

SERVICE UPDATE

Sprinkler Systems Required for Ambulatory Health Care and Animal Service Facilities

Owners of ambulatory health care facilities and animal service facilities (specified below) will be required to install sprinkler systems in these properties by December 31, 2016 as outlined in Local Law 78 of 2015.

These include **ambulatory health care facilities** with:

- Four or more care recipients who are incapable of self-preservation; or
- One or more care recipients who is incapable of self-preservation and is located at other than the level of exit discharge.

Animal service facilities, including:

- Animal hospitals;
- Kennels;
- Pounds;
- Veterinary clinics;
- Pet shops.

This law is retroactive and will apply to all specified facilities effective December 31, 2016. The only exceptions are:

- Animal service facilities that provide 24 hour in-person supervision of animals sheltered therein and equipped with smoke alarms; and
- Animal service facilities that were in operation on or before December 31, 2016, and are equipped with an automatic smoke detection system.

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