

FIRE SPRINKLER AFFIDAVIT **Alterations or Tenant Improvements** (1 to 20 sprinkler heads without plans)



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Tenant: _____ **Use:** _____

Job Address: _____ **Ste #:** _____

Contractor: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Contact Name: _____

Number of Heads: _____ **Valuation: \$** _____

Type: WET Hazard: LIGHT Density: 10

I, _____ City of Vancouver endorsement # _____

Certify that the following is true and reasonably defines the scope of work for this project:

- A) All work is limited to drops and arm-overs in a light hazard occupancy.
- B) Positions of sprinkler heads relative to architectural features such as soffits, beams, partitions, walls, etc. complies with the NFPA 13.
- C) The orifice size of the sprinkler heads being installed in the TI and those used in the approved shell plans are half inch (K=5.6)
- D) Only one sprinkler head will be installed from one drop (exception: up to 2 heads from one drop may be installed when each head is in a separate fire area.)
- E) The area covered per sprinkler head in the TI is no greater than 168 sq. ft. (exception: a room may have up to 2 sprinklers covering 200 sq. ft. each.)
- F) A sketch showing the area of work within the building structure.
- G) TI's in a new building shall be equipped with Quick Response heads (see 1996 NFPA 13, section 5-2.1.3 for exceptions.)
- H) The installation shall comply with the requirements of NFPA 13.
- I) Piping shall not be covered until hangars and bracing are inspected.
- J) Final approval shall be subject to onsite tests and inspections.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

REQUIREMENTS: A copy of this document shall be available for all inspections.
Contact the Inspection Hotline at (360) 619-1200 at least 24 hours in advance to witness required tests.

INSPECTORS USE ONLY

Hangars and bracing _____ Date _____ Comments: _____

Spacing of drops _____ Date _____

Final _____ Date _____

**SUBMIT TO:**

Development Review Services
415 W. 6th ST
Vancouver, WA 98660

Dear Fire Sprinkler Contractor:

As you know, the City of Vancouver Fire Department tries to make the processing and inspection of simple tenant improvements as easy as possible.

The most important assumption in reducing or eliminating plan review time, cost and its related delays is the knowledge that hard piped arm-overs and drops for light hazard occupancies typically add only about 1psi or so. This is a minor increase in an analytical procedure that starts with street pressures that can vary by several psi from day to day and hydraulic calculations that have reasonable interpretation errors of 1psi or 2psi.

Flexible piping for drops is being proposed for more and more projects. Unfortunately the friction loss factors that are being provided in the manufacturers literature are not based on consistent criteria. Some of the most recent tests have demonstrated loss characteristics of 40 to 70 equivalent feet of one inch pipe for the 48" to 60" lengths, requiring an additional 5psi to 10psi in light hazard occupancies with standard coverage heads.

In an effort to allow some use of flexible drops with out fundamental UL test data and substantial hydraulic analysis on your part, the Vancouver Fire department is providing a restricted set of guidelines for using any of the brands below in a "TI w/o plans" permit application.

AQUAFLEX
EASYFLEX
FLEXHEAD
GATEWAY (SIDEWINDER)
VIKING

Maximum length - **36in**
Maximum of **2 - 90deg bends**
Minimum bend radius - **6in**
Absolutely **NO KINKS**

A listing sheet shall be on site with the affidavit and other paperwork in order to clarify the rest of the manufacturer's guidelines.

NOTE: 4 or fewer arm-overs done under an open COM (commercial building) permit may note use flexible pipe.

At this time **TI's with plans and system plans** shall be subject to the same criteria unless it can be shown that the shell system has the hydraulic capacity to absorb the additional pressure losses. Only the most reliable data will be accepted at the discretion of the plans examiner. Test data developed by UL and FM after July 1st 2007 will receive a higher level of credibility.