



Simplified Permitting Process – Fire Sprinklers (FSS 553.7932)

1. All documents shall meet the requirements of:
 - a. Florida Administrative Code: CHAPTER 61G15-32: RESPONSIBILITY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS CONCERNING THE DESIGN OF FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS
 - b. Currently adopted Florida Fire Prevention Code and NFPA standards
 - c. All applicable Florida State Statutes (FSS)
 - d. Currently adopted St. Lucie County Fire District Fire Prevention Code and Fee Schedule (Jurisdiction-specific).
2. Permit Qualifications – fire sprinkler alteration projects involving 20 or fewer sprinklers that have the same K- factor (relating to discharge rates from sprinkler heads) and does not change a hazard classification or an increased system coverage area, or the installation or replacement of an equivalent sprinkler system component in an existing commercial, residential, apartment, cooperative, or condominium building.
 - a. “Alteration” means to add, install, relocate, replace or remove (FSS 553.7932)
 - b. “Component” means valves, fire sprinklers, escutcheons, hangers, compressors, or any other item deemed acceptable by the local enforcing agency. For purposes of this document, a valve does not include pressure- regulating, pressure-reducing, or pressure-control valves.
3. A Contractor I or II may design the alteration of an existing fire sprinkler system if the alteration consists of the relocation or deletion of 249 or fewer sprinklers, and the addition of 49 sprinklers, as long as the cumulative total number of fire sprinklers being added, relocated, or deleted does not exceed 249.
4. FSS 553.7932(5) requires a contractor to keep a copy of the plans and specifications, along with the permit, at the fire sprinkler system project worksite and make such plans and specifications available to the inspector at each inspection.

5. For a fire sprinkler system project to install or replace a component, a contractor must keep a copy of the manufacturer's installation instructions and any pertinent testing instructions needed to certify or accept the component at the fire sprinkler system project worksite and make such documents available to the inspector at each inspection.
6. An inspection will be provided within three (3) business days after such inspection is requested.