

**ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SUBSECTION 7-1-7 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: FIRE INSPECTION**

**THE COUNCIL** of the city of Monroe does ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1: Subsection 7-1-7 of the Monroe City Code is hereby repealed and re-created as follows:**


§ 7-1-7 Fire Inspection.

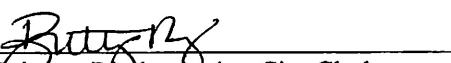
- (A) Fire inspectors. The chief of the fire department shall designate one or more fire inspectors who may or may not be firefighters of the Monroe fire department to exercise the powers and perform the duties prescribed by this chapter.
- (B) Approval of appointment. The appointment shall be subject to the provisions of Section 62.13 Wisconsin Statutes, and any such appointment may include service of a reasonable probationary period as permitted under Section 62.13 Wisconsin Statutes.
- (C) Compensation. Compensation of fire inspector or inspectors shall be established from time to time by resolution of the council.
- (D) Inspection schedule. The fire chief may establish the schedule of fire inspections. The fire chief shall base the frequency of the inspections on hazard classification, the proportion of public area, the record of fire code violations, the ratio of occupancy to size and any other factor the chief considers significant. Property other than residential property with 4 dwelling units or less shall be inspected at least once per calendar year.
- (E) Powers and duties.
  - (1) The fire inspectors are hereby given power and authority to enter any building in the city, except the interior of private dwellings, at any reasonable hour in the performance of their duties under this chapter. The fire inspectors may enter the interior of private dwellings at the request of the owner or renter as provided in section 101.14(1)(bm) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
  - (2) Fire inspectors shall inspect all business buildings in the city to determine the general character of the premises with respect to the disposition of debris, rubbish, wastepaper, rags, oils, waste, explosives and all kinds of inflammable material and the means of access from one part of the building to another, and they may inspect any building in the city to determine if any danger from fire exists by reason of defective chimneys, flues, stoves, ovens, furnaces, boilers, electric wiring, ash houses and receptacles or by reason of any cause.

- (3) All parts of business buildings shall be cleaned daily and kept free from all inflammable waste material except that combustible material not in actual use may be neatly arranged in a manner to provide passageways and aisles for the convenient movement of the fire department force.
- (4) All doors and openings, external and internal, in all business buildings shall be kept free from goods, and means of access and free movement shall be provided for the convenient work of the fire department.
- (5) There shall be no waste rubbish, waste excelsior, waste shavings, wastepaper or other like inflammable materials left in any part of the business buildings over one day except that such materials may be stored within a fireproof room provided with standard fireproof doors and all material of such character shall be destroyed, removed or placed within such fireproof room at the close of each day.
- (6) The term "business buildings" as used in this section includes hotels, lodging houses, stores, office buildings, warehouses, mills, breweries, factories and public buildings.
- (7) If the fire inspectors, on such inspection, discover that any provisions of this chapter are being violated, the fire chief is hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the owners or occupants of such building, requiring them to comply with the provisions of this chapter within 48 hours.
- (8) If the fire inspectors, on such inspection, discover any danger from fire by reason of any defective condition set forth in subsection (D)2. of this section or from any other cause, the fire inspectors shall give notice in writing to the owner or occupants of any such building of such defects requiring them to make reasonable changes and repairs within 48 hours, and to render the premises as safe as possible from fire.
- (9) A person who fails to comply with the requirements of any notice given under this section shall upon conviction be subject to a Class 3 forfeiture. A separate offense exists each calendar day during which any noncompliance occurs or continues.

**SECTION 2: This ordinance shall be in full force on the day following passage and official publication.**

Dated the 5th day of September, 2023.  
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Donna Douglas, Mayor

  
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