



**Fire inspections in low risk classification occupancies frequently asked questions.**

**Q: Are fire inspections necessary?**

**A: Yes. Both Arizona Administrative Code and Mesa City Code require fire inspections.**

**Arizona Administrative Code Title 4, Ch. 36**

**Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety**

**ARTICLE 2. ARIZONA STATE FIRE CODE**

**R4-36-201. Incorporation by Reference of the International  
Fire Code**

**Unless otherwise provided by law, any person residing, doing business,  
or who is physically present within the state of Arizona shall  
comply with the provisions of the International Fire Code (2012  
Edition).**

**City of Mesa Ordinance 4789 outlines the City of Mesa Fire Code and amendments.**

**Q: Is there a fee for fire inspections?**

**A: Yes. Mesa City Ordinance 4658 outlines the Fire Safety Operational Permit program. City  
of Mesa Resolution 8894 outlines the frequency of inspection based on hazard class and the  
associated fee for inspection.**



**Q: Will I still get a Fire Safety Operational Permit?**

**A: Yes, that annual program supports the maintenance of static information related to businesses in Mesa. All business and multi family occupancies receive this annually. It's purpose is to insure ownership and contact information in case of emergency response.**

**Q: How are the occupancy hazard classifications created?**

**A: Those benchmarks are directly from the nationally recognized standard from the National Fire Protection Association entitled NFPA 1730, Standard on Organization and Deployment of Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, Plan Review, Investigation, and Public Education Operations.**

**Inspection frequencies by hazard class**

**High Hazard Occupancies: Annual fire inspection**

**Medium Hazard Occupancies: Biennial fire inspection**

**Low Hazard Occupancies: Triennial fire inspection**

**These are "minimum standards" for fire prevention compliance.**

**Q: How does fire inspection benefit my business?**

**A: Identification of fire code violations and the repair of those makes your business safer for you, employees, and the general public. You can retain copies of "no violation" fire inspection reports to illustrate the level of safety in your business as well as provide that documentation to your insurance carrier. Regular fire inspections help keep City of Mesa firefighters safer should you have a fire in your business despite our collective best efforts to avoid that. Regular fire inspections make the Mesa business community attractive to all interested parties.**



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