



Existing Building Construction Plan Guide

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with Chapter 11 of the International Fire Code (IFC), when a building is found to need additional construction for fire safety requirements, the owner shall provide a plan that includes all necessary action items and the anticipated schedule to accomplish associated steps. Below is an example of the steps anticipated to be involved to assist with that planning.

STEP 1: PROVIDE PLAN

DATE: _____

A plan identifying all steps and associated time schedule necessary to complete construction improvements shall be submitted in writing to the Valley Regional Fire Authority and the City of Auburn. Plan shall be provided within 30-days of written notification by VRFA to property owner.

STEP 2: CONTRACTOR BID

DATE: _____

Owner shall receive a bid for the proposed Fire Alarm work from a contractor. Bid and scope of work will vary based on the specific building structure and needs. It is advised that the owner seek multiple bids to ensure that a realistic and competitive cost estimate is determined.

Attached is a list of fire alarm companies that have applied for permits with the City of Auburn within the last year. This list is provided as a courtesy for information and planning purposes. The City does not endorse, recommend, or require the use of any particular company.

When working with the contractor, it is advised that the owner ask for a system that meets the minimum requirements of the 2021 International Fire Code. Finding a contractor with a familiarity with Chapter 11 of the fire code and alarm systems that meet NFPA 72 are recommended.

Depending on the need and preference of the owner, a wireless alarm system as well as a traditional wired system options is recommended to be explored.

STEP 3: PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE: _____

The owner, their agent, or contractor shall apply for a Fire Alarm Permit through the City of Auburn. The application can be found at our website: http://www.auburnwa.gov/Assets/PCD/AuburnWA/Docs/fire_permit.pdf. A complete submittal will include completed application signed by the applicant, alarm plan drawings, specifications on proposed system, identification of the licensed (city and state license) contractor who will be performing the work, permit fee.