

**MINNEAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU POLICY # 9 - 12
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

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ISSUE:

Fire extinguishers are required to be located throughout residential buildings and are generally located in common areas.

CODE REQUIREMENTS:

Section 906 of the MSFC requires handheld fire extinguishers to be located in normal lanes of travel and to be sized and located within a prescribed distance of any portion of a building.

PROBLEM:

Fire extinguishers located in common areas and corridors of multi-unit residential buildings are prone to vandalism, causing damage to fire alarm systems and depleting the extinguishers.

ACCEPTABLE MEANS of COMPLIANCE:

When requested by the building owner, this department may allow a variance to the required extinguisher locations in corridors and common areas, based on the following:

1. The owner provides and maintains at least one 2A-10BC extinguisher in each residential unit.
2. There are properly sized extinguishers in each furnace or boiler room, maintenance shop and in garage areas.
3. The owner fills out, and the Fire Marshal approves, a Fire Extinguisher Variance form. Sheet #2 of this policy is the variance form.

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HALLWAY FIRE EXTINGUISHER VARIANCE

This request for a variance is for the building at:

(address): _____

Due to the problem of vandalism in multi-unit residential properties, the Minneapolis Fire Department is granting a variance to the property owner to remove the fire extinguishers in hallways and common areas provided that an extinguisher of at least 2A-10BC size is located and maintained in each dwelling unit and proper fire extinguishers are located in other areas as outlined in policy #9-12.

The Fire Marshal may revoke this variance at any time and for any reason.

Variance requested by:

Signature

Date

Typed name of owner or manager

Approved by

Date

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