

**Town of Somers  
7511 12th Street  
Somers, WI 53171**

**Town Work Session Meeting  
Agenda  
Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
5:15 p.m.**

<b>Town Board Work Session Meeting:</b>	
<b>Item #</b>	
1	Call to Order
2	Citizen Comments
3	Administrator's Report
4	Chair & Supervisor Reports
5	Discuss addition of Martin Luther King as a paid holiday for Village and Town employees
6	Discuss proposal to update Chapter 5 of the Town Ordinances to require the use of a system called The Compliance Engine as it relates to fire protection system inspections, testing, maintenance, and servicing.
7	Review tentative agenda for Town Board meeting on January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
8	Adjourn

I hereby certify that, as the designee of the chief elected official of the Town of Somers, I posted this notice of the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Work Session Meeting & Agenda in 3 public places & Somers website.

Dated this Third day of January 2025.

Wendy Burnette, Clerk-Treasurer

Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the Clerk's Office at 262-859-2822 with as much notice as possible. **Notice is hereby given that members of the Town Board may participate telephonically. Notice is hereby given that members of the Village Board may be in attendance for the sole purpose of gathering information. A quorum may be present. However, no Board action will be taken.**

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
TOWN BOARD  
WORK SESSION ITEM MEMORANDUM**

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**WORK SESSION:** Jan. 7 , 2025

**TO:** Town Chair Molinaro and Town Supervisors

**FROM:** Jason J. Peters, Administrator

**AGENDA ITEM:** #3 Administrator's Report

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Below please find a bulleted summary of major issues that Administration has worked on since our December Work Session. Please note the vast majority of these items are Village focused and this report is being provided to give leadership an overview of the activity at Village/Town Hall.

Development

- There was no Planning Commission meeting in December.
- As of the date of this memo, there are no matters to be heard for the January Plan Commission.
- On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Planning Staff, Administration, President Stoner and Trustee Nelson held our regularly scheduled developer's meeting. We met with a developer interested in a parcel along the east frontage road. The parcel has a lot of floodplain issues, and the developer had questions regarding the viability of building on the parcel. We also met with a developer interested in bringing a multifamily and single-family housing project to a parcel near Fire Station #2. The multi-family portion would be done by a developer from the Twin Cities area. They may be bringing a concept to the Plan Commission in the First Quarter of 2025. Administrator Peters is familiar with the projects they have done in the past.
- On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Administration and President Stoner met with our engineers to review the utility plans for Golden Oil's Project on the frontage road.
- On December 11<sup>th</sup>, Administrator Peters attended the Kenosha County Planning Directors Meeting. This is a quarterly meeting to discuss planning issues in the County and give each other updates on our communities.

- Tropical Smoothie Café is getting closer to having their final plans approved by Engineering. Once this is completed the Development Agreement will be executed, and they can pull their building permits.
- Over the past month, Administrator Peters has had several conversations with developers that are interested in creating some new commercial retail lots. This would be a nice addition as Somers Market Center is almost completely built out.

## Administration

- The Wisconsin Elections Commission randomly selected Wards 1-4 in the Town of Somers to conduct an audit of the Nov. 5, 2024, election. Clerk Treasurer Wendy Burnette and election workers completed the audit of voting equipment on Nov., 26 and no discrepancies were found. Residents can be confident that votes were counted accurately in the November General Election.
- As you are aware, the Boards passed out 2025 Budget in November. The Budget allows for the hire of several positions. Over the past month, Administration has posted the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, the Utilities Manager, and the Public Works I positions. Interviews for the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer were held the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>. An offer has been extended to a candidate. Interviews for the Utilities Manager and Public Works I position will be held in January.
- As you are also aware, Josh Sullivan was promoted to Public Works Superintendent at our December 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. This opened the Public Works Foreman position. Several internal candidates were interviewed. The position was offered to and accepted by James Klinefelter. Mr. Klinefelter worked for the Village/Town for almost two years and was formerly with the City of Zion. Mr. Klinefelter is also a Somers resident.
- The Firefighter/EMT positions that are available will undergo testing in January and the Fire Commission will review those that qualify. The goal is to have them hired on by February.
- On December 10<sup>th</sup>, Administrator Peters attended a roundtable put on by the League of Municipalities regarding the recent Dane County Circuit Court decision on Act 10.
- Tax bills were mailed by the County on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The front counter has been a busy place over the past week with residents paying their taxes. This is the first year with the County's new collection software and so far, it seems to be working smoothly.
- The Somers Fire & Rescue Association held its Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended. Thank you to all those that attended and to Festival Foods of Somers, Kwik Trip Store #107, Gordon Food Service, and Walmart for their donations.



- On December 18<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual staff and consultant luncheon. Several of our local elected officials were also able to attend. Thank you to the Board for providing the main courses and all those that brought something to share. This has been a tradition for some time and it is a very nice way to end the year!



- The Fire Department took delivery of its Special Operations Trailer. The purchase was approved in the 2024 CIP for \$35,000. It includes a generator to run heat and/or air conditioning. This will help protect first responders from exposure injuries during long-duration calls. The finishing touches to the interior of the trailer will be done in-house by the Fire Department. It will include adding benches, storage areas and a command area with a communication system. The trailer will also be used to transport one of the Utility Terrain Vehicles.



- On Dec. 11, Assistant to the Administrator Kevin Poirier attended the Live2Lead event that was put together by Kenosha County. The leadership development workshop included recorded speakers by bestselling authors John Maxwell, Malcolm Gladwell and Jon Gordan as well as group activities. Four-time Olympian Chaunte Lowe and Executive Coach Valorie Burton also made presentations.



- On December 11<sup>th</sup>, our ZIP Code Bill (H.R. 8753) was unanimously in the U.S. House of Representatives. The next stop for the Bill was the Senate which was in session December 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Peters and Assistant to the Administrator

Poirier, with the help of our ZIP Code Advocacy group, spent significant time lobbying the Senate to try to get this Bill to the floor before the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress convenes. This included reaching out to Representative Steil, Senator Johnson, and Senator Baldwin. We also reached out Senator Peters (Michigan) who is the Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. County Executed Kerkman also sent a very nice letter to Senator Peters in support of our efforts. As a part of our lobbying efforts, we reached out to several media outlets. Kenosha News ran a story on our ZIP Code effort on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The Milwaukee Journal/Sentential ran a story on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Peters and Assistant to the Administrator Poirier were also interviewed by Wisconsin Public Radio for a story they plan to run on Jan. 1, 2025.

[https://kenoshanews.com/news/local/somers-among-communities-to-possibly-get-zip-code-bill-in-senate/article\\_ace444f0-bca4-11ef-80a8-13328c469e13.html](https://kenoshanews.com/news/local/somers-among-communities-to-possibly-get-zip-code-bill-in-senate/article_ace444f0-bca4-11ef-80a8-13328c469e13.html)

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/communities/south/2024/12/19/house-passes-bill-that-would-give-greenfield-franklin-own-zip-codes/77037809007/>

<https://www.wpr.org/news/some-wisconsin-communities-say-they-have-too-many-zip-codes-congress-might-step-in>

H.R. 8753 never came to the Senate floor for a vote. Administration will continue to push forward for a new bill to be passed by the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress. Additional communities were added throughout the process, bringing the full number to 51. Our friends in congress have told us they will support our efforts in 2025.

A petition is available on our website, feel free to share it.

<https://www.somers.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/ZIP-Code-Petition-FILL.pdf>



**TOWN OF SOMERS  
TOWN BOARD  
WORK SESSION ITEM MEMORANDUM**

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**WORK SESSION:** January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**TO:** Town Chair Molinaro and Town Supervisors

**PREPARED BY:** Kevin Poirier, Assistant to the Administrator

**AGENDA ITEM:** #5 Discuss addition of Martin Luther King Jr. as a paid holiday for Village and Town employees

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**BACKGROUND:**

Section 27 of the Employee Manual states:

*“All regular full-time employees, but excluding all full-time firefighter/EMT personnel, receive ten (10) paid holidays listed as follows: New Years Eve, New Years Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day following Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.”*

President Ronald Reagan made Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a federal holiday on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1983. The first observance of the holiday was on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1986. Today the holiday is recognized by Kenosha County, The City of Kenosha, and other governmental agencies in the area.

**UPDATE:**

Today, Somers is an exception among communities that don’t close for MLK day. All nonessential federal, state, and most municipal entities close for MLK day. Kenosha Unified school district, banks and stock markets are also closed.

In light of the growing diversity in the Village and Town of Somers as well as that of our staff, the Village of Somers is considering a request that Martin Luther King Jr. Day be added as the 11<sup>th</sup> paid holiday for the Village and Town employees.

The Holiday is celebrated the third Monday in January, which would fall on Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> this year.

**COMMENTS:**

If the Board agrees, this proposal and an amendment to the Employee Handbook will be placed on the January 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting for action.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

# ***SOMERS FIRE & RESCUE***



**CHIEF**  
Benjamin Andersen

**P.O. Box 197**  
**Somers, WI 53171**  
**(262-859-2277)**

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## Somers Village and Town Boards

I Chief Andersen, am requesting permission to work with the Village attorney to update Chapter 5 of the Village Ordinances to require the use of a system called The Compliance Engine as it relates to fire protection system inspections, testing, maintenance, and servicing. This system requires companies doing work on any piece of fire protection equipment such as sprinkler systems and fire alarms, to report to this system. This system then allows us as the fire department to monitor and confirm all required testing and servicing is being completed remotely instead of traveling to a location to look at paperwork. This system would not cost the village any money nor will it require the property owners to pay anything. All costs are charged to the sprinkler and alarm companies doing the work. Most of our surrounding communities are already using this system so most of the sprinkler and alarm companies already have this cost built into their fees. Attached you will find some additional information provided by the Brycer Company on their system called The Compliance Engine

Somers Fire Chief Benjamin Andersen  
[Bandersen@somers.org](mailto:Bandersen@somers.org)  
Cell 262-620-0637

# THE COMPLIANCE ENGINE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

POWERED BY **BRYCER**

BRYCER LLC.

THE COMPLIANCE ENGINE 4355 Weaver Pkwy. St 230. Warrenville, IL 60555

## THE COMPLIANCE ENGINE

The Compliance Engine is a simple, internet-based tool for code officials to track and drive code compliance, reduce false alarm activity and provide a safer community. It provides a secure cloud environment in which third party contractors who inspect, test, and maintain fire protections systems, submit their reports via Brycer's web portal directly to the AHJ. This facilitates a more efficient review, tracking and follow-up process with occupants to correct deficiencies and maintain systems. In addition to the web-based technology, our services include a team to administer hard and soft copy notifications and perform follow up calls to help increase testing and maintenance activity in a given jurisdiction. The end result is a comprehensive and accurate aggregation of data around which buildings have what types of systems, when they were last tested, and if there are any open deficiencies that could jeopardize their successful deployment in the event of an incident. With The Compliance Engine, the AHJ will be better equipped to do more with less in their mission to drive 100% code compliance with fire and life safety laws.

### Current Landscape:

- 40% of life safety systems go uninspected or maintained every year
- 32.5% of false alarms are due lack of maintenance and testing
- 29% of fire code official's time is spent administering 3<sup>rd</sup> Party ITM reports
- 95% of AHJs do not have the resources to enforce their adopted fire code
- Current Process is manual, paper based, reactionary, inefficient and expensive

### The Compliance Engine Benefits:

- Drives 100% Compliance with fire & life safety code
- Electronically collects, organizes and tracks fire and life safety test results
- Offers API Services with RMS and software inspection companies
- Maximizes limited resources, saves time and streamlines communication
- Built to ensure a safer environment for firefighters, citizens and guests
- Saves AHJs money while strengthening life safety and offers cost recovery

### Revenue Model:

- Free for Fire Department
- Zero charge to the building owners
- Fee paid by 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractors on per system, per premises, per annum basis
- Delivers Compliance resulting in new business and maintenance revenue for 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractors
- Endorsed by IKECA, Arizona Fire Alarm Assoc. and Western Fire Chiefs Assoc

Learn more at [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com) or **630-413-9511**

*Collect. Connect. Comply*

# LIST OF SYSTEMS TCE TRACKS

System Type
Air Sampling System
Automatic Closing Fire Assemblies
Chemical Storage Room
Clean Agent
Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning
Emergency Power Battery / Unit Lighting
Emergency Power Generator
Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System
Fire Alarm
Fire Escape
Fire Pump
Foam System
Gas Detection Systems
Hood Suppression System
Leak Detection
Paint / Spray Booth Suppression
Pressure Reducing Valves (PRV's)
Private Fire Hydrant
Rental Property Inspection
Rescue Air System
Smoke Management Systems
Special Suppression System
Sprinkler System (Dry & Wet)
Standpipe
Water Monitor
Water Tank



Additional tracking for *backflow* and *elevator* available.

YOUR DEPARTMENT NAME  
1234 STREET ADDRESS  
CITYOF, XX 99999



MONTH DAY, YEAR

BUILDING IN YOUR CITY  
1234 MAIN RD  
YOUR CITY, IL 60540

System Type - Contractor of Record:  
  
SYSTEM TESTING COMPANY  
(555) 555-5555  
EMAIL@COMPANY.COM

**Re: SYSTEM TYPE INSPECTION RENEWAL - 1234 MAIN RD, YOUR CITY, STATE ZIP CODE**

Dear Building Occupant/Owner:

In accordance with the **YOUR CODE**, Our records indicate the **SYSTEM TYPE** is coming due for inspection by a licensed company and must be tested within the month of your renewal date which is **DATE**.

**It is the responsibility and requirement of the inspection company testing your system to submit all test reports to us via the web at [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com).**

If you have questions regarding this notification, please contact our Compliance Program Partner BRYCER LLC at 630-413-9511 or via email at [support@mybrycer.com](mailto:support@mybrycer.com)

Sincerely Yours in Life & Fire Safety,

*Digital Signature*

YOUR NAME  
YOUR TITLE  
YOUR DEPARTMENT NAME

YOUR DEPARTMENT NAME  
1234 STREET ADDRESS  
CITYOF, XX 99999



System Type - Contractor of Record:

SYSTEM TESTING COMPANY  
(555) 555-5555  
THEIREMAIL@COMPANY.COM

MONTH DAY, YEAR

BUILDING IN YOUR CITY  
1234 MAIN RD  
YOUR CITY, IL 60540

**Re: SYSTEM TYPE INSPECTION OVERDUE - 1234 MAIN RD, YOUR CITY, STATE ZIP CODE**

Dear Building Occupant/Owner:

Our records indicate the **SYSTEM TYPE** is now overdue and was to be tested within the month of your renewal date which was **DATE**. In order to avoid penalties, as provided by law for such violations, you must take immediate action.

**Actions Required:**

1. Have your **SYSTEM TYPE** inspected, tested and maintained by a licensed company and,
2. Upon completion, have your inspection company submit the test results to us at [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com).
3. If this inspection has been completed you must notify your testing company that a copy of this report must be submitted to us at [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com). **It is the contractor's responsibility to submit the documentation.**

If you have questions regarding this notification, please contact our Compliance Program Partner BRYCER LLC at **630-413-9511** or via email at [support@mybrycer.com](mailto:support@mybrycer.com)

Sincerely Yours in Life Fire Safety,

*Digital Signature*

YOUR NAME  
YOUR TITLE  
YOUR DEPARTMENT NAME

YOUR DEPARTMENT NAME  
1234 STREET ADDRESS  
CITYOF, XX 99999



MONTH DAY, YEAR

BUILDING IN YOUR CITY  
1234 MAIN RD  
YOUR CITY, IL 60540

System Type - Contractor of Record:

SYSTEM TESTING COMPANY  
(555) 555-5555  
THEIREMAIL@COMPANY.COM

**Re: SYSTEM TYPE INSPECTION DEFICIENCIES FOUND - 1234 MAIN RD, YOUR CITY, STATE ZIP CODE**

Dear Building Occupant/Owner:

A recent inspection of your **SYSTEM TYPE** at **PREMISE ADDRESS** on **DATE** by **ITM COMPANY** revealed the violations listed below.

This notice is an **ORDER TO COMPLY**. Your failure to comply with this notice before re-inspection (30 days from date of letter) may make you liable for the penalties provided for by law for such violation(s).

### DEFICIENCIES

**Deficiency Found:**

**Deficiency Found:**

**It is the responsibility and requirement of the inspection company to submit all corrections to us via the web at [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com).**

If you have questions regarding this notification, please contact our Compliance Program Partner BRYCER LLC at 630-413-9511 or via email at [support@mybrycer.com](mailto:support@mybrycer.com)

Sincerely Yours in Life & Fire Safety,

*Digital Signature*

YOUR NAME  
YOUR TITLE  
YOUR DEPARTMENT NAME

## Requirement Letter to Fire Protection Contractors



Dear Service Provider,

The **AHJ Name** has instituted a new process for service providers who inspect and test fire protection systems. Effective **Go Live Date** all compliant & non-compliant fire protection systems test reports are required to be sent to the **AHJ Name** electronically by your respective organization via The Compliance Engine's online system at [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com).

The **AHJ Name** is dedicated to delivering 100% compliance with our adopted Fire Code. This web-based service will aggregate, track and streamline the collection of compliance data of our jurisdiction's systems. Property owners will receive timely proactive notifications of their testing requirements, and the **AHJ Name** will gain the ability to better mitigate the risk in our community by improving public safety to our citizens.

All service providers who inspect or test fire protection systems within the **AHJ Name's** jurisdiction are required to register and submit all test, inspection, and service reports via The Compliance Engine. All reports must be submitted in accordance with the testing schedule and requirements outlined in our adopted fire code.

Benefits to you:

- Increases market opportunity and demand for your fire protection services
- Ensures all reports arrive, affording you the ability to track our department's follow up
- Enhances maintenance revenue and timeliness of deficiency corrections
- Improves customer retention with renewal notifications identifying you as company of record
- Minimizes non licensed contractors from working in your market

This proven process requires the service provider pay a nominal filing fee at the time of submittal. There is no fee to register your company with The Compliance Engine. Once registered, pricing is viewable under **AHJ Name** icon in The Compliance Engine. If you are a licensed fire protection system contractor and are not currently registered with Brycer, please do so at [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com).

We look forward to partnering with you to better protect and serve our community. We are confident this will benefit us ALL.

Sincerely,

*Digital Signature*

YOUR NAME

YOUR TITLE

YOUR DEPARTMENT NAME

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## TCE OVERVIEW

### Keys to Getting Started:

- Register at [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com)
- Sign up for training
- Complete account set up by entering all inspectors, inspector licenses, and company licenses
- Add Users and company logo for brand awareness
- Add TCE link to your webpage

### Key Processes to Know: Check the TCE HELP Portal for Direction Visuals

- Select correct template for each report submitted: Fire Alarm, Sprinkler, Kitchen Hood, etc.
- Enter all test reports and type out deficiencies
- Attach pdf version of inspection report when using short form (fire protection systems only)
- Ensure all reports entered are submitted for payment
- Update deficiency tracking to inform AHJ that violations have been corrected
- Check notifications icon to track sent out by AHJ
- Open inspection reports are saved reports not yet submitted to AHJ, if not submitting these to AHJ delete
- Submit a new-premises when necessary (if you cannot locate the premises in the existing database)
- View your transaction list to confirm correct payment
- Create new users when necessary
- Update credit card information

### Systems Tracked:

#### (\*CUSTOMIZED PER AHJ\*)

- Automatic Fire Sprinkler
- Automatic Closing Fire Assemblies
- 5yr Sprinkler System
- Fire Alarm System
- Commercial Kitchen Hood Suppression
- Commercial Kitchen Hood Cleaning
- Standpipe
- Active Smoke Control
- Private Hydrant System
- Fire Pump
- Fire Escape
- Gas Detection System
- Paint/Spray Booth
- Emergency Generator
- Emergency Radio Responder Coverage System
- Special Suppression
- Portable Fire Extinguishers

# PRICING MODEL

System Type	Price	Billing Frequency
5 Year Sprinkler	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Automatic Closing Fire Assemblies	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Commercial Kitchen Exhaust (Cleaning)	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Emergency Power Generator	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Fire Alarm	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Fire Pump	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Gas Detection Systems	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Hood Suppression System	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Paint/Spray Booth Suppression	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Portable Fire Extinguisher	BELOW	Per Submittal
Private Fire Hydrants	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Smoke Control System	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Special Suppression	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Sprinkler System	\$20.00	Per Submittal
Standpipe	\$20.00	Per Submittal

\*\*\*REPORTS SUBMITTED AFTER 30 DAYS FROM THE INSPECTION DATE WILL INCUR A \$10.00 LATE FEE\*\*\*

\*\*\*REPORTS SUBMITTED AFTER 60 DAYS FROM THE INSPECTION DATE WILL INCUR A \$20.00 LATE FEE\*\*\*

\*\*\*Portable Fire Extinguishers Pricing\*\*\*

1-10 Extinguishers = \$10.00

11+ Extinguishers = \$20.00

**Business Model:** There is no cost to the jurisdiction for implementation, annual or ongoing maintenance, licensing or other services offered by BRYCER. At no time will there be an invoice addressed to the jurisdiction for implementation of TCE. BRYCER’s system for collecting and processing orders is simple, an Inspection company registers with TCE, which requires their payment card to be recorded and stored by our payment processing partner. We meet and exceed all PCI DSS standards. An inspection company submits a report to the jurisdiction at which point their payment card is billed at the agreed upon rate, frequency (e.g. per system, per building) and posted against the jurisdiction. The inspection company receives an email receipt along with an audit log of their transactions recorded in their custom site. The jurisdiction and the property Owner are never billed or required to make payments.

**Extent of Fees:** BRYCER charges the inspection companies on a per system, per building basis. However, TCE will accept submission of reports done on all frequencies (e.g. annually, semi-annually, quarterly, monthly, weekly and on a daily basis).

**Revenue Share Option:** BRYCER’s revenue share option is a way for the jurisdiction to recover costs for administering your Bureau of Fire Prevention’s fire and life safety compliance goals. BRYCER will collect all fees due and payable by third party inspectors and remit the jurisdiction’s remuneration on a quarterly basis via Check or ACH Direct Deposit Transfer.



## Helpful FAQs for Presenting to Fire Chief and Public Officials

### What do they want to know about The Compliance Engine (TCE)?

Based on 950+ successful adoptions of The Compliance Engine, the following six questions are most asked by Fire Chiefs and Public Officials (Mayor or City or Village Manager) when discussing adoption of The Compliance Engine:

#### **1) *What is the cost of The Compliance Engine?***

There is zero cost for any aspect of using The Compliance Engine (setup, training, ongoing service) for either the Department or the municipality. In fact, there is savings from its usage in terms of administrative time saved and reductions in false alarm activity from fewer system malfunctions.

#### **2) *How does The Compliance Engine get paid for?***

Contractors submitting reports pay a fee of \$20. Brycer does not charge per riser and/or flow switch. There is no upfront or additional cost. Contractors earn money due to the increased inspection and maintenance activity provided by TCE and code compliance. Building owners are not required to perform any additional inspections or maintenance that is not already required by code.

#### **3) *Isn't this an added cost to the contractors?***

No. Contractors receive several benefits from utilizing The Compliance Engine (TCE) – the primary being it drives revenues for them and creates a larger overall market opportunity. From Brycer's experience and conversation with contractors currently using The Compliance Engine, the potential revenue increase from inspection and maintenance revenue far outweighs the filing fee paid. Using Brycer's notification feature (renewal, overdue, and deficiency), contractors have more of an assurance that inspections and maintenance work will be scheduled and performed consistently per the code. Contractors receive a 9-1 return on their investment. TCE has over 15,000 contractor's users nationwide already participating while also earning partnerships with 800+ AHJ's nationwide. The Compliance Engine is a win-win for all parties involved: our Department, contractors, premise owners, and the community.

#### **4) *Isn't this an added cost on the properties?***

No, the fee is charged to the contractors that inspect, test and maintain fire and life safety systems. As The Compliance Engine has proven, contractors have witnessed a return on this minimal investment, and jurisdictions are realizing a safer community due to compliance. Brycer's education of the contractor marketplace includes the net benefits of use of The Compliance Engine, which assists in preventing a pass through of costs. Additionally, use of The Compliance Engine will benefit municipalities in reducing false alarm activity, which will positively impact properties on their taxes and their property insurance premiums/policies. It is additional information which assist with ISO reviews and ratings as well.

#### **5) *What is needed by us (the AHJ) to have reports submitted ... an ordinance, internal policy, etc.?***

To save time and cost by streamlining our reporting process, we need to make it a requirement that reports be submitted through The Compliance Engine. Brycer does not dictate how we establish such a requirement. In the 2015 IFC, the AHJ can use code section 107.3 Recordkeeping. This section states the "fire code official can prescribe the forma and format of such recordkeeping". What Brycer then becomes, is that form and format of



such recordkeeping. In the 2018 IFC, the code section we use is 108.3 Recordkeeping. Some of Brycer's clients have made submission mandatory via an internal policy (i.e. lock box), department resolutions and/or local ordinances. In the 2021 IFC, code section 109.3 Recordkeeping has same language as 15' and 18' IFC language.

With a mandatory, streamlined process that still allows contractors to use their own inspection forms, we gain better visibility into which buildings are compliant and which ones are not. This will allow us to immediately focus on the non-compliant buildings. If the submitted inspection data is not streamlined into and managed in one database, it will become extremely difficult for us to ensure the quality of code compliance across the life safety systems within our premises and jurisdiction.

Accurate, real-time knowledge of code compliance creates fewer false alarms, greater confidence of response in the event of an incident, and improved life safety for our first responders, property owners, and the community as a whole.

**6) *What are the next steps to implement The Compliance Engine [after the Chief and/or Mayor and/or Village Manager provide buy-in]?***

- Define how we will require submission of all reports via The Compliance Engine and obtain legal review if necessary. Typically, the most delays occur when involving any type of legal review, so it is best to get started as soon as possible. Note: Brycer has examples of currently enacted ordinance language that it can share.
- Brycer will take an extraction of our premise data from our records management system (such as Firehouse or Image Trend]. This is a very quick process (15-20 minutes) and is done seamlessly. If we don't have a records management system, Brycer can take an excel file containing premise information and upload that data into The Compliance Engine. Brycer's product development and customer service teams will work with us Bureau to ensure the data is accurate and clean, to ensure reporting efficiency once the system goes live.
- Review, approval, and sign-off of the Brycer Service Level Agreement, which specifies our access to data within The Compliance Engine, as well as the terms and conditions of service. Brycer has found it most successful when this Agreement is provided to our attorneys for the Fire Department as soon as possible, as they may have certain vendor addendums that may need to be added.
- Review and approval (or edit) of the template notifications to be sent out via The Compliance Engine. The notifications are the renewal, overdue and deficiency notification.
- Review and approval (or edit) of the letter / email to be sent to contractors informing them of the Department's implementation of The Compliance Engine and the passing of the ordinance. Brycer will send this letter/email on our letterhead to all contractors operating within our jurisdiction.
- Brycer will schedule an extensive training session for any users of The Compliance Engine, prior to going live.



**Town of Somers  
7511 12th Street  
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**Town Board Meeting  
Tentative Agenda  
Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
5:15 pm**

<b>Town Board Meeting:</b>	
<b>Item #</b>	
1	Call to order
2	Pledge of Allegiance
3	Consent and Approval of Minutes of Town Board meetings on Dec. 10, 2024
4	Correspondence: none
5	Citizens Comments
6	Chair & Supervisor Comments
7	Action on proposal to add Martin Luther King as a paid holiday for Village and Town employees
8	Approval of Operator Licenses: NONE
9	Adjourn

I hereby certify that as the designee of the chief elected official of the Town of Somers I posted this notice of the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Town Board Meeting & Tentative Agenda in 3 public places.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

Wendy Burnette, Clerk-Treasurer

Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the Clerk's Office at 262-859-2822 with as much notice as possible. **Notice is hereby given that members of the Town Board may participate telephonically. Notice is hereby given that members of the Village Board may be in attendance for the sole purpose of gathering information. A quorum may be present. However, no Board action will be taken.**