

ATTENTION COMMERCIAL HIGH RISE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS

Will **1/3** of your building be protected with a fire sprinkler system before 2009?

According to the Chicago Fire Sprinkler Substitute Ordinance (13-196-203), all high-rise buildings built before fire sprinklers were required in 1975, must be retrofitted with a fire sprinkler system by 2017. Fire sprinklers must be installed in one-third of the building before the end of this year. Chicago Fire and Building Officials will enforce this ordinance with fines ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per violation.

A fire in a high rise building is particularly dangerous. Occupants can be cut off from escaping down the stairs and fire ladders can only reach the tenth floor. Here are some facts:

- Smoke alarms alert people when there is smoke, fire sprinklers control a fire, keep it from spreading and often extinguish it before the fire department arrives.
- According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there has never been multiple fire deaths in a sprinklered building.
- Each sprinkler is individually activated by heat, only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate.
- Retrofitting a high-rise building costs between \$3.50 - \$8 per sq. foot and may result in significant insurance savings for building owners and occupants.

After the deadly Cook County high-rise fire, the James Lee Witt Report verified that all Chicago high-rise buildings in excess of 75 feet must be protected with a fire sprinkler system because the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal adopted the NFPA Life Safety Code 101 2000 Edition. Avoid costly fines and liability risks, reduce your insurance costs and comply with the State's code and Chicago's ordinance. Most important, protect the lives of your occupants and Chicago's firefighters.

For more information, resources, technical or code questions call NIFSAB or visit FireSprinklerAssoc.org.

JANUARY 1ST, 2017: COMPLETE

JANUARY 1ST, 2013: 2/3 COMPLETE

JANUARY 1ST, 2009: 1/3 COMPLETE

JANUARY 1ST, 2005: ORDINANCE BEGINS



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