



Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Permitting Information

All Sprinkler and Fire Alarm plans must be reviewed and approved by a qualified Third Party Plan Reviewer prior to applying for the building permit. **All Sprinkler and Fire Alarm inspections shall be performed by the qualified Third Party (see below).** All associated costs are the responsibility of the applicant.

Once the plans have been approved by the qualified Third Party Plan Reviewer you must submit the following to the Building Department for review:

- One set of the approved plans
- Letter of approval from the qualified Third Party Plan Reviewer
- Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Permit Application

§54.1-1147, Certified automatic fire sprinkler inspector

A. **(Effective July 1, 2021)** No person may perform or offer to perform inspections of automatic fire sprinkler systems in the Commonwealth unless he is certified under the provisions of this section.

B. The Board shall certify as an automatic fire sprinkler inspector any person who receives (i) a Level II or higher Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems certificate issued through the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies or (ii) a substantially similar certification from a nationally recognized training program approved by the Board. The Board may suspend or revoke certification as an automatic fire sprinkler inspector for any person that does not maintain a certification required under this subsection.

C. **(Effective July 1, 2021)** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, a person lacking certification under this section but participating in a training or apprenticeship program may perform automatic fire sprinkler inspections so long as (i) such person is accompanied by a certified automatic fire sprinkler inspector and (ii) any required inspection forms are signed by the certified automatic fire sprinkler inspector.

2019, c. [726](#).

The chapters of the acts of assembly referenced in the historical citation at the end of this section(s) may not constitute a comprehensive list of such chapters and may exclude chapters whose provisions have expired.

Below is a partial list of qualified Third Party Plan Reviewers. This is not a complete list and you may use any qualified Third Party Plan Reviewer of your choice.

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