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**EXCEPTION REQUEST:
 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM
 MAINTENANCE IN VACANT BUILDING**

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SFC 311 Request # ____ - ____
(SFD will assign number)

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete Sections 1-5 and send form to email above

Use this form to request an exemption from inspection, testing, and maintenance requirements for certain fire protection systems located in vacant buildings (2021 Seattle Fire Code 311.2.2). Exemption request review fee is \$248/hr, 1-hr minimum.

SECTION 1: SYSTEM TYPE

The fire code requires systems in vacant buildings to be maintained in operable condition at all times. Please check the type(s) of systems for which you would like an exemption to these requirements.

- Fire Alarm Stand Pipe
 Sprinkler Other: _____

SECTION 2: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Contact Name: _____ Request Date: _____

 Company Name: _____

 Mailing Address: _____

 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

 Relationship to Building:
 Owner Property Manager Contractor
 Other _____

SECTION 3: BUILDING INFORMATION

Building /Premises Address: _____

 Building/Premises Details ([click for SDCI Lookup](#)):
 Occupancy Group(s): _____ Construction Type: _____ # of Stories: _____

 Fire Alarm System Yes No
 Fire Sprinkler System: Partial Yes No
 Full Yes No
 Describe the portion of the building that is to be kept vacant or indicate whether the whole building will be vacant:

 SFD Contact: _____

SECTION 4: SAFEGUARDING VACANT PREMISES

4.1 Describe security of premises. How are interior and exterior openings protected to prevent entry by unauthorized individuals?

4.2 Document whether all combustible material and debris have been removed from the premises. Combustible materials include furniture, equipment, office supplies, inventory, stock, janitorial supplies, books, and vehicles. Built-in shelving and carpet do not need to be removed. Cooking appliances and heavy equipment do not need to be removed if they are fully disconnected from gas and electrical.

4.3 Document whether all hazardous materials have been removed from the premises. Persons owning or having charge or control of a vacant building containing hazardous materials regulated by Chapter 50 of the Seattle Fire Code must comply with the facility closure requirements of SFC 5001.6.

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SECTION 4: REQUEST DETAILS (CONTINUED)

4.4. Document whether all openings, joints, or penetrations in fire-resistance-rated assemblies are protected in accordance with Seattle Fire Code Chapter 7.

4.5. Please provide the distance measured from the building face (a) to the closest interior lot line, (b) to the opposite side of the nearest street, alley, or public way, and (c) to an imaginary line to the nearest building on the lot, if more than one building is on the same lot.

- a.
- b.
- c.

I have attached supporting documents (optional).

SECTION 5: RESPONSIBLE PARTY ATTESTATION

I am the owner or responsible party for the building listed in Section 3. I understand that if my request is approved, I must comply with the following conditions of the Seattle Fire Code and any special conditions noted in Section 6 and approval will be revoked if not maintained:

- Vacant premises must be maintained secure at all times with measures in place to prevent unauthorized entry (SFC 311.2.1)
- Vacant premises must be kept free of all combustible materials and debris (SFC 311.3).
- Vacant premises must be kept free of hazardous materials (SFC 311.4)
- All openings, joints or penetrations in fire-resistance-rated assemblies must remain protected in accordance with Seattle Fire Code Chapter 7. Fire-resistance-rated partitions, fire barriers and fire walls separating vacant spaces from occupied spaces must be maintained and in the condition as designed.

Date _____ Signature of owner/responsible party _____ Printed name of owner/responsible party _____

Responsible party is same as requestor in Section 2.

If building owner/responsible party is not the requestor in Section 2, provide contact information:

Mailing address:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SECTION 6: REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS (TO BE COMPLETED BY SFD)

Field Observations: Include information to support recommendation for approval or denial of request

SFD Conditions for Approval (beyond requirements in Section 5 above): Or see attached

SFD Recommendations and Approvals

Fire Inspector or FPE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Deny	Hours to Bill _____
Captain of Unit or FPE Supervisor _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Deny	Hours to Bill _____
Code Development Coordinator _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Deny	

SECTION 7: FIRE MARSHAL DECISION

Approved Approved with Conditions (See Sections 5 & 6) Denied

Fire Marshal _____ Date _____

SECTION 8: FPD ADMIN STAFF USE ONLY

- Customer notified of decision via this form
- Combined form/attachments saved to SharePoint
- Print & file signed copy to SFC 311 binder in ASA office
- STET AS3 (or Eng MSA) has updated TCE and First Due to reflect permission to not maintain system(s). Also inactivate the system to prevent notices
- SFC 311 Log updated with decision