



October 26, 2021

Laurie Keepers, Clerk
Village of Albany
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VIA EMAIL

Re: Village of Albany Jurisdiction Request for Fire Suppression and Fire Alarm Plan Review

Dear Laurie Keepers,

I am pleased to inform you that your municipality has been delegated fire suppression and fire alarm code enforcement authority per your request. Per Wis. Stat. § 101.12(3g), I delegate your municipality the primary responsibility to perform fire suppression and fire alarm plan review of small commercial buildings, as defined below, in lieu of the Department. Building plans for such buildings may be submitted by the owner to your municipality or our agency.

A "small commercial building" includes the following:

- New buildings containing less than 50,000 cubic feet total volume.
- Additions to existing buildings where the total volume after construction of the addition is less than 50,000 cubic feet.
- Additions to existing buildings containing no more than 2,500 square feet, no more than one floor level, 18-foot maximum roof span and 12-foot maximum exterior wall height.
- Alterations to existing buildings where the altered space is less than 100,000 cubic feet of total volume.

An exception to this delegation authority is that our agency retains jurisdiction for all state-owned buildings, as well as projects for which the owner chooses to submit plans to our agency.

As a condition of the delegation, you are required to comply with the following:

- Submit to the department the fees specified in Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 302.31(1)(h) for all projects.
- Provide a monthly report, in an electronic-based format, to the Department for all projects.
- Apply the corresponding requirements in Wis. Admin. Code §§ SPS 361.60(5) (d)-(h).
- Provide the Department with a copy of any revisions to the ordinance adopting this code.
- Notify the department, in writing, immediately of any personnel changes to plan review staff.

The Department will periodically monitor municipalities and request activity reports to ensure that the delegated responsibilities are being properly fulfilled by the municipality. We do require that delegated municipal code officials hold the Wisconsin Commercial Building Inspector certification, or the Fire Detection, Prevention, and Suppression Inspector credential, and attend agency-approved continuing education to maintain their certification.

In accordance with 2017 Wisconsin Act 198, the Department will be implementing a five-year electronic renewal process. Please continue to monitor department correspondence as further details regarding this process are communicated.

If your municipality decides to relinquish jurisdiction, please follow the provisions of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 361.60(2)(b)4 by providing the Department with a 30-day notice prior to the day upon which your municipality intends to relinquish jurisdiction.

I understand that the primary fire suppression and fire alarm plan reviewer for your municipality, Brian Flannery, has the proper certification to do so.

For your convenience, I am providing a link to the Department's Delegated Agent Welcome Packet. This packet contains links to the Wisconsin Administrative Code, plan review application, submission and inspection checklists, sample letters, petition for variance application, and a list of FAQs that may be helpful in your new delegated agent role. <https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/Programs/CommercialBuildings/WelcomePacketDelMuni.pdf>

The Department's fire suppression and fire alarm plan review staff is available at dpsbfireprotech@wisconsin.gov to assist in any questions or concerns your municipality may have with implementing these plan review services.

The Division of Industry Services looks forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. McNally Jr.".

Michael D. McNally Jr.
Section Chief, Fire Suppression and Fire Alarm Program

cc: Garry Krause, Bureau Director, Technical Services Bureau
Brian Flannery, Village of Albany