



116 West A St., Newton, NC 28658

## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Effective October 9, 2013, the following requirements will apply to all companies who engage in the maintenance, servicing and/or inspection of fire suppression systems protecting commercial kitchen cooking systems, appliances and equipment, and portable fire extinguishers.

1. All companies shall register with the Newton Fire Department and provide the following information:

- Name and business address of company.
- Type and scope of work performed (i.e. new installations only, servicing and inspection of existing systems only, or both).
- Make and model of systems that personnel have been trained to service or install.
- Documentation of at least \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance.

2. All service manuals shall be provided to all personnel, and these manuals shall be immediately available to servicing/installation personnel at the job site.

3. All tamper seals shall have the current year imprinted or stamped.

4. All fusible links shall be replaced annually with new links *stamped with current year*, and replaced links shall be wiped clean and attached to piping just above the remote pull station.

5. Any system that is *non-compliant* shall be indicated with an attached "Non-Compliant" tag. This tag shall indicate reason for non-compliance. The Newton Fire Department shall be forwarded a copy of a service report completed for any *non-compliant system*.

6. All *dry-chemical* systems shall be tagged *non-compliant*.

7. When removing a fire extinguisher for service from the property, a *loaner* extinguisher shall be provided, at least equal to the rating of the extinguisher removed.

8. An installation or service report outlining work performed shall be completed and provided to business owner.

9. All maintenance and service performed on fire suppression systems shall comply with the manufacturer's recommendations, the North Carolina Fire Code, and all applicable NFPA Standards.

10. All maintenance and service performed on portable fire extinguishers shall be in compliance with the North Carolina Fire Code and NFPA 10. All annual and semi-annual fire suppression reports shall be emailed to

[fireinspection@newtonnc.gov](mailto:fireinspection@newtonnc.gov)

If upon inspection of a premises by the Newton Fire Department, it is determined that a non-compliant system was serviced or inspected, and fitted with an "approved or compliant" tag, the company performing the work will be issued a fine by the Newton Fire Department.

In addition, any company that performs any type of service, maintenance or installation on any system which personnel have not been properly trained on, the company will be issued a fine.

For any questions, you may contact the Newton Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau at 828-695-4282.

**On or about October 10, 2013, registration forms will be available for completion and shall be submitted via mail or in person to the Fire Prevention Bureau. The registration form will be available via the bureau's web site:**

[http://www.newtonnc.gov/departments/fire/forms\\_and\\_documents.php](http://www.newtonnc.gov/departments/fire/forms_and_documents.php)