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Dear Building Owner or Agent,

This letter is to inform you that, as of August 1, 2018, the City of St. Louis adopted the 2018 International Fire Code, with modifications, through City Ordinance 70796. This law requires **all** Fire Sprinkler Contractors, who are duly licensed to perform the required annual water-based fire protection system inspections to conform to all aspects of the International Fire Code, as adopted, and the respective NFPA standards referenced therein.

Contractors are required to submit legible copies of their annual inspection reports to the Fire Safety Unit, including all information covered in NFPA 25: the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Standard for water-based fire protection systems. The reports shall indicate any deficiencies or impairments which exist at the time of the inspection, **as well as the date of the last mandated internal obstruction investigation.**

In order for us to assess whether the five-year internal piping condition and obstruction investigation is due, you have **the legal responsibility to inform the contractor of the date of the previous obstruction investigation so that it can be included in the mandatory annual inspection report. If you cannot ascertain the date of the last internal pipe inspection, it is imperative to have one done as soon as possible.**

These fire protection systems were installed to maximize fire control effectiveness for your building's initial hazard level, and within that system's initial water-flow design. Reduction in the water-flow due to any obstruction is a serious limitation as to how well that system can perform during fire conditions. The system's failure to adequately perform can endanger the building, the occupants, the contents, as well as the first-responders, who will then be called to a more dangerous fire.

Your cooperation is essential.

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