

## **DEFINITIONS**

Fire Watch: A temporary measure intended to ensure continuous and systematic surveillance of a building or portion thereof by one or more qualified individuals for the purposes of identifying and controlling fire hazards, detecting early signs of unwanted fire, raising an alarm of fire, and notifying the fire department (IFC 2018).

## **CONDITIONS REQUIRING FIRE WATCH**

Fire watch may be required under the following circumstances or as deemed necessary by the fire code official.

- Outage or significant impairment of the fire alarm signaling system.
- Outage or significant impairment of the automatic fire suppression system.
- Outage or significant impairment of the facility water supply.

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

When required fire protection is out of service or during system impairment (including due to repeated nuisance alarms), a building owner or his representative shall be required by the Fire Marshal to provide a fire watch until the system is repaired.

Personnel used to conduct the fire watch are subject to approval by the Fire Marshal. A person performing a fire watch must be literate in the English language, ambulatory, and at least 21 years of age. The person performing fire watch duties shall have at least one means of direct communication with the Fire Department and his/her sole duty shall be to perform constant patrols and watch for the occurrence of fire.

If the building owner can not provide fire watch, or the fire watch provided is deemed inadequate the building owner will be responsible for hiring a professional fire watch service or paying the New Braunfels Fire Department personnel at the listed hourly rate.

## **FIRE WATCH DUTIES**

1. Keep diligent watch for fires, obstructions to means of egress and other hazards
2. Take prompt measures for remediation of hazards and extinguishment of fires that occur
3. Take prompt measures to assist in the evacuation of the public from the structures
4. Maintain Fire Watch log

Signature of Building Representative

Printed name / Title

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Date

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Fire Department Representative

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# New Braunfels Fire Department

## Fire Watch Log

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Fire Watch Initiated: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Fire Watch Concluded: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Contact Fire Marshall's Office when system is restored @ 830-221-4200 \*\*\*