

SAFE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTS

In addition to the construction type related inspections we also perform “Business License Inspections.” All new businesses & existing businesses changing locations, as a part of their licensing process, are required to undergo an inspection from our department and the fire department. Once the business is prepared to open, for the safety of the business owner(s), employees and you, the customer, a checklist of items are inspected but not limited to:



- Number of exits
- Exit door minimum requirements
- Illuminated exit signs
- Minimum exit pathway widths
- No exit pathway obstructions
- Adequate emergency illumination of exit pathways
- Required fire rated corridors/hallways
- Adequate restroom ventilation & exhaust
- Electrical service equipment/fixtures/outlet condition
- GFCI protection/receptacles/outlets near sinks/hazard
- Electrical power tap devices with overload protection
- Extension cords w/overload protection
- Minimum air ventilation/circulation system requirements
- Posted building address front/rear

- Accessibility requirements for the handicap/disabled
- Fire/smoke alarm and detection system
- Adequate restroom facilities available
- Water supply provisions for thermal expansion installed
- Water supply provisions for backflow prevention device
- Available parking spaces required/available
- Maximum occupancy
- Existing backflow device type & certification date
- Required grease trap or oil/water separation device (for restaurants)

Should a new business, want to make any modifications to an existing commercial tenant space, other requirements may be necessary to comply with current code standards for handicap accessibility and life and fire safety codes.

All commercial business locations are required to have a testable backflow device. These devices protect the city’s water supply by preventing cross contamination and require annual testing by a certified backflow tester. The type of business determines which type backflow is required. Most locations require a ‘double check’ valve. However, beauty salons, barbershops, nail salons and other businesses that use chemicals or other hazardous type materials require a special high hazard device, a reduced pressure zone valve, ‘RPZ.’



A new business may be required to have a different type device installed and tested replacing the existing device. Existing devices which haven’t had an annual test performed may require testing in order to pass their business license inspection.

Our main focus is your safety!