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Sprinkler Supervision

Code: 2012 Building Code
Section: 901.6.1

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Question:

Are all sprinkler systems required to be monitored at an approved supervising station?

Answer:

No. In accordance with Section 901.6.1, monitoring is only required when the sprinkler system is required by the code.

For example, if an owner wanted to install sprinklers within a building that is not otherwise required to be equipped with a suppression system, the system is not required to be equipped with a “dialer” that notifies a supervising station.

Please note that Section 901.6.1 contains an exception that eliminates the requirement of supervision for limited area sprinkler systems addressed in Section 903.3.5.1.1 of the NC Fire Prevention Code. When the code requires a partial system that contains less than 20 sprinkler heads, such as required by Fire Prevention Code, Section 3006.2.1 for medical gas systems, supervision is not required.