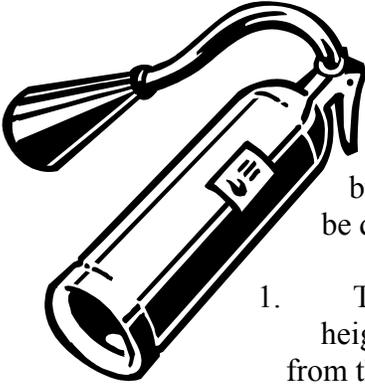


BUSINESS FIRE SAFETY TIPS



Before approval of a City of Rolla business license, it is imperative that the building, which houses the business, successfully passes a fire inspection by the Rolla Fire and Rescue Department. Following is a list of some general requirements, which must be satisfied. Depending on the type of business, other requirements may also be necessary. These requirements will be discussed in more detail with the business owner(s) during the inspection.

1. The structure's street number must be maintained at least six (6) inches in height and attached to the outside of the building. The number must be visible from the street and in a contrasting color.
2. All businesses are required to have at least one, five (5) pound ABC fire extinguisher securely mounted to the wall in an approved manner. The extinguisher should be positioned three to five feet off the floor. More than one fire extinguisher may be required.
3. All electric wiring must be permanent. Extension cords cannot be used for any appliance or used as a substitute for permanent wiring.
4. Stock and storage must be at least eighteen (18) inches below the sprinkler head in businesses equipped with a sprinkler system. All storage must be maintained at least twenty-four (24) inches below the ceiling in buildings not equipped with a sprinkler system.
5. Aisles must be at least three feet in width.
6. Storerooms must be kept orderly.
7. All required exit doors must remain unlocked during business hours. Exit doors must be accessible for emergency egress at all times.
8. Exit lights must be illuminated at all times.
9. Electrical outlets, receptacles, and service panel boxes must be equipped with proper covers.
10. Stock and storage areas must maintain at least a three foot clearance from all gas-fired appliances.

Good housekeeping and common sense in storage are the foundation for fire prevention. Please do not hesitate to contact the Rolla Fire and Rescue Department at 364-3989 for answers to any fire safety concerns.