

MILL VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Fire Protection Standard 400

FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

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This Standard is promulgated pursuant to the Mill Valley Fire Department amendments to the California Fire Code regarding the requirements for fire alarm systems and monitoring of same.

I. Fire Alarm Systems Required

- A. Fire alarm systems, including but not limited to: water flow alarms, supervision of control valves, manually operated fire alarm systems, and smoke and heat detection systems shall be installed as required by the most currently adopted version of the Uniform Fire Code as modified by this Standard.

Exception: Water flow devices and control valves installed in conjunction with 13D residential fire sprinkler systems, pre-engineered systems for spray booths, manually operated fire alarms in small and large family day care centers, and pre-engineered automatic fire protection systems in hood and ducts protecting commercial cooking equipment.

- B. All required fire alarm systems shall be installed in accordance with the applicable Standards of the National Fire Protection Association and Underwriters Laboratory. All fire alarm system and their components shall be listed by the California State Fire Marshal. ***Remote enunciators shall be added when required by the Chief.**

II. Fire Alarm System Monitoring

- A. All fire alarm systems shall be monitored by an approved U.L. Central Station Monitoring Company.

Exception: Water flow devices and control valves installed in conjunction with 13D residential fire sprinkler systems, pre-engineered systems for spray booths, manually operated fire alarms in small and large family day care centers, and pre-engineered automatic fire protection systems in hood and ducts protecting commercial cooking equipment.

- B. Single station smoke alarms in residential dwelling units shall not be required to be monitored and shall not retransmit the alarm to the Fire Department or Emergency Communications Center unless the occupancy is a licensed skilled nursing, acute care, hospital, jail or other similar state regulated occupancy.
- C. Smoke detection systems installed in commercial buildings not intended as dwelling units shall not retransmit the alarm to the Fire Department or Emergency Communications Center.

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III. Zone and Annunciation

A. All fire alarm systems that are required to retransmit the alarm to the Fire Department by an approved U.L. Central Station Monitoring Company shall be zoned and annunciated by building and by floor as follows:

1. Water flow by floor
2. Detection by floor
3. Supervision of control valves by floor
4. Pull station by floor

B. Additional zones may be required by the Fire Marshal depending on building size, layout, design or special hazard.

IV. Maintenance and Certification

A. All required fire alarm systems that are required to be monitored shall be tested quarterly and serviced at intervals required by the manufacturer but not less than once annually. Copies of tests and services shall be maintained by the property owner and made available for inspection by the District upon request.

B. All required fire alarm systems shall be certified that they are functioning in accordance with the manufacturer specifications annually. Certification shall be performed by a concern licensed for installing, testing and maintaining such systems by the State Contractors License Board. A copy of such certification shall be filed with the Mill Valley Fire Department upon completion of certification.