



HAMPTON COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE
FIRE MARSHAL
703 Second Street West
Hampton, South Carolina, 29924



Fire Department Inspections are intended for your safety and that of our county's citizens and visitors. This document is an official notice of violation(s) of the Fire Code, as amended.

NOTICE OF CORRECTION(S) NEEDED

Address: Hampton County Recreation Department
361 Pine Street E, Varnville, SC 29944

This notice is to inform you that on 6/8/2022 an inspection was conducted from 1400 hours to 1600 hours at the above address. My inspection revealed the violations listed below. The code reference will be listed below the violation.

Violation(s): Records for the following must be kept of file for a minimum of three (3) years for annual review by the Fire Marshal: Inspection and maintenance of fire extinguishers, exit signs, emergency lighting and fire alarm system.

2018 International Fire Code. 108.3 Recordkeeping. A record of periodic inspections, tests, servicing and other operations and maintenance shall be maintained on the premises or other approved location for not less than 3 years, or a different period of time where specified in this code or referenced standards. Records shall be made available for inspection by the fire code official, and a copy of the records shall be provided to the fire code official on request. The fire code official is authorized to prescribe the form and format of such recordkeeping. The fire code official is authorized to require that certain records be filed with the fire code official.

Violation(s): Maintain at least 3 feet of clearance around electrical panel in kitchen.

2018 International Fire Code Section 604 Electrical Equipment, Wiring and Hazards 604.3 A working space of not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in width, 36 inches (914 mm) in depth and 78 inches (1981 mm) in height shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment. Where the electrical service equipment is wider than 30 inches (762 mm), the working space shall be not less than the width of the equipment. Storage of materials shall not be located within the designated working space.

Violation(s): Discontinue use of extension cords in lieu of permanent wiring. Extensions cords found in Gymnastics room #1, on the stage and in the offices. Coffee pot in back-office room was powered by extension cord.

2018 International Fire Code Section 604 Electrical Equipment, Wiring and Hazards 604.5 Extension Cords. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring and shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 817. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings, or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances. Extension cords marked for indoor use shall not be used outdoors.

Violation(s): Non-Exit Identification. Several doors throughout the building that are not exits but are adjacent to an exit or could be confused for an egress door need to be properly labeled.

2018 International Fire Code 1031.5 Nonexit Identification. Where a door is adjacent to, constructed similar to and can be confused with a means of egress door, that door shall be identified with an approved sign that identifies the room name or use of room.

Violation(s): Electrical. Open junction box in front hallway next to breaker box. Open wiring splices in front hallway above breaker box.

2018 International Fire Code. 604.6. Open junction boxes and open wiring splices shall be prohibited. Approved covers shall be provided for all switch and outlet boxes.

Violation(s): Emergency Lighting failed. Needs to be inspected and maintained properly. No proof of monthly testing was available. Emergency lighting needs to be added to both side of the stage illuminating the stairway. Existing emergency lights needs to be repaired and are overdue for testing.

2018 International Fire Code 1031.10.1 Activation test. Emergency lighting equipment shall be tested monthly for a duration of not less than 30 seconds. The test shall be performed manually or by an automated self – testing and self – diagnostic routine. Where testing is performed by self-testing and self – diagnostics, a visual inspection of the emergency lighting equipment shall be conducted monthly to identify and equipment displaying a trouble indicator or that has become damaged or otherwise impaired.

Violation(s): Improper or no occupant load signs posted. All places/ rooms of assembly must have an occupant load sign posted.

2018 International Fire Code. 1004.9 Posting of Occupant Load. Every room or space that is an assembly occupancy shall have the occupant load of the room or space posted in a conspicuous place, near the main exit or exit access doorway from the room or space. Posted signs shall be of an approved legible permanent design and shall be maintained by the owner or the owner's authorized agent.

Violation(s): Fire extinguishers need to be added to the following areas: Additional extinguisher in gymnasium, Dance Room, Offices (one extinguisher in the main office area). kitchen, Gymnastics Room 1, Gymnastics room 2, Wrestling Room. Fire extinguisher in gymnasium is not properly charged. Signs indicating location of extinguishers in front hallway and gymnasium need to be added.

2018 International Fire Code. 906.5 Portable Fire Extinguishers shall be located in conspicuous and readily available locations immediately available for use. **906.6** Portable fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. In rooms or areas in which visual obstruction cannot be complexly avoided, means shall be provided to indicate the location of extinguishers.

Violation(s): Exit signs need to be added to the following egress doors: Both doors of the main entrance, the side door exit of the gymnasium closest to the dance room, the dance room, the back room behind the offices and gymnastics room 1 and 2. Existing Exit sign by side entrance of gymnasium needs to be repaired. Existing Exit signs are overdue for testing.

2018 International Fire Code. Exit Signs. 1013.1 Where required. Exits and exit access doors shall be marked by an approved exit sign readily visible from any direction of egress travel. The path of egress travel to exits and within exits shall be marked by readily visible exit signs to clearly indicate the direction of egress travel in cases where the exit or the path of egress travel is not immediately visible to the occupants. Intervening means of egress doors within exits shall be marked by exit signs. Exit sign placement shall be such that no point in an exit access corridor or exit passageway is more than 100 feet (30 480 mm) or the listed viewing distance for the sign, whichever is less, from the nearest visible exit sign.

Violation(s): Door hardware. Hardware needs to be replaced on dance room door and back room behind the office that is used for classes, to an ADA compliant door hardware.

2018 International Fire Code 1010.1.9 Door Operations. Except as specifically permitted by this section, egress doors shall be readily openable from the egress side without use of key or special knowledge or effort. **1010.1.9.1 Hardware.** Door handles, pulls, latches, locks and other operating devices on doors required to be accessible by *Chapter 11 of International Building Code* shall not require tight grasping, tight pinching or twisting of the wrist to operate.

Violation(s): Panic Hardware is required at main entrance, both doors, and both side entrances into the gymnasium.

2018 International Fire Code. 1010.1.10 Panic and fire exit hardware. Swinging doors serving a Group H occupancy and swinging doors serving rooms or spaces with an occupant load of 50 or more in a Group A or E occupancy shall not be provided with a latch or lock other than panic hardware or fire exit hardware.

Violation(s): A fire alarm system is required due to the size of the building and the occupant load.

2018 International Fire Code 907.2.1. A manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system shall be installed in Group A occupancies where the occupant load due to assembly occupancy is 300 or more.

Violation(s): The curtains on the stage need to be treated with a flame retardant spray,

2018 International Fire Code. Combustible Decorative Materials. In Groups A, B, E, I, M and R-1 and in dormitories in Group R2, curtains, draperies, fabric hangings and other similar combustible decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall comply with section 807.3 and shall not exceed 10 percent of the specific wall or ceiling area to which such materials are attached.

Additional recommendations: Fixing broken or missing face plates, loose or damaged receptacles, remove broken mirror from back-office room, breaker fillers for electrical panel.

Appeals shall be in accordance with , SC Code 23-9-70

Order and appeals from order of State Fire Marshal to remove or remedy a fire hazard; assessments, appeals and execution of order of repair upon noncompliance by owner; injunctive relief. Whenever the State Fire Marshal, deputy or resident fire marshal shall find, pursuant to examination as provided in Section 23-9-50 of this chapter, any building or other structure which, for any cause, is especially liable to fire and which is so situated as to endanger lives or other property, or is deficient in fire or life protection, an order shall be issued in writing directing the defect to be removed or remedied, service of such order shall be made as provided in this chapter and such occupant or owner shall forthwith comply with the terms thereof. If such order is issued by any deputy or resident fire marshal, such occupant or owner may, within thirty days, appeal to the State Fire Marshal, who shall, within ten days of receiving notice of the appeal, during which time the order appealed from shall be stayed, review the order and file his decision. The appeal period shall not be allowed if the building or any other structure is deemed to be an imminent danger pursuant to Section 23-9-160. A person who feels himself aggrieved by any order or affirmed order of the State Fire Marshal may, within thirty days after the making or affirming of such order, appeal to an administrative law judge, as provided under Article 5, Chapter 23, Title 1, for review of such order and it shall be heard at the first convenient day. In the event a final order entered pursuant to this chapter is not complied with within a period of thirty days from date of service of such final order then the State Fire Marshal shall cause the hazard to be remedied by repair or demolition, and all offensive materials and dangerous conditions removed, at the joint and several expense of the occupant or owner of such building or premises. An itemized statement of costs and expenses shall be furnished the occupant or owner of the premises and the statement shall be satisfied within a period of thirty days, failing which, upon ten days further notice the State Fire Marshal may assess such costs and expenses. Any party aggrieved by an assessment order may appeal to an administrative law judge, as provided under Article 5, Chapter 23, Title 1, within a period of ten days from service of such order of assessment. Failing appeal, the order of assessment herein provided shall be filed with the clerk of court of the county wherein such property is located and shall be satisfied by execution and levy as a final judgment duly entered. Provided, however, that in addition to the enforcement procedures authorized in this section, the State Fire Marshal may, when a final order has been issued directing a defect to be removed or remedied and such order is not complied with within thirty days or a greater time if specified in such order, apply to an administrative law judge, as provided under Article 5, Chapter 23, Title 1, for an injunction to compel the defect to be removed or remedied and an administrative law judge, if it shall find, that such defect constitutes a dangerous hazard to life or property as set forth in this section, may exercise its injunctive powers to obtain compliance with the order of the State Fire Marshal.

**ANNUAL BUILDING INSPECTION
Detail Sheet**

Facility **Recreation Center**

Maintenance

Inspector's Name **Dobie Hiers**

Date of Inspection **12/31/2014**

COMPONENT: Roof

APPRAISAL OF: Roofing Membrane, Flashing, Parapets, Drains, Gutters

CONDITION:

Roofing Membrane: **Excellent** – Good – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

Flashings: Excellent – Good – Average – **Fair** – Poor (Circle One)

Parapets: Excellent – Good – Average – Fair – **Poor** (Circle One)

COMPONENT: Building Exterior

APPRAISAL OF: Walls, Windows, Doors, Trim, Docks, Signs

CONDITION:

Walls: Excellent – Good – **Average** – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

Windows: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

Doors: Excellent – Good – Average – Fair – **Poor** (Circle One)

Trim: Excellent – Good – Average – Fair – **Poor** (Circle One)

COMPONENT: Landscaping

APPRAISAL OF: Lawn, Trees, Shrubs, Retaining Walls, Fences

CONDITION:

Lawn: Excellent – Good – Average – **Fair** – Poor (Circle One)

Trees: Excellent – Good – **Average** – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

Fences: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

COMPONENT: Office Interiors

APPRAISAL OF: Walls, Ceilings, Floor Covering, Doors, Windows, Décor, Furniture

CONDITION:

Walls: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

Ceilings: Excellent – Good – **Average** – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

Floor Coverings: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

Doors: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

Windows: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

Decor: Excellent – Good – **Average** – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

Furniture: Excellent – Good – **Average** – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

COMPONENT: Heating-Ventilating-Air Conditioning

APPRAISAL OF: Units, Controls, Grilles, Diffusers, Boilers, Piping, Ducts, Conditions

CONDITION:

Units: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Controls: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Grilles: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Conditions: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

COMPONENT: Plumbing

APPRAISAL OF: Piping, Fixtures, Water Heaters, Water Conditioning, Water Cooler

CONDITION:

Piping: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Fixtures: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Water Heaters: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Water Conditioning: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Water Coolers: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

COMPONENT: Electrical Systems

APPRAISAL OF: Transformers, Switchgear, Panels, Bus-Ducts, Wiring

CONDITION:

Panels: Excellent – Good – Average – **Fair** – Poor (Circle One)
Wiring: Excellent – Good – Average – Fair – **Poor** (Circle One)

COMPONENT: Lighting

APPRAISAL OF: Fixtures, Lamps, Lenses, Light Level, Alignment, Cleanliness

CONDITION:

Fixtures: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Lamps: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Lenses: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Light Level: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Alignment: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Cleanliness: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)

COMPONENT: Fire Protection

APPRAISAL OF: Automatic Sprinkler System, Water Pressure, Extinguishers, Inspections

CONDITION:

Extinguishers: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)
Inspections: Excellent – **Good** – Average – Fair – Poor (Circle One)