

## **KSFM 2024-002 - KSFM Prevention Information Release**

**To:**

**Subject: KSFM Legislative changes to Elevator Program for 2024**

**Owners of Elevators:**

- Must report all elevators (other than escalators) resulting in death or property damage in excess \$1,000 and the elevator must not return to operations until KSFM has investigated the accident. If the owner fails to report it could result in a Class A nonperson misdemeanor.
- It will now be the owner's responsibility to take the elevator out of service (with the appropriate signage) when it has been determined the elevator to jeopardize public safety. Removal of sign to be a Class A nonperson misdemeanor

**Elevator requirements:**

- Power-driven stairways, moving walkways and stairway chair lifts will no longer included.
- All elevators are required to conform, beginning on July 1, 2024, to applicable code in effect on the date of elevators installation/reinstallation or code in effect on the date of alteration are made to elevator.
- The elevator must be more than 49% of such elevator and specify that rules may not require compliance with current American National Standards.
- Elevator testing requirement tests indicated by a written inspection report are required.
- A require load test shall be conducted every six years.
- Load test may be conducted by an insurance company inspector or under an elevator maintenance agreement or licensed elevator mechanic or contractor.

**Elevator Inspections:**

- Regular routine inspections of all elevators will not be required when the following are in place:
  - \*Insured by an Insurance Company Rated B or Better by the AM Best Insurance Industry rating services.
  - \*Owner or user files a certificate of inspection by such insurance company with the KSFM and pays an administrative fee \$100.
- All elevators must have annual inspection every 3 years.
  - \*Every year thereafter for elevators located in any county with a population of 100,000 or more
  - \*Every other year for elevators located in any county with population of a least 50,00 but less than 100,00
  - \*Every three year in all other counties.
- Elevators that are subject to elevator maintenance agreements between the owner and a licensee are not subject to elevator inspection and testing requirements.
- Certificate of operations to be effective through 30 days following the inspection.
- Weight load test to be conducted every six years.
- Insurance inspection and maintenance agreement on weight load test to satisfy require as well as a load test by licensed elevator mechanic or contract.

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**Elevator Licensee:**

- Prohibit work performed on elevator to be inspected by individuals who have perform such work.
- Services that require to be performed by Elevator Mechanics or Elevator Contractors may now be performed by employees of licensee at the direction of the licensee.
- \*Eliminate the language that requires an applicant for an elevator contractor's license may employ a licensed elevator mechanic prior to applying for such license.
- KSFM will accept a certificate of completion of an elevator technician program through post-secondary education institution, passing an equivalency exam prepared by KSFM to qualify an individual for elevator mechanic license.
- KSFM will accept certificate of completion of an Inspector program through post-secondary education institution, passing an equivalency exam prepared by KSFM to qualify an elevator inspector license.
- The number of hours worked will be reduce hours for a person to qualify for elevator mechanic licensure to 4,000 hours.
- Language to add elevator inspector to elevator mechanic as a person who can inspect elevators.

**Changes:**

- KSFM will add educational pathways and application fee for elevator inspectors licensing.
- KSFM will add additional language regarding an alternative to licensing as an elevator mechanic for an individual elevator inspection.
- KSFM will clarify material alteration, reinstallation, or installation of an elevator would be subject the elevator code requirements at the time.
- KSFM will replace the effective date with July 1, 2024.
- KSFM will remove the cap on a fee charged for an inspection.
- KSFM will clarify technical changes regarding employees of inspection entities.

**For questions and to assist you in complying with the requirements, the KSFM has a section on its website devoted to the Elevator program.**

**Please visit [www.firemarshal.ks.gov/documentcenter](http://www.firemarshal.ks.gov/documentcenter) In the "Resources" section, select Elevator Program.**

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