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City of Blaine Fire Prevention Inspection Policy

VOLUNTARY FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

PURPOSE:

To encourage the installation of automatic fire sprinklers in residential occupancies by promoting life safety as the primary goal and property protection as a secondary goal and by reducing the cost of installation whenever possible.

VOLUNTARY FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

Voluntary fire protection systems are often installed based on the desires of a home owner to provide protection above what is required by the code. It is the policy of the City of Blaine to permit the installation of systems that may provide protection above that required by the code. This may include systems that are not in conformance with nationally recognized standards for items such as:

- Spacing or location
- Water supply
- Listed equipment
- Supervision/monitoring

Installation and licensing

Fire protection system work, even when voluntary, must conform to requirements for licensing, permitting, and inspections. This would include [Minn. Stat. § 299M](#) for sprinklers. Homeowners, however, are permitted by [Minn. Stat. §299M](#) to install residential sprinklers in their own home without the use of a licensed contractor, provided that the plans are signed by a licensed contractor and a permit is obtained.