

Barrie Fire and Emergency Service- Business License Inspection Requirements

To obtain or renew your [business license](#), fire department approval may be required. This involves an inspection by a member of Fire Prevention. Currently, the inspection fee is \$139.50, as outlined by the [2025 Fees-Bylaw](#).

Required Documentation

As the business owner, you must provide records of the following (if applicable):

- Annual fire alarm inspection.
- Annual sprinkler system inspection.
- 6-month suppression system inspection.
- Duct cleaning and inspection.
- Annual emergency lighting inspection.
- Annual portable fire extinguisher maintenance.

Note: If you are in a building equipped with a fire alarm or sprinkler system and the owner is responsible for the annual testing of those systems, you must obtain the inspection report from the property owner and have it on site during the fire inspection to receive a compliant result.

Additional Fire Safety Requirements

- Ensure all exits and access to exits are kept clear of obstructions, including snow and ice.
- All exits signs must be visible and illuminated.
- All commercial cooking operations that produce grease-laden vapours must be equipped and maintained with:
 - An exhaust system and
 - A fire protection system in compliance with NFPA 96 and Ontario Fire Code, Division B, Section 2.6.1.12.

Important: Any existing cooking exhaust or fire protection system that was designed for a specific hazard must be maintained as originally designed. If you have modified, or plan to make modifications to suit your business needs, contact [Building Services](#) to determine if a building permit is required.

- If your business is currently under building permit, Barrie Fire **may** not be able to approve your license until the permit is closed/occupancy is granted.
- If a second, or subsequent inspection is required, a fee **may** apply.