The Hyde County Fire Marshal will soon be coming to your place of business for your fire inspection. In effort to assist you, we have put together a list of the common NC Fire Code violations. Please know this list is not an all-inclusive list.

- **Blocked and / or locked fire exits.**
  Every fire exit must be marked, unlocked and a clear path leading to each one.

- **Fire Extinguishers**
  All fire extinguishers must be accessible, the correct quantity mounted and a yearly maintenance conducted to NFPA 10 standards (all fire extinguisher companies must meet this). The yearly maintenance does not serve as your fire inspection but is required.

- **Extension Cords / Power Tabs**
  Extension cords must be approved for what they are being used for and cannot be affixed to a structure, ran under doors or through the floor or walls. Extension cords can only be used with portable appliances. Power tabs must also be approved UL 1363 approved and also cannot be affixed to a structure, ran under doors or through the floor or walls. Power tabs must not be overloaded.
• **Electrical Panels**  
Electrical service equipment must have a working space of 30”W x 36”D x 78”H. This means nothing can be stored in this area around electrical service equipment.

• **Occupancy Load**  
Occupancy loads can not be exceded at any time. Keep in mind this includes your staff. All assembly occupancies must have their occupancy load posted within sight from the main entrance.

• **Premises Identification**  
All new and existing buildings must have a minimum of 4” address numbers placed in a position that is visible from the road fronting the property. The numbers must be in contrast of the background.

Again keep in mind that this is a very small list of common violations, but hopefully this will help you before your inspection.