You have learned about UL’s Fire Alarm Certification program and how we can assist in providing confidence that fire alarm systems are properly maintained, monitored, tested and serviced. You are now ready to move forward with utilizing UL’s Fire Alarm Certification program. Here is what you need to know.

This guide will help you move forward.

**Step 1:**
Meet with UL staff to develop a formal requirement for fire alarm certification. During these meetings, UL staff will provide sample ordinances utilized in jurisdictions across the U.S. We will assist with writing your code requirements by determining effective dates, when and where certification will be required, and how implementation will take place.

**Step 2:**
Host an informational town hall meeting with interested stakeholders to introduce this requirement and obtain feedback from these stakeholders prior to formal adoption.

**Step 3:**
Formal adoption through your local code development process. UL staff are ready to provide support and information to interested parties as your code development process takes place.

**Step 4:**
UL hosts town hall meetings for alarm service providers to discuss the process for becoming a UL Listed contractor to provide certificates for protected properties. This meeting covers UL’s audit process based on NFPA 72 requirements, expectations during the evaluation and the costs associated with becoming a UL Listed service provider.

**Step 5:**
Implementation and maintenance. UL audit staff will conduct annual visits to each listed contractor to determine if they are providing ongoing compliance.
- UL staff also provides the support necessary to code authorities in maintaining certification in your jurisdiction, including regular educational opportunities for your staff.
- Support also includes performing fire service tests with the code authorities to confirm the service provider’s ability to maintain runner service as required by NFPA 72 Chapter 26.
- An annual town hall meeting will be hosted by UL with the stakeholders in your jurisdiction.
- These meetings will provide updates and answer questions related to the status of UL certification in your jurisdiction, along with education related to current trends and requirements for fire alarm system compliance.

Have questions? Reach out to us at ulalarmserviceahj@ul.com.