

### **Fire safety guidelines for nightly rentals**

It is the goal of the North Fork Fire District to provide a safe working and recreational environment for its residents and guests. Below you will find a list of standard Uniform Fire Code regulations for individuals who wish to make their homes available for nightly rentals. These rules are in place to provide a safe environment for guests who are not familiar with the rental property. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the North Fork Fire District.

### **Automatic Fire Sprinkler System (AFSS)**

Not all units have automatic fire sprinkler systems. Those that do are required to have the sprinkler systems serviced on an annual basis. Once a technician services the system, they will hang a tag on the standpipe (the place where the system enters the home). The Utah State Fire Marshal maintains a list of individuals and businesses that are licensed to service and test AFSS. The website for the Utah Fire Marshal is: <http://firemarshal.utah.gov/licenses/>

If the AFSS protecting your unit is shared with multiple units such as in condos the system may be managed by the HOA. If the AFSS protecting your unit is only for your unit, you are responsible for maintaining the system. In either case, the system must have been serviced within the past year.

### **Access/Exiting**

Access to the building and exiting from the building must not be blocked in any way at any time. Snow and landscaping must be removed from walkways. Doors must be in working order and able to be unlocked. If the building has exit signs or emergency lighting, they must be functional and continue to work when the power supply is interrupted. Exit signs must be either internally or externally illuminated.

### **Fire Extinguishers**

2A; 10BC fire extinguisher is required in the kitchen area. The fire extinguisher is required to be serviced on an annual basis. Some fire extinguishers are not made to be serviced and must be replaced. Unless you have several fire extinguishers to be serviced it is often cheaper to purchase new fire extinguishers. Fire extinguishers may not be hidden and must be easily accessible.

### **Smoke Alarms/Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

#### **Smoke detectors are required in each sleeping area and outside of each sleeping area.**

For example, if there is a hallway giving access to three bedrooms, there must be a smoke detector/fire alarm in each bedroom and one smoke detector/fire alarm in the hallway. An additional fire alarm/smoke detector is required on each floor. One carbon monoxide detector is required on each floor. Combination smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors are acceptable as well as carbon monoxide detectors that are plugged into power receptacles. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors must be replaced according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### **Electrical**

Extension cords are not allowed except for temporary use. UL listed power strips with built in breakers are acceptable for use. Permanent appliances must not be plugged into extension cords. Electrical panels must be accessible. A clear area of 30 inches wide by 36 inches deep by 78 inches tall must be maintained around electrical panels.

### **Flammable Liquids**

Except for a single container of less than five US Gallons of fuel for maintenance, flammable liquids may not be stored inside living units. This includes garages. If fuel is stored in a container, the container must be in good maintenance and not allow fumes to escape.

Paint must be stored in a sealed container that does not allow fumes to escape. Less than 10 gallons of paint may be stored.

### **Storage/Housekeeping**

Storage must be kept in a neat and orderly fashion. Combustible items may not be stored in utility rooms. Storage may not inhibit access to any utilities. Storage must be kept 18 inches below ceilings with automatic sprinkler systems and 24 inches below ceilings without automatic sprinkler systems. Dumpsters must be no less than five feet from buildings.

### **Recreation Fires Pits**

For portable outdoor fireplaces, must be kept a minimum of 15-feet from all structures and other combustibles.

Must be constantly attended by a person 18 years of age or older.

Must be kept a minimum of 25-feet from all structures and other combustibles, including property lines.

Must be kept under 2-feet in pile height.

Must be kept under 3-feet in diameter.

Must be used solely for cooking or recreational purposes.

Must have a bucket of water, water hose or other means to extinguish.

Must only use clean, dry wood.

Must comply with State and County laws and fire restriction.

More rules may be in place and enforced by local HOA's.

### **Fireworks**

The North Fork Fire District is located within the wildland urban interface. **Fireworks are never allowed, any time of year or holiday** within the wildland urban interface.

### **Questions?**

The North Fork Fire District is happy to answer any questions or concerns. please feel free to reach out to us.

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