. or less, and walls and ceilings have noncombustible or limited-combustible surface materials.

44. ______ Sprinklers are provided in closets containing heating or air-conditioning equipment.

45. ______ Sprinklers on balconies and decks on buildings of Type V construction shall comply with Section 903.

46. ______ Sprinklers are not required in attics, penthouse equipment rooms, elevator machine rooms, concealed spaces used exclusively for dwelling unit ventilation equipment, crawl spaces, floor/ceiling spaces, elevator shafts, and other non-used concealed areas.

47. ______ Areas outside dwelling unit: Residential sprinklers can protect these spaces with flat smooth ceilings: (1) lobbies not in hotels or motels, (2) foyers, (3) corridors, (4) halls, (5) lounges, (6) other areas with fire loads similar to residential.

48. ______ Garage separated from the residential building by fire-resistive construction, which qualifies the garage as a separate building is sprinkled in accordance with NFPA 13, NFPA 13R.

49. ______ Garage accessible by people from more than 1 dwelling unit and not constructed like 7.3 is part of the building and is protected in accordance with 7.2.
50. ____ Garages only accessible from one dwelling unit is protected in accordance with 7.3.

**Drains and Test Connection**

51. ____ At least a 1 in. nominal diameter drain with a valve is detailed on the system side of the control valve,

52. ____ A ½ in. drain is provided for each trapped portion of a dry system subject to freezing,

53. ____ At least a 1 in. test connection with a valve is detailed,

**Pipe and Valves**

54. ____ One control valve is provided for both the domestic water and sprinkler, unless a separate control valve is provided for the sprinkler system and it is **electronically supervised or locked open**, [highlighted text]

**Pipe Support and Hangers Are in Accordance with NFPA 13, 13R 6.13.**

55. ____ Type and locations of hangers, sleeves, braces, and methods of securing pipe are shown and the manufacturer’s installation manual for plastic pipe is provided,

56. ____ Steel pipe hanger spacing is not greater than 12 ft. for 1 in. to 1¼ in. not greater than 15 ft. for 1½ in. to 8 in.,

57. ____ Light wall steel pipe hanger spacing is not greater than 12 ft. for 1 in. to 3 in. pipe,

58. ____ Branch lines are provided with one hanger per section of pipe,

59. ____ Mains are provided with one hanger between each branch line unless Sections 9.2. are met,

60. ____ Cross mains are provided with one hanger between each two branch lines or in compliance 9.2.

61. ____ Risers in multistory buildings are provided with supports at the lowest level, each alternate level, below offsets, and at the top,

62. ____ The maximum span distance between riser supports not to exceed 25 ft,
Seismic Protection in Accordance with NFPA 13 below, (13R 6.13)

63. _____ Flexible couplings may be used for pipe 2½ in. or larger at structural separations or within 2 ft. of expansion joints, within 2 ft. of the top and bottom of all risers, within 1 ft. above and below a floor penetration in multistory buildings, and on both sides of and within 1 ft. of concrete or masonry wall penetrations unless pipe clearance is provided.

64. _____ A 6 ell seismic separation assembly or listed flexible piping with four-way bracing within 6 ft., for any pipe, is provided and detailed at building seismic joints.

65. _____ Proper pipe clearance is noted on the plans for pipe penetrations, 9.3.4. Minimum clearance around pipes: 2 in. for 1 in. to 3½ in., 4 in. for 4 in. and larger, refer to the 3 spacing variations.

66. _____ Lateral sway bracing is required at a maximum spacing of 40 ft. for all mains, cross mains, and branch lines 2½ in. and larger.

67. _____ Lateral sway bracing is designed not to exceed the maximum zone of influence loading provided for its spacing.

68. _____ Bracing is provided for the last length of pipe of the end of a feed or cross main.

69. _____ Bracing is required unless all the pipe is supported by rods less than 6 in. or by 30° wrap-around U-hooks for any size pipe.

70. _____ Longitudinal sway bracing is a maximum of 80 ft. for mains and cross mains and within 40 ft. of the end of the line.

71. _____ A four-way sway brace is provided at least every 25 ft. and at the top of the riser if the top of the riser exceeds 3 ft. in length.

72. _____ Seismic bracing calculations and the zones of influence are detailed and provided for each brace to be used as shown in NFPA Figure A.9.3.5 (b) and the design should be in compliance with IBC 16 and ASCE 7, 9.3.5.6 through 9.3.5.8. Supplementing the calculations will be justification for the specific selection of the seismic coefficient.

73. _____ Longitudinal and lateral bracing is provided for each run of pipe between the changes of direction unless the run is less than 12 ft. and supported by adjacent pipe run bracing.

74. _____ Branch lines are restrained at the end sprinkler of each line and restrained against vertical and lateral movement.
75. ____ Branch line method of restraint is in accordance with Section 9.3..

76. ____ Restraints for branch lines shall be at intervals not greater than specified in Table 9.3. and justification for selection of the seismic coefficient is provided,

77. ____ Detailed are restraints for sprigs 4 ft. long or greater against lateral movement,

**Fire Department Connection**

78. ____ Detail local water flow alarm location is shown above the FDC.

79. ____ An FDC is provided for a building exceeding 2,000 sq. ft. or more than 1 story,

80. ____ The FDC location with a check valve is detailed on the street side or response side of building.

81. ____ FDC is 2½ in. connection and 18 in. to 48 in. above grade,

**Design Criteria and Hydraulic Calculations**

82. ____ Reference points match with plans.

83. ____ Pipe size references match the plans.

84. ____ Sprinkler information matches the plans.

85. ____ Water flow information is provided; static psi, residual psi, gpm at 20 psi residual with graphed results.

86. ____ Calculations are correct: static psi, pipe length, gpm, K for drops or branch, elevation data, hose allowance, friction loss, and equivalent pipe length. Minimum sprinkler pressure is that specified by the listing or 7 psi, whichever is greater,

87. ____ Domestic demand calculation are provided and added to the sprinkler system demand where both systems share a common water supply main,

88. ____ The system provides at least the flow required for multiple and single sprinkler operation as specified by the listing, and at the flow must produce a minimum density of .05 gpm/ft² to the design sprinklers,

89. ____ Sprinkler design for flat, smooth ceilings consists of up to 4 sprinklers within the same compartment with the largest flow and pressure demand,
90. ___ Areas outside dwelling unit are designed in accordance with NFPA 13 or as a compartmented area with a demand of no greater than 4 sprinklers when all the following are met: (1) Is compartmented into areas 500 sq. ft. or less by 30 minute fire construction, (2) Area is protected by quick-response or residential sprinklers not exceeding 130 sq. ft. for ordinary hazard occupancies, 225 sq. ft. for light hazard occupancies or in accordance with the sprinkler listing, (3) Openings have a lintel of at least 8 in. in depth, (4) Total area of openings does not exceed 50 sq. ft. per compartment, (5) Design densities are per 7.2.

91. ___ Garages that are only accessible from 1 dwelling unit are part of that dwelling and are sprinkled with residential sprinklers in accordance with 7.3 or quick-response sprinklers with a density of .05 gpm/ft² over the area of the garage up to 4 sprinklers.

92. ___ A legend for calculation abbreviations is provided.

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