This policy is promulgated in accordance with Section 104.1 of the 2015 International Fire Code; it is intended for clarification of the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC) and is an official interpretation of Sections 609 and 904.12 of the 2015 IFC.

The following shall apply to the inspection and maintenance of existing kitchen hoods and hood suppression systems:

Section 609.3.3.1 of the 2015 IFC reads as follows: “Hoods, grease removal devices, fans, ducts, and other appurtenances shall be inspected as specified in Table 609.3.3.1 (shown below). Inspections shall be completed by qualified individuals.” It is the opinion of the Fire Marshal that a qualified individual is an individual who is licensed with the City of Des Moines Fire Department to perform said inspections. The following is the Des Moines Fire Prevention Bureau's policy on when an inspection is required:

1.) Inspections shall occur in accordance with Table 609.3.3.1 of the 2015 IFC (shown below):

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<th>Type of Cooking Operation</th>
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<td>High volume cooking such as: 24 hr cooking, char-broiling or wok cooking</td>
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<td>Low volume cooking such as places of religious worship, seasonal businesses, and senior centers</td>
<td>12 months</td>
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<td>Cooking operations utilizing solid fuel burning cooking appliances</td>
<td>1 month</td>
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<td>All other cooking operations</td>
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2.) Inspections shall include, but not be limited to: verification of correct nozzle placement and position for each protected appliance, duct, and plenum, verification that hoods, ducts, fans and other appurtenances are free from grease accumulation, and any other defect that may render the system incapable of operating appropriately.

3.) Should any kitchen hoods be found with an excessive build up of grease, improper nozzle placement, appliance changes, or other non-compliant condition, a DMFD tag shall NOT be placed on the system until necessary repairs/cleaning have been completed.

4.) Inspections should not be confused with required semi-annual (or after system activation) fire suppression system maintenance/service as required by Section 904.12 of the 2015 IFC.

Any comments or questions regarding the above information may be submitted to:

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