

#### City of Sanford Building & Fire Prevention Division Ph: 407.688.5052 Fax: 407.688.5051

#### Information for New Commercial Business Owners

The City of Sanford Fire Prevention Division makes every effort to inspect every business within the city limits annually. Before you commit to lease, rent or purchase a property for your business, please take the time to review your location for the compliance with these minimum criteria.

# **General Safety Violations to Avoid**

- Ensure stored items are not creating hazardous conditions.
- Verify before occupying or renting property that electrical wiring is in a safe condition.
- Occupancy load signs must be posted in a conspicuous location for your customers. This applies to businesses that will have more than 50 customers at a time.

### **Ensure Maintenance of Exit Paths**

- Exits pathways must be clean and unobstructed.
- Exit signs must be clearly posted and over the required exit door or exit way.
- If exit sign is illuminated, it must be in working condition.

## **Fire Protection Equipment**

- Minimum requirements for fire protection equipment are at least one 3A10BC rated fire extinguisher every 75 feet.
- Has fire extinguisher received a certification tag within last 12 months? If you need to have them recertified, local contacts are:

Tri-County Fire Equipment	407.322.0015
Firechek	407.324.0201
Advance Fire	407.699.6990

• Have fire sprinklers, standpipes, fire alarms, fire detection systems and or hood systems been maintained and inspected?

# **Special Areas of Concern**

- Ensure proper address is visible from roadway and contrasting in color. Minimum suggested size is 6 inches on all commercial sites.
- Make sure Knox box information is up to date. Contact us to access the existing Knox box if you are unsure.
- Make sure all combustible or flammable items are stored in a conspicuous manner and storage cabinets are labeled.