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Fire Inspection Schedule (Adoption Date: February 7, 2018)

The Town of Nags Head Fire Department provides fire inspections for commercial occupancies in order to preserve public health, safety and to satisfy GS 160A-424 and GC 160A-411. A periodic inspection schedule based on the minimum requirements of the 2012 North Carolina Fire Prevention Code, Section 106, is required to be approved by the local governing body and submitted to the NC Office of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Insurance. In no case shall inspections be conducted less frequently than described in the proposed schedule below.

Twice per year/at least 120 days apart - All educational occupancies with children in grades K-12 per NC GS 115C-525.

Once every year- Hazardous, institutional, high rise, assembly occupancies and residential except one and two family dwellings and common areas of dwelling units of multi-family occupancies. Vacant structures shall be inspected annually.

Once per year - Day care occupancies shall be inspected **once** per year as required by general statutes.

Once every two years- Industrial and all other educational occupancies (except public schools).

Once every three years- Assembly occupancies with an occupant load less than 100, business, mercantile, storage, churches, synagogues, and miscellaneous group U occupancies.

New construction- At a minimum, one inspection completed for Certificate of Occupancy. Fire protection systems, fire alarm systems shall be inspected no less than two times including a final acceptance test before a certificate of occupancy is issued.