

1.0 This Policy is entitled the "System of Municipal Fire Inspections".

2.0 **Definitions**

In this Policy:

"Assembly Occupancy (Group A)" means the Assembly Occupancy as defined in the Building Code;

"Business and Personal Service Occupancy (Group D)" means a Business and Personal Service Occupancy as defined in the Building Code;

"Building Code" means the National Building Code of Canada as amended;

"Council" means Council of the West Hants Regional Municipality;

"Fire Safety Act" means "An Act to Promote and Encourage Fire Safety", Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2002, Nova Scotia, as amended from time to time, and any other successor legislation;

"Fire Safety Regulations" means the "Regulations Respecting Fire Safety" made by the Governor in Council pursuant to Section 51 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2002, the Fire Safety Act, as amended from time to time;

"Industrial Occupancy (Group F)" means Industrial Occupancy as defined in the Building Code;

"Mercantile Occupancy (Group E)" means a Mercantile Occupancy as defined in the Building Code;

"Municipal Fire Inspector" means a person appointed by the Municipality as a Municipal Fire Inspector pursuant to Fire Safety Act, Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2002, as amended from time to time;

"Residential Occupancy (Group C)" means a Residential Occupancy as defined in the Building Code;

3.0 **Municipal Fire Inspector**

Pursuant to Section 19 of the Fire Safety Act, Council shall appoint one or more Municipal Fire Inspectors to carry out the System of Municipal Fire Inspections in accordance with the requirements of the Fire Safety Act and Fire Safety Regulations.

4.0 **Systems of Inspections**

4.1 This Policy establishes a "System of Municipal Fire Inspections" to provide for compliance with the Fire Safety Act and the Fire Safety Regulations and which

recognizes municipal resources, geography and priorities based on a risk assessment.

- 4.2 Council hereby establishes the following "System of Municipal Fire Inspections". Unless the Municipal Fire Inspector deems that to reduce risk of fire and loss of life a more frequent inspection of one (1) or more particular buildings is required, inspections will be carried out as follows beginning in 2024:
- (a) **Assembly Occupancies (Group A)**
Every three (3) years in accordance with Section 13 of the Fire Safety Regulations;
 - (b) **Residential Occupancies (Group C)**
Buildings with more than three units and any building used as boarding, lodging and rooming houses, including accommodations for temporary foreign workers, and not regulated under the Homes for Special Care Act every 3 years;
 - (c) **Business and Personal Service Occupancies (Group D)**
Buildings will be inspected every five (5) years;
 - (d) **Mercantile Occupancies (Group E)**
Buildings will be inspected every five (5) years;
 - (e) **Industrial Occupancies (Group F)**
Buildings will be inspected every five (5) years.

5.0 **Failure to Comply with Order**

5.1 Summary Conviction

Where the owner of a building, land or premises fails to comply with an Order to Comply issued by the Municipal Fire Inspector, the Municipal Fire Inspector may take action as set out in Section 44 of the Fire Safety Act.

5.2 Carrying Out Matters Not Done by Owner

Pursuant to the Fire Safety Act, and subject to the approval of the Fire Marshall and Chief Administrative Officer, where an owner of a building, land or premises fails to comply with an Order issued by the Municipal Fire Inspector, the Municipal Fire Inspector may carry out or cause to be carried out an Order.

6.0 **Repeal**

- 6.1 The System of Municipal Fire Inspection Policy dated January 12, 2010 of the former Municipality of the District of West Hants is hereby repealed.

WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
SYSTEM OF MUNICIPAL FIRE INSPECTIONS POLICY

I, Deanna Snair, Municipal Clerk of the West Hants Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Policy as adopted by the Council of the West Hants Regional Municipality at a meeting duly called and held on the **26th** day of **September 2024**.



Deanna Snair,
Municipal Clerk

<i>Adoption</i>	
<i>Notice to Council:</i>	September 10, 2024
<i>Approval:</i>	September 26, 2024
<i>Description: First Amendment of the System of Municipal Fire Inspections Policy, RCOPL-002.00, to provide clarity in relation to Group C buildings (i.e., residential occupancies containing fewer than 3 units), particularly for boarding, lodging and rooming houses, including accommodations for temporary foreign workers.</i>	

