

**7511.0901 SECTION 901, GENERAL.**

Subpart 1. **IFC section 901.6.1.** IFC section 901.6.1 is amended by adding an exception to read:

**Exception:** Fire alarm and automatic fire-extinguishing systems shall be inspected and tested at least annually. Inspections and testing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in the referenced standards listed in Table 901.6.1. As part of the annual inspection required by this section, all weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and annual inspections, tests, and maintenance requirements in the listed standards shall be conducted and shall note any problems observed.

Subp. 2. **IFC section 901.11.** IFC section 901 is amended by adding sections to read:

**901.11 Fire sprinklers and fire detectors - ceilings.** In buildings protected by automatic sprinklers or automatic fire detectors, suspended or removable ceiling tiles shall be maintained in place to prevent the delay in sprinkler or detector activation.

**Exception:** When additional sprinklers or detectors are installed in the space above the suspended ceiling.

**901.11.1 Open-grid ceilings.** Open-grid ceilings shall not be installed beneath sprinklers.

**Exception:** Open-grid ceilings are allowed when the requirements of NFPA 13 for open-grid ceilings are met.

**901.11.2 Drop-out ceilings.** Drop-out ceilings shall be permitted to be installed beneath sprinklers when all requirements of NFPA 13 for drop-out ceilings have been met.

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