



## **BEAVER TOWNSHIP FIRE INSPECTION COVID-19 RESPONSE PROCEDURE:**

The Beaver Township Fire Department Inspection Division has been working on a very limited basis since the first issue of COVID-19 restrictions were announced. We have been limiting fire safety inspections to just new construction projects in the township, home inspections for adoptions and special requests. We have been foregoing our usual annual inspections of all the township businesses.

With the current lifting of restrictions throughout the State in progress, we will once again begin the annual fire safety checks on our businesses. Our goal is to visit our township businesses at least once a year for a fire safety inspection.

- 1) We will still continue to place new construction, home inspections and special requests as a priority.
- 2) We will begin annual fire safety inspections in mid-June, starting with essential businesses that have been continuously in operation since the beginning of pandemic restrictions.
- 3) Businesses that have just begun to reopen in the end of May will be given more time to prepare for inspections. We will delay inspecting those businesses until later in the summer.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3737.14 allows fire inspection officials to inspect all premises, buildings, and vehicles within the borders of Beaver Township for adherence to Ohio Fire Code Safety Regulations. These visits are usually conducted during normal business hours.

Inspectors will adhere to current CDC and State social distancing and anti-COVID measures. Our main concerns when inspecting your business are, but are not limited to:

- 1) All fire alarms and fire notifications systems are functioning and are being maintained.
- 2) All fire suppression systems of any sort, from sprinklers to fire extinguishers are functioning and being maintained.
- 3) All emergency exits are functioning properly and kept clear.
- 4) All emergency lighting and exit signs are functioning and are being maintained.
- 5) All pathways of egress (exit) are kept clear.
- 6) Personnel in your company who should be contacted in case of emergency.
- 7) Proper storage of any combustibles, flammables, hazardous materials, etc.
- 8) Basic electrical safety.
- 9) Addresses on your building are clearly visible from the street.
- 10) All other items covered in the Ohio Fire Code.

Thank you for your help! If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at 330-549-2133, ext. 120 or email me at [btfdinspection@yahoo.com](mailto:btfdinspection@yahoo.com).

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