

# MADERA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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IN COOPERATION WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

TO: Prospective Business License Applicant

SUBJECT: Pre-inspection Check List for all city based Commercial/Industrial locations.

The following list is intended to assist you with expediting your business license application. This list is not intended to cover every situation, but to be used as a general guideline.

- Prospective Business License Applicant shall provide fire extinguisher(s):  
Minimum size for a small business is 2A:10BC (please contact the fire department to ensure the proper size and placement).
- Fire extinguishers serviced within the past year; if newly purchased, a copy of the receipt may be attached to the bottom rear of the extinguisher.
- Fire extinguisher(s) is/are located in an accessible location 3-5ft above finish floor.
- Exits are clear and unobstructed – no slide bolts or other special knowledge hardware is installed on any exit door.
- Exit signs (if present) are illuminated at all times (when required by California Building Code).
- Electrical covers are installed on all light switches, electrical outlets and junction boxes.
- No extension cords or flex cords are permitted.
- No spliced, cut or worn electrical cords are permitted.
- Occupant load sign(s) are posted for any room used for an assembly, dining, drinking or similar purpose: examples include, but are not limited to: restaurants, churches, bingo hall, meeting rooms, etc....  
2 Exits at Occupancy Load are required for 50 or more.
- Compressed gas cylinders are chained to prevent tipping over (those used for soda machines, balloons, etc.).
- Remove any debris, trash or other combustibles that might contribute to a fire (including store rooms, basements and behind washers and dryers).
- Water heaters are provided with two seismic metal straps (to prevent movement during earthquake).
- Commercial cooking establishments: Hood and duct systems with a fixed fire extinguishing system are serviced every six months.
- Sprinkler systems (if present) are maintained operable at all times, the main valve or P.I.V. is locked in the open position, spare heads and wrench provided in the spare head box.
- All buildings with an automatic fire sprinkler system are provided with a Knox Box and the proper key.
- Business address shall be posted with minimum of 4" size numbers and visible from the street.

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