



Unattended Fuel Pumping Requirements

The following requirements set forth by the Minnesota State Fire Code shall be adhered to for any gas station that has hours of unattended pump operation within the Cities of New Hope and Crystal. Licensing requirements under city ordinance requires such establishments to be inspected by city inspectors to ensure compliance with all state and local codes before a license can be issued. In recent visits to stations, it has been noticed that some stations are selling fuel after hours without meeting the minimum requirements set forth by the Minnesota State Fire Code. These establishments are in violation of not only their licensing requirements, but also Minnesota State Law. The following requirements from Chapter 22 section 2204.3.1 through 2204.3.7 of the MSFC shall be met **before** any after hour fueling takes place:

1. Owner or operator shall provide, and be accountable for, daily site visits, regular equipment inspections and maintenance.
2. Approved, clearly identified, and readily accessible emergency pump shut down shall be provided within 100 ft. of exterior pumps.
3. Dispenser operating instructions shall be conspicuously posted in an approved location on every dispenser and shall indicate the location of emergency controls.
4. An approved emergency procedures sign shall be posted in a conspicuous location and shall read:

IN CASE OF FIRE, SPILL OR RELEASE

1. USE EMERGENCY PUMP SHUTOFF
2. REPORT THE ACCIDENT

CALL 911

FACILITY ADDRESS_____

5. A telephone not requiring a coin to operate or other approved, clearly identified means to notify the fire department shall be provided on site in a location approved by the code official.
6. Dispensing devices shall be programmed or set to limit uninterrupted fuel delivery to 25 gallons and require a manual action to resume delivery.

To prevent any license interruption and/or citations, please ensure that your facility meets the above minimum requirements. If you have any questions or concerns with the above referenced requirements, please call the West Metro Fire-Rescue District Prevention Bureau at (763) 537-2323 Ext. 2003 or 2004. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.