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1 Admin Fire & Life Safety Inspection

2 Storage in buildings.

Storage of materials in buildings shall be orderly and stacks shall be stable. Storage of combustible materials shall be separated from heaters or heating devices by distance or shielding so that ignition cannot occur. (IFC 315.3 2021)	

3 Appliance Connection to Building Piping

Gas-fired commercial cooking appliances installed on casters and appliances that are moved for cleaning and sanitation purposes shall be connected to the piping system with an appliance connector listed as complying with ANSI Z21.69/CSA 6.16. The commercial cooking appliance connector installation shall be configured in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Movement of appliances with casters shall be limited by a restraining device installed in accordance with the connector and appliance manufacturer's instructions. (IFC 606.4 2021)	

4 Owner's Responsibility

The owner shall maintain an inventory of all required fire-resistance-rated construction, construction installed to resist the passage of smoke and the construction included in Sections 703 through 707 and Sections 602.4.1 and 602.4.2 of the International Building Code. Such construction shall be visually inspected by the owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated. Records of inspections and repairs shall be maintained. Where concealed, such elements shall not be required to be visually inspected by the owner unless the concealed space is accessible by the removal or movement of a panel, access door, ceiling tile or similar movable entry to the space. (IFC 701.6 2021)	The following violations were observed: Facility was unable to provide documentation for their annual fire rated construction inspection.

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5 Inspection and Maintenance	
Opening protectives in fire-resistance-rated assemblies shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80. Opening protectives in smoke barriers shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105. Openings in smoke partitions shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 105. Fire doors and smoke and draft control doors shall not be blocked, obstructed, or otherwise made inoperable. Fusible links shall be replaced promptly whenever fused or damaged. Opening protectives and smoke and draft control doors shall not be modified. (IFC 705.2 2021) 5.2.1 Inspection and Testing. Upon completion of the installation, door, shutters, and window assemblies shall be inspected and tested in accordance with 5.2.4. 5.2.4 Periodic Inspection and Testing. 5.2.4.1 Periodic inspections and testing shall be performed not less than annually. 5.2.2.4 A record of all inspections and testing shall be provided that includes, but is not limited to, the following information: 1. Date of inspection 2. Name of facility 3. Address of facility 4. Name of person(s) performing inspections and testing 5. Company name and address of inspecting company 6. Signature of inspector of record 7. Individual record of each inspected and tested fire door assembly 8. Opening identifier and location of each inspected and tested fire door assembly 9. Type and description of each inspected and tested fire door assembly To aid the AHJ during the review of the inspections and testing reports, the records should include a description of the type of fire door assembly as follows: Type 6: Swinging door with builders hardware Type 7: Swinging fire door with fire door hardware Type 8: Horizontally sliding fire door Type 9: Special purpose horizontally accordion or folding	

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6 Duct and Air Transfer Openings - Maintaining Protection	
Dampers protecting ducts and air transfer openings shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105. Other products or materials used to protect the openings for ducts and air transfer openings shall be securely attached to or bonded to the construction containing the duct or air transfer opening, without visible openings through or into the cavity of the construction. Any damaged products or materials protecting duct and air transfer openings shall be repaired, restored or replaced. (IFC 706.1 2018)	
7 Testing and Maintenance	
Sprinkler systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with Section 901. (IFC 903.5 2021)	
8 Inspection, Testing and Maintenance	
The maintenance and testing schedules and procedures for fire alarm and fire detection systems shall be in accordance with Sections 907.8.1 through 907.8.5 and NFPA 72. Records of inspection, testing and maintenance shall be maintained. (IFC 907.8 2021)	
9 Carbon Monoxide Detection - General	
Carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in new buildings in accordance with Sections 915.1.1 through 915.6. Carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in existing buildings in accordance with Chapter 11 of the International Fire Code. (IFC 0915.1 2021 WAC 51-54A)	

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In the event of power supply failure, and emergency electrical system shall automatically illuminate all of the following areas: 1. Electrical equipment rooms. 2. Fire command centers. 3. Fire Pump rooms 4. Generator rooms 5. Public restrooms with an area greater than 300 square feet (27.87 m2). (IFC 1008.3.3 2021)	
11 Maintenance	
Emergency and standby power systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 110 and NFPA 111 such that the system is capable of supplying service within the time specified for the type and duration required. (IFC 1203.4 2021)	

Next inspection scheduled on or after: 09/24/2026

Right of appeal. Any person may appeal any decision made by the Fire Protection Bureau in accordance with WAC 212-12.

Owner or Authorized Representative

Signature

JASON C. DAVIS Maintenance Director

Print Name and Title

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1 Admin Fire & Life Safety Inspection

	This report is the result of an unannounced fire and life safety re-certification survey conducted at Merrill Gardens at Tukwila on 6/24/2026 by a DSFM representative of the Washington State Patrol, Fire Protection Bureau to determine compliance with all applicable codes. All inspection reports must be completely filled out from the vendor and verify the report shows no deficiencies. If deficiencies are noted on report, additional documentation will be required to show that deficiencies have been corrected prior to re-inspection. The facility is not in compliance at the time of this inspection.

2 Storage in buildings.

Storage of materials in buildings shall be orderly and stacks shall be stable. Storage of combustible materials shall be separated from heaters or heating devices by distance or shielding so that ignition cannot occur. (IFC 315.3 2021)	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At time of inspection the following was observed: 1. On the 5th floor there is Combustible materials with 18 inches of the sprinkler.

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4 Owner's Responsibility	
The owner shall maintain an inventory of all required fire-resistance-rated construction, construction installed to resist the passage of smoke and the construction included in Sections 703 through 707 and Sections 602.4.1 and 602.4.2 of the International Building Code. Such construction shall be visually inspected by the owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated. Records of inspections and repairs shall be maintained. Where concealed, such elements shall not be required to be visually inspected by the owner unless the concealed space is accessible by the removal or movement of a panel, access door, ceiling tile or similar movable entry to the space. (IFC 701.6 2021)	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At the time of inspection, the following documentation was not provided. 1. The facility must maintain detailed documentation and maps of fire-rated construction locations, including annual inspection reports detailing testing dates, modifications, and repairs.

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7 Testing and Maintenance	
Sprinkler systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with Section 901. (IFC 903.5 2021)	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At the time of inspection, the following documentation was not provided. 1. Annual forward flow test (NFPA 25 13.7.2.1) 2. Semi-Annual Report 3. The annual report from 6/12/2025 shows decencies that the facility could not show that they have been resolved.
8 Inspection, Testing and Maintenance	
The maintenance and testing schedules and procedures for fire alarm and fire detection systems shall be in accordance with Sections 907.8.1 through 907.8.5 and NFPA 72. Records of inspection, testing and maintenance shall be maintained. (IFC 907.8 2021)	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At the time of inspection, the following documentation was not provided. 1. The annual report from 6/12/2025 shows decencies that the facility could not show that they have been resolved.

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10 Rooms and Spaces	
In the event of power supply failure, and emergency electrical system shall automatically illuminate all of the following areas: 1. Electrical equipment rooms. 2. Fire command centers. 3. Fire Pump rooms 4. Generator rooms 5. Public restrooms with an area greater than 300 square feet (27.87 m2). (IFC 1008.3.3 2021)	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At time of inspection the following was observed: 1. Emergency lighting with battery is needed in sprinkler riser room.
11 Maintenance	
Emergency and standby power systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 110 and NFPA 111 such that the system is capable of supplying service within the time specified for the type and duration required. (IFC 1203.4 2021)	The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection: At the time of inspection, the following documentation was not provided. 1. Diesel fuel testing report

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