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 Section 106.3 of the 2015 IFC.

**The following shall apply to the inspection of concealed work for automatic fire sprinkler systems:**

Section 106.3 of the 2015 IFC reads as follows: "It shall be the duty of the permit applicant to cause the work to remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes. Whenever any installation... is covered or concealed without having first been inspected, the fire code official shall have the authority to require that such work be exposed for inspection.” It is the opinion of the Fire Marshal that all fire sprinkler work shall be inspected prior to any use of the system. The following is the Des Moines Fire Prevention Bureau’s policy on when an inspection is required and how inspections will be scheduled:

1.) Inspections shall be requested for ALL fire sprinkler work prior to concealment.
2.) Inspections shall be scheduled through the DMFD New Construction Inspector, Captain Mark Dooley ([mhdooley@dmgov.org](mailto:mhdooley@dmgov.org) or 515-237-1367).
3.) Inspections shall be requested at least 48 hrs prior to the requested inspect time.
4.) Inspections for pipe installation (prior to concealment) shall coincide with the 200 psi hydrostatic test witnessing. **ALL SPRINKLER WORK REQUIRES A HYDROSTATIC TEST AND THE DMFD MUST WITNESS A PORTION OF THIS TEST.**
5.) Inspections will NOT be conducted for projects that do not have approved plans received and a permit issued.
6.) In accordance with IFC 901.2.1; before requesting final approval of the installation, the installing contractor shall furnish a written statement to the Fire Prevention Bureau, this statement should be in the form of the contractor’s material and test certificate (see Figure 25.1 in the 2013 edition of NFPA 13). This form may be faxed or emailed (ATTN: Capt. Dooley 515-283-4907 or [mhdooley@dmgov.org](mailto:mhdooley@dmgov.org)).
7.) In accordance with NFPA 13:25.1; the installing contractor shall:
   a. Notify the property owner of the time and date of the testing
   b. Complete all required acceptance tests
   c. Furnish a copy of the completed contractor’s material and test certificate to the AHJ (see Figure 25.1 in the 2013 edition of NFPA 13)

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

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