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A Local Law to amend the New York city fire code, in relation to inspections of sprinkler system and standpipe system fire department connections

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 903.5 of the New York city fire code is amended to read as follows:

4. Fire department connections shall be hydrostatically tested at least once every [5] 3 years, in accordance with FC912.6.

§ 2. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 903.5.1 of the New York city fire code are amended to read as follows:

4. Fire department connections shall be hydrostatically tested at least once every [5] 3 years in accordance with FC912.6.

5. Upon order of the commissioner, but at least once every year, a flow test of the sprinkler system shall be conducted. Such test shall be conducted at the owner's risk by his or her representative, who shall be a licensed master plumber or licensed master fire suppression contractor. At least one such flow test shall be conducted before a representative of the department at least once every [5] 3 years. A report of each test, on an approved form, shall be certified by such licensed master plumber or licensed master fire suppression contractor and shall be kept for not less than 5 years and made available for inspection by any representative of the department.

§ 3. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 903.5.2 of the New York city fire code are amended to read as

follows:

4. Fire department connections shall be hydrostatically tested at least once every [5] 3 years in accordance with FC912.6.

5. Upon order of the commissioner, but at least once every year, a flow test of the sprinkler system shall be conducted; provided, however, that where there is a pressure gauge installed at or near the inspector's test location that is checked during the required monthly inspection described in FC903.5.2(1) to make certain the system design pressure is being maintained, a flow test of the sprinkler system shall be conducted upon order of the commissioner, but at least once every 30 months. Such test shall be conducted at the owner's risk by his or her representative, who shall be a plumber or licensed master fire suppression contractor. At least one such test shall be conducted before a representative of the department at least once every [5] 3 years. A report of each test, on a form prepared by the department, shall be certified by such plumber or licensed master fire suppression contractor and shall be kept for not less than 5 years and made available for inspection by any representative of the department.

§ 4. Section 905.2.1 of the New York city fire code, as amended by local law number 148 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

905.2.1. Standpipe hydrostatic pressure and flow tests. Upon order of the commissioner, but at least once every [5] 3 years, the standpipe system shall be subjected to a hydrostatic pressure test and a flow test to demonstrate its suitability for department use. These tests shall be conducted in compliance with the requirements of the rules and shall be conducted at the owner's risk, by his or her representative before a representative of the department.

§ 5. Section 912.6 of the New York city fire code, as amended by local law number 148 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

912.6. Maintenance. Sprinkler system and standpipe system fire department connections shall be periodically inspected, tested, serviced and otherwise maintained in accordance with FC901.6 and NFPA 25.

Upon order of the commissioner, but at least once every [5] 3 years, such fire department connections shall be subjected to a hydrostatic pressure test to demonstrate their suitability for department use. The test shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and at the owner's risk, by his or her representative before a representative of the department.

§ 6. This local law takes effect immediately.

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