

5.8 **FIRE INSPECTORS**

5.8.1 **FIRE CHIEF TO BE FIRE INSPECTOR.** The Fire Chief shall hold the office of Fire Inspector with the power to appoint one or more Deputy Fire Inspectors, who shall perform the same duties and have the same powers as the Fire Inspector.

5.8.2 **INSPECTION DUTIES.** Fire Inspectors shall inspect, according to State regulations, all buildings, premises and public thoroughfares within the Village limits for the purpose of noting and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fires. Repairs or alterations necessary to remove the hazardous condition shall be made within a reasonable time at the expense of the owner. The Inspector shall also investigate the storage and handling of all explosives and inflammable liquids within the Village.

5.8.3 **WRITTEN RECORD OF INSPECTIONS.** The Chief shall keep a written record of each property inspected which shall conform to the requirements of the State Department of Commerce and shall make a report of such inspections available upon request.

5.8.4 **CORRECTION OF FIRE HAZARDS.** When any inspection by the Fire Chief or Deputy Inspector reveals a fire hazard, the Chief or the Deputy Inspector may serve a notice in writing upon the owner of the property giving the owner a reasonable time in which to remove the hazard. If the fire hazard is not removed within the time allowed, it shall be deemed a nuisance and the Fire Chief or the Deputy Inspector may have the same removed by the Village, and the cost of such removal shall be recovered in an action by the Village against the owner of the property and may also be entered on the tax roll as a special charge against the property.

5.8.5 **ENTERING ON PREMISES.** No person shall deny the Fire Inspector or the Deputy Inspector free access to any property within the Village at any reasonable time for the purpose of making fire inspections. No person shall hinder or obstruct the Fire Inspectors in the performance of duties or refuse to observe any lawful direction given by the Inspector or Deputies.

5.8.6 **INTENT OF CODE.** It is the intent of this code to enforce regulations consistent with national and state recognized fire protection codes. The primary intent of the code will be the safeguarding of life and property from

the hazards of fire and explosion within the jurisdiction of the Village of Biron Fire Department.

5.8.7 ADOPTION OF ORDER, CODES, RULES AND SOGs.

(1) The following orders and codes are hereby adopted by reference:

(a) For all construction after July 1, 2002, the fire codes NFPA 1 & NFPA 101 shall apply.

(b) For all construction prior to July 1, 2002, the following fire codes shall apply:

- (1) COMM 7 – Explosive Materials
- (2) COMM 9 – Manufacturer of Fireworks
- (3) COMM 10 – Flammable and combustible Liquids
- (4) COMM 11 – Liquefied Petroleum Gases
- (5) COMM 12 – Liquefied Natural Gas
- (6) COMM 13 – Compressed Natural Gas
- (7) COMM 14 – Fire Prevention
- (8) COMM 15 – Cleaning and Dying
- (9) COMM 30 – Fire Department Safety and Health
- (10) COMM 50 – 64 – Building, Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning
- (11) COMM 66 – Uniform Multifamily Dwellings
- (12) COMM 70 – Historic Buildings
- (13) COMM 75 – 79 – Existing Buildings
- (14) NFPA 10 – Portable Fire Extinguisher Code
- (15) NFPA 13, 13D, & 13R – Sprinkler Codes

(2) For any case in which the provisions of the codes described in this section conflict, the code containing the stricter interpretation shall apply.