



PREVENTION BULLETIN

Title: 3rd Party Plan Review

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The City of Sterling Heights Fire Department, at the discretion of the fire marshal, may require plans and specifications to be reviewed by an outside consultant, (IFC 2015 104.7.2) at no cost to the city. Contractors submitting the plans and specifications shall be responsible for payment of such consulting fees or charges. The fire marshal will offer 3 consultants that are agreed upon by the fire marshal and building official. If a contractor would prefer to use an alternative consultant, both the fire marshal and building official must agree that the proposed consultant is satisfactory after the qualifications have been reviewed. All fees shall be submitted in full with the plans and specifications prior to review by the fire department.

The following plans will require a 3rd party review of plans and approval before submittal to the fire department for permit (however, this list is not exhaustive):

- All high hazard occupancies (group H) permits
- Occupancies that store or use hazardous chemicals
- High piled or high rack storage permits
- Occupancies that use or store class 3, 4 or high hazard commodities
- Occupancies that use or store group A, B or C plastics

3rd party specialists who have submitted credentials and have been approved for use by the Sterling Heights Fire Department:

Fire Savvy Consultants	800-515-8464
FSCI	248-545-3330
Code Savvy Consultants	313-618-6401
Ino-Tek (hazardous materials)	586-336-0856

In most instances, the fire marshal will accept the recommendations of the third party consultant. However, the fire marshal retains the discretion to modify those recommendations in the event specific public safety concerns are identified as justifications for deviation.