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### **Information for New Commercial Business Owners**

The City of Sanford Fire Prevention Division makes every effort to inspect every business within the city limits annually. Before you commit to lease, rent or purchase a property for your business, please take the time to review your location for the compliance with these minimum criteria.

## **General Safety Violations to Avoid**

- o Ensure stored items are not creating hazardous conditions.
- Verify before occupying or renting property that electrical wiring is in a safe condition.
- Occupancy load signs must be posted in a conspicuous location for your customers. This applies to businesses that will have more than 50 customers at a time.

#### **Ensure Maintenance of Exit Paths**

- o Exits pathways must be clean and unobstructed.
- o Exit signs must be clearly posted and over the required exit door or exit way.
- o If exit sign is illuminated, it must be in working condition.

## **Fire Protection Equipment**

- Minimum requirements for fire protection equipment are at least one 3A10BC rated fire extinguisher every 75 feet.
- Has fire extinguisher received a certification tag within last 12 months? If you need to have them recertified, local contacts are:

 Tri-County Fire Equipment
 407.322.0015

 Firechek
 407.324.0201

 Advance Fire
 407.699.6990

 Have fire sprinklers, standpipes, fire alarms, fire detection systems and or hood systems been maintained and inspected?

# **Special Areas of Concern**

- o Ensure proper address is visible from roadway and contrasting in color. Minimum suggested size is 6 inches on all commercial sites.
- Make sure Knox box information is up to date. Contact us to access the existing Knox box if you are unsure.
- o Make sure all combustible or flammable items are stored in a conspicuous manner and storage cabinets are labeled.