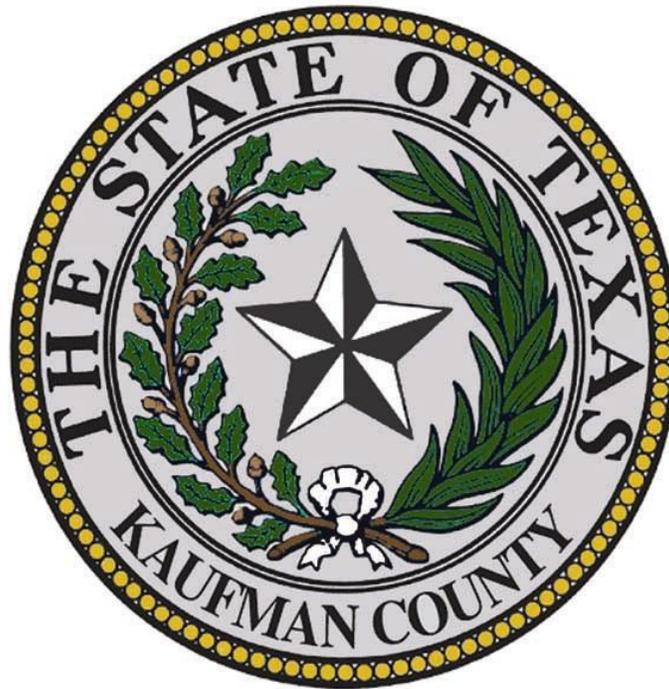


KAUFMAN COUNTY FIRE CODE



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ADOPTED: JUNE 18, 2007

EFFECTIVE: JUNE 18, 2007

REVISED: January 1, 2014

KAUFMAN COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

LARRY EWING, KAUFMAN COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL

**ORDER OF
THE KAUFMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
ADOPTING
THE KAUFMAN COUNTY FIRE CODE**

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF KAUFMAN §

RECITALS

Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 233 authorizes counties to adopt a fire code and the regulations necessary to administer and enforce it, including requiring building permits.

The Commissioners Court finds that adopting a fire code and requiring permits for the construction of commercial establishments, public buildings, and multi-family dwellings with four or more units in the unincorporated areas of Kaufman County, Texas, allows the County to impose standards to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of the general public. This Code governs the safe-guarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in Unincorporated Kaufman County. It provides for the issuance of permits and collection of fees. This code repeals all other codes and parts of codes adopted by Kaufman County that are in conflict with it.

The Fire Marshal has reviewed several model fire codes and had represented to the Commissioners Court that the International Fire Code (2006 edition), published by the International Code Council, and NFPA Life & Safety Code 101 (2006 edition) provides appropriate protective measures and continuity with other local governments in Kaufman County.

The Commissioners Court has considered the proposed code and deems it appropriate to adopt it as the fire code for the unincorporated areas of Kaufman County, Texas.

The fee schedules adopted in this order are based on the type, size, and valuation of the building proposed and reflect the amount necessary to cover the cost of administering and enforcing this code.

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF KAUFMAN §

ORDER

The Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, Texas, convened at a meeting of said Court in Kaufman, Texas, on the 18th day of June 2007, with the following members present, to wit:

Wayne Gent	County Judge
Jerry Rowden	Commissioner, Precinct 1
Ray Clark	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Kenneth Schoen	Commissioner, Precinct 3
Jim Deller	Commissioner, Precinct 4

constituting a quorum, when among other business, the following was transacted:

ORDER ADOPTING THE KAUFMAN COUNTY FIRE CODE

Commissioner Jim Deller introduced an order and made a motion that the same be adopted. Commissioner Kenneth Schoen seconded the motion for the adoption of the order. The motion carrying with it the adoption of the order, prevailed by the following vote:

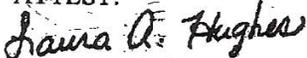
	Yes	No	Abstain	(No Vote)
Judge Gent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commissioner Rowden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commissioner Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commissioner Schoen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commissioner Deller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

The County Judge thereupon announced that the order had been duly and lawfully adopted. The order thus adopted reads as follows:

IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 233.061 *et seq.*, a Kaufman County Fire Code, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated here in for all purposes, be adopted, to become effective JUNE 18, 2007.


Wayne Gent, Kaufman County Judge

ATTEST:



Laura Hughes,
Kaufman County Clerk

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KAUFMAN COUNTY FIRE CODE

PART 1 – ADMINISTRATION AND PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

SECTION 1.1 - AUTHORITY

This Code is adopted as a fire code by the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, Texas, acting in its capacity as the governing body of Kaufman County. The authority of Kaufman County to adopt this Code and the contents hereof is derived from Chapter 233, Subchapter C, Texas Local Government Code, §233.061 et seq., as amended. This Code shall apply to public buildings, commercial establishments, and multi-family dwellings with four or more units for which Construction or Substantial Improvement, as defined in this Code, begins after the effective date of this Fire Code. This Code may be amended at any time by a majority of Commissioners Court.

SECTION 1.2 – SCOPE OF REGULATIONS

This Code applies in unincorporated areas of Kaufman County, Texas after the effective date of this Code.

SECTION 1.3 - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Code is to provide minimum requirements, with due regard to function, for the design and Construction or Substantial Improvement of Public Buildings, Commercial Establishments, and Multi-Family Residential Dwellings consisting of four or more units to reduce the risk to life and property from fire. Fire safety in regard to operation and use of buildings and structures after construction, whether or not their construction was subject to this Code, shall be enforced independent of this Code by the County Fire Marshal in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to his independent authority to inspect for the presence of fire and life safety hazards and order their correction under Chapter 352 of the Texas Local Government Code. This Code is not intended in any way to limit the statutory authority of the County Fire Marshal, and it is intended that such authority be retained to the fullest extent that the law would authorize.

SECTION 1.4 - CONSTRUCTION OF REGULATIONS

This Code is to be construed liberally to accomplish its purpose. Nothing herein shall derogate from the authority of the Fire Code Official to determine compliance with codes or standards for those activities or

installations within the Fire Code Official's jurisdiction or responsibility. Requirements that are essential for the public safety of a building or structure or for the safety of the occupants thereof or the general public, which are not specifically provided for by this Code, shall be determined by the Fire Code Official. The codes and standards referenced in this Code shall be those that are listed in Chapter 45 of the International Fire Code 2006, and such codes and standards shall be considered part of the requirements of this Code to the prescribed extent of such reference. Where differences occur between the provision of this Code and the referenced standards, the provisions of this Code shall apply. Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement within this Code, the specific requirement shall be applicable.

SECTION 1.5 - ABROGATION

This Code is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing laws, regulations, easements, covenants, or deed restrictions.

SECTION 1.6 - WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The degree of fire protection required by this Code is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. This Code does not imply that any building or the uses permitted within any building will be free from a fire hazard. This Code shall not create liability on the part of Kaufman County or any officer or employee thereof for any damages that result from reliance on this Code or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder. The granting of a permit or issuance of a Certificate of Compliance does not imply that the building can be insured for fire coverage.

SECTION 1.7 - FINDINGS OF FACT

It is hereby found by the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County that fires have occurred in the past within its jurisdiction and are likely to occur in the future, and that damage to property and loss of life occurs for many reasons including fires that could have been prevented or minimized by providing additional safety guards to provide adequate egress time and protection for people exposed to fire.

SECTION 1.8 - BASIS FOR REGULATION

The Kaufman County Fire Code shall consist of this Code plus the *International Fire Code* 2006 Edition, and all of its references, which code and appendices are incorporated herein as if fully set out herein, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, prescribed in Exhibit A hereto, and NFPA Life & Safety Code 101 2006 edition.

SECTION 1.9 – ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS AND METHODS

The provisions of this Code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any method of construction not specifically prescribed by this Code, provided that any such alteration has been approved by the Fire Code Official. The Fire Code Official is authorized to approve an alternative material or method of construction where the Fire Code Official finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this Code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this Code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety. (ref: 104.9 IFC 2006)

PART 2 - USE OF TERMS

SECTION 2.1 - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

A “Certificate of Compliance” means a certificate issued by the Fire Code Official indicating Construction or Substantial Improvement is in compliance with the Kaufman County Fire Code as of a specific date and for a specific occupancy. The certificate may be filed in the Real Property Records as outlined in Section 7.1 of this Code. A Certificate of Compliance under this Fire Code shall not be construed as authorizing the owner or operator of any building to

afterward operate or maintain such building in such a way as to create, cause or allow the existence of a fire or life safety condition, which condition shall be subject to the independent enforcement authority of the County Fire Marshal.

SECTION 2.2 - CERTIFICATE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

A “Certificate of Non-Compliance” means a certificate issued by the Fire Code Official indicating Construction or Substantial Improvement is not in compliance with the Kaufman County Fire Code as of a specific date. This certificate may be filed in the Real Property Records as outlined in Section 7.1 of this Code.

SECTION 2.3 - CONSTRUCTION

“Construction” means the initial permanent construction of a Public Building, a Commercial Establishment, or a Multi-Family Residential Dwelling consisting of four or more units, and all related improvements on a site. A permit is required prior to the start of any construction. For purposes of this Code, construction begins on the date that ground is broken for a building, or if no ground is broken, on the date that:

- (a) the first materials are added to the original property;
- (b) foundation pilings are installed on the original property; or
- (c) a manufactured building or relocated structure is placed on a foundation on the original property.

SECTION 2.4 – FIRE CODE OFFICIAL

“Fire Code Official” means the Fire Marshal of Kaufman County, or a designee of such individual.

SECTION 2.5 - COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL

“County Fire Marshal” means the holder of the statutory office of County Fire Marshal for Kaufman County or the employee(s) designated by the County Fire Marshal to perform a task required by this Code.

SECTION 2.6 - PERSON

“Person” includes any individual or group of individuals, corporation, partnership, association, or any other organized group of persons. Not included is a State Agency that is authorized to prevent and extinguish forest and grass fires.

SECTION 2.7 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

“Public Buildings and Commercial Establishments” includes, but is not limited to auditoriums, classrooms, churches, libraries, restaurants, theaters, schools, daycare facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, correctional facilities, hotels, motels, dormitories, department stores, shopping centers, doctor offices, general offices, laundries and warehouses. Not included in this definition is an industrial facility having a fire brigade that conforms to requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

SECTION 2.8 - SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT

A “Substantial Improvement” is:

(a) the repair, restoration, reconstruction, improvement, or remodeling of a public building, a commercial establishment, or a multifamily residential dwelling consisting of four or more units for which the cost exceeds 50% of the building’s value according to the certified tax appraisal roll for the county for the year preceding the year in which the work was begun; or

(b) a change in occupancy classification involving a change in the purpose or level of activity in a building, including the renovation of a warehouse into a loft apartment. For purposes of determining if an improvement is a Substantial Improvement, the applicant for a permit must submit data reflecting cost of the improvement, restoration, reconstruction, improvement or remodeling. Costs shall include the value of all labor and materials. A permit is required prior to the start of any Substantial Improvement. For purposes of this Code, Substantial Improvement begins on the date that the repair, restoration, reconstruction, improvement, or remodeling or the change in occupancy classification begins or on the date materials are first delivered for that purpose.

The Fire Code Official may require the submittal of an independent certified damage assessment in cases where the structure has suffered other than minor damage.

SECTION 2.9 - UNINCORPORATED AREA

“Unincorporated Area” means the area in Kaufman County, Texas, which is not within an incorporated area of a city, town, or village.

PART 3 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 3.1 - ADMINISTRATION BY THE FIRE CODE OFFICIAL

The Fire Code Official or the Fire Code Official’s designee is responsible for the administration of this Code, issuance of permits required by this Code, enforcement of this Code and maintenance of proper records.

SECTION 3.2 - RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRE CODE OFFICIAL

The Fire Code Official or the Fire Code Official’s designee may conduct inspections provided for in this Code.

SECTION 3.3 - RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHER OFFICIALS

Under this Code the Fire Code Official is responsible for all administrative decisions, determinations and duties. The Fire Code Official may seek and secure the assistance of other officials of Kaufman County in making decisions and determinations and in performing the administrative duties but is not required to conform to the recommendations of others, provided however, any decision by the Fire Code Official may be appealed by the process in Section 6.1 of this Code.

PART 4 - PERMITS

SECTION 4.1 - PERMITS REQUIRED

No person shall perform or authorize Construction or Substantial Improvement within the unincorporated areas of Kaufman County without first securing a permit under this Code.

SECTION 4.2 - APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

The application for a permit will be on a form prescribed by the Fire Code Official and must be supported by the following:

(a) Two complete sets of construction and site plans, drawn to scale for the proposed building or system containing all specifications including the following:

- (1) the types of construction materials and class of interior finish;
- (2) the location of all exits with distances between exits called out – exit width, type and any special requirement shall be stated; and
- (3) the location of any fire alarm equipment, automatic sprinklers, emergency lighting, etc. required to meet this Code.

(b) A permit fee in accordance with Section 8.3, Table I of this Code.

If unable to determine from the information submitted whether a permit should be issued, the Fire Code Official may require the submission of additional information, drawings, specifications or documents.

SECTION 4.3 - DETERMINATION OF PERMIT ELIGIBILITY

After the application is filed, the Fire Code Official shall determine if the proposed public building, commercial establishment, or multifamily residential dwelling consisting of four or more units meets the minimum requirements of this Code based on the information provided.

(a) If it is determined the proposed Construction or Substantial Improvement meets the requirements, then a permit will be issued after the collection of the appropriate fees outlined in Section 8.3.

(b) If it is determined that the proposed Construction or Substantial Improvement does not comply with the requirements of this Code, then the application package shall be returned to the applicant with an explanation of why it was not approved.

SECTION 4.4 - ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

When the Fire Code Official determines a permit shall be issued, the Fire Code Official shall issue the permit after the proper fee is collected.

SECTION 4.5 - TERM OF PERMITS

Construction or Substantial Improvement must be started within 180 days of the date the permit is issued or the permit shall be null and void. Upon written request, two six-month extensions may be obtained.

PART 5 - PERMITTEE

SECTION 5.1 - RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL PERMITTEES

All permit holders, must:

- (a) post the permit on the jobsite in a place visible from the nearest road or street;
- (b) post and maintain the street number on the jobsite in a place visible from the road or street and in a manner meeting the requirements of the standards for permanent numbers set forth in The International Fire Code 2006 Section 505.1; and
- (c) allow the Fire Code Official to inspect the work pursuant to a permit. The Fire Code Official may make as many scheduled or unscheduled inspections as deemed necessary to enforce this Code. All holders of a permit issued pursuant to this Code that wish to make a change to the proposed Construction or Substantial Improvement of the public building, commercial establishment, or multifamily residential dwelling consisting of four or more units or to perform any Construction or Substantial Improvement other than as authorized by the permit must submit supplemental drawings and/or specifications to the Fire Code Official for review. If the changes do not comply with this Code, the Fire Code Official shall not approve the change. If a change complies with this Code and is approved, a copy of the supplemental drawings and/or specifications shall be added to the permittee's file, and the Fire Code Official shall amend the permit.

SECTION 5.2 - INSPECTIONS

- (a) The permittee shall ensure their general contractor, licensed engineer authorized to practice in the State of Texas, a registered architect authorized to practice in the State of Texas, or an ICC-CBO has made sufficient inspections so that they can complete a "Request For Final Inspection" form as outlined below.
- (b) When the Construction or Substantial Improvement is complete and ready for occupancy, a "Request For Final Inspection" form supplied by the Fire Code Official must be completed, signed by a general contractor, licensed engineer authorized to practice in the State of Texas, a registered architect authorized to practice in the State of Texas, or an ICC-CBO, indicating that, to the best of his or her knowledge, all the minimum requirements of this Code have been met. If the building has an automatic fire protection system, a completed Form 009 as promulgated by the State Fire Marshal's office shall be included with the "Request For Final Inspection" form. Receipt by the Fire Code Official of a completed, signed and sealed request form will serve as a request for final inspection.
- (c) Once a completed, signed and sealed form has been turned into the Fire Code Official, and the Fire Code Official determines, after a final occupancy inspection is conducted, that the Construction or Substantial Improvement complies with this Code, the Fire Code Official will issue a Certificate of Compliance. The Fire Code Official, at such time, will provide a release of final utilities to the appropriate utility company. Should the

Fire Code Official determine that the applicable certifications have not been provided and/or the provisions of Section 5.1 of this Code were not followed, then enforcement procedures as outlined in Part 7 shall commence. No person shall occupy a public building, a commercial establishment, or a multifamily residential dwelling consisting of four or more units that the Fire Code Official determines, after inspection, not to be in compliance with this Code unless and until a Certificate of Compliance is subsequently issued for such building, establishment or dwelling.

(d) Should the Fire Code Official have to make additional inspections due to non-compliance with this Code, additional fees may be assessed as outlined in Section 8.3 hereof.

PART 6 - APPEALS AND HEARING PROCEDURES

SECTION 6.1 - APPEALS

If a permit applicant is denied a permit, the applicant may appeal the denial as provided in this Section. The term “appellant” is used to refer to the appealing party. An appellant must seek remedy under this procedure before seeking remedy in court. Application for a permit is deemed to be a waiver of the right to challenge this Code before exhausting remedies herein provided.

(a) To initiate an appeal an appellant must submit a written request for an exception to this Code to the Hearing Examiner who has been appointed by Commissioners Court.

(b) A Hearing Examiner appointed by Commissioners Court will set a time for a hearing, which will be scheduled as soon as practicable, preferably 15 days of the receipt of the written request, and shall prepare a Notice of Public Hearing naming the time and date of the hearing. Copies shall be distributed as follows:

(1) The original copy and the Certificate to Commissioners Court will be filed with the Clerk of Commissioners Court and the Clerk will prepare a file for the Hearing Notice.

(2) The Examiner will create a working or hearing file with one copy contained therein.

(3) The Examiner will give one copy to the Appellant.

(4) The Examiner will deliver one copy to the Fire Code Official.

(c) An appeal will not abate the decision of the Fire Code Official pending the decision of the Hearing Examiner. The hearing will be conducted as provided in Section 6.2 below.

SECTION 6.2 - HEARING BEFORE THE EXAMINER

At hearings before the Examiner, the Examiner will hear the testimony of the Fire Code Official and any witnesses called by the Fire Code Official. The Examiner will hear the testimony of the appellant and any witnesses called by the appellant. The Examiner will review all documents and exhibits submitted by the parties. The Examiner will not be bound by formal rules of evidence and will control the evidence, reserving the

power to exclude testimony or exhibits he or she does not consider relevant. The Hearing Examiner will maintain an accurate record of the evidence adduced at the hearing.

SECTION 6.3 - FILING OF EXAMINER'S DECISION

The Examiner will prepare a written decision as soon as possible, preferably within three working days of the hearing. A copy of the decision will be filed with the Clerk of Commissioners Court, the members of the Commissioners Court, and with the Fire Code Official. The original will be sent to the appellant's address shown on the permit or permit application. If a variance is granted, the Fire Code Official shall prepare the appropriate permit with any special requirements that may be required by the conditions of the variance.

SECTION 6.4 - REVIEW BY COMMISSIONERS COURT

If the Fire Code Official or the appellant wishes to appeal the Examiner's decision, a written objection must be filed with the Clerk of Commissioners Court within ten (10) days of the date the Examiner's decision is filed. The Clerk will notify the Hearing Examiner who will place the matter on the Agenda of Commissioners Court for review at the next meeting of Commissioners Court. If the Fire Code Official files the objection, notice that the matter is on the Agenda will be sent to the appellant by mail at the appellant's address shown on the permit or application. Commissioners Court will review the matter. The Commissioners Court may either affirm or reverse the decision of the Hearing Examiner. The Fire Code Official's decision will remain in effect pending the review of Commissioners Court.

PART 7 - ENFORCEMENT

SECTION 7.1 - ENFORCEMENT

If any person violates any provisions of this Code, the Fire Code Official may notify the District Attorney and request that the District Attorney take whatever action is necessary to remedy the violation, including but not limited to filing suit to enjoin the violation and/or seek a civil penalty under Texas Local Government Code § 233.067 of up to \$200 for each day a violation exists. If a violation continues, Kaufman County may file a Certificate of Non-Compliance in the Real Property Records of Kaufman County. Once the violation has been resolved any individual may request a Certificate of Compliance be filed in the Real Property Records of Kaufman County. A fee for this action will be charged in accordance with Section 8.3 of this Code. The violator shall bear this and all other costs of effecting compliance. Should the building be occupied without final occupancy inspection as required under this Code, the County Fire Marshal may file a complaint with the District Attorney's Office under Section 352.016 and Section 352.022 of the Texas Local Government Code.

SECTION 7.2 - VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS OF REGULATIONS

Any person having knowledge of a violation of this Code may file a complaint with the Fire Code Official.

PART 8 – FORMS, RECORDS, AND FEES

SECTION 8.1 - FORMS

Forms to be used in the administration of this Code shall be promulgated by the Fire Code Official.

SECTION 8.2 - MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The Fire Code Official must maintain all applications for, and file copies of, permits for a retention period of three (3) years. Drawings and specifications on file with the Fire Code Official may be destroyed after completion of the structure.

SECTION 8.3 - FEES

Fees for permits and inspections are to be set by Commissioners Court. Fees shall be paid by exact cash, cashiers check, money order, or personal check. Should the check be returned for insufficient funds, the permit(s) issued becomes null and void. Fees shall be paid at the time plans are submitted for review unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the County Auditor. The County shall deposit all fees received under this section in a special fund in the county treasury, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 233.065(c), and money in that fund shall be used only for the administration and enforcement of the Fire Code.

The fees are shown on Table I:

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**TABLE I
KAUFMAN COUNTY PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

TYPE OF PERMIT & SERVICES COVERED	FEE
<p align="center"><u>BUILDING PERMIT</u></p> <p>** Review of building plans ** Meetings with engineers, contractors, architects, etc... ** Conducting a minimum of 3 site inspections. ** Final completion inspection. ** Includes Fixed Pipe System Permit, Fire Alarm System Permit, and Fire Protection Systems Permit.</p> <p>Additional meetings and inspections may be included, depending upon the scope of the project.</p>	<p>The fee is based on the valuation of the project. ** For projects valued at less than \$200,000 the fee is \$500. ** For projects valued at \$200,000 but less than \$1,000,000 the fee is \$500 for the first \$200,000 plus \$1.75 per \$1000, or fraction thereof, for the value over \$200,000. ** For projects valued at \$1,000,000 but less than \$5,000,000 the fee is \$2700 for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$1.00 for every \$1000, or fraction thereof, for the value over \$1,000,000. ** For projects valued at \$5,000,000 or more, the fee is \$10,140 for the first \$5,000,000 plus \$0.50 for every \$1000, or fraction thereof, for the value over \$5,000,000.</p>
<p align="center"><u>FIXED PIPE SYSTEM PERMIT</u></p> <p>** Plan Review. ** Witnessing of testing. ** Inspection of fire extinguishing systems in commercial kitchens, vent hoods, and ducts.</p>	<p align="center">The fee is \$250.</p> <p align="center">The fee is due when the plans are submitted for review.</p>
<p align="center"><u>FIRE ALARM SYSTEM PERMIT</u></p> <p>** Plan review. ** Witnessing of testing. ** Inspection of fire alarm system or additions to existing systems.</p>	<p>** For systems with 200 or fewer initiating or signaling devices, the fee is \$250. ** For systems with 201 or more initiating or signaling devices, the fee is \$250 plus \$0.50 for each device in excess of 200. The maximum fee is \$2000. The fee is due when the plans are submitted for review.</p>
<p align="center"><u>FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS PERMIT</u></p> <p>** Plan review. ** Witnessing of hydrostatic testing. ** Inspection.</p>	<p align="center">The fee is \$250.</p> <p align="center">The fee is due when the plans are submitted for review.</p>
<p align="center"><u>PRE-SUBMITTAL PLAN REVIEW</u></p> <p>** Preliminary plan review. ** Meetings conducted prior to formal submission of construction plans.</p>	<p>The fee is \$50 for each hour of meeting & review.</p> <p>The fee is due within 30 days of the actual meeting or review of submitted plans.</p>
<p align="center"><u>REINSPECTION & RETESTING</u></p> <p>** A single reinspection of a building or a single retest of any system due to the following: - Failure of the previous inspection or test. - Attempted inspection or test when the approved plans are not on site.</p>	<p>The fee is \$50 for each reinspection or retest.</p> <p>The fee is due before the final release of public utilities and the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.</p>
<p align="center"><u>DUPLICATE PERMIT</u></p> <p>** The issuance of duplicate permits.</p>	<p>The fee is \$10 for each duplicate permit.</p> <p>The fee is due before the permits are issued.</p>

<p align="center">TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION LICENSE INSPECTION</p> <p>** One inspection and one reinspection in case of failure for one location.</p>	<p>The fee is \$200 for each annual inspection for each bar, club, or retail establishment.</p> <p>The fee is due within 30 days of issuance of a report on the inspection.</p>
<p align="center">FIRE WATCH / STANDBY</p> <p>** For qualified personnel for the purpose of identifying and controlling fire hazards.</p>	<p>The fee is \$50 per hour or portion of an hour for each required person.</p> <p>The fee is due within 30 days of the issuance of an invoice for services provided.</p>
<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE</p> <p>** The review and inspection required for the issuance of the Certificate.</p>	<p>The fee is \$100.</p> <p>The fee is due prior to the issuance of the Certificate.</p>
<p align="center">OUTDOOR BURNING PERMIT</p> <p>** Telephone notification is required before open outdoor burning is performed. Call 972-932-4337</p>	<p>No fee is required.</p> <p>Open Outdoor Burning <u>must</u> be in accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations.</p> <p>Violations may result in fines.</p>

SECTION 8.4 – FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION FEES

Fees for Fire and Life Safety Inspections are to be set by Commissioners Court. Fire and Life Safety Inspection Fees shall be paid by cash, cashiers check, money order, or personal check. Fees shall be paid at the time application for inspection is received, unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the County Auditor. The County shall deposit all fees received under this section in a special fund in the county treasury, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 233.065(c), and money in that fund shall be used only for the administration and enforcement of the Fire Code.

The fees are shown on Table II.

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TABLE II
Kaufman County Fire Marshal's Office
Fire & Life Safety Inspection Fee Schedule
Effective Date: June 18, 2007 Revised: January 1, 2014

Type of Occupancy	Fee	Type of Occupancy	Fee
Commercial or Public Occupancies (other than certain types listed below)		Foster Homes / Foster Group Homes	
		Licensed for 1-6 children (foster home)	\$50
Occupancy less than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$75	Licensed for 7-12 children (foster group home)	\$100
10,000 to 40,000 sq. ft.	\$100	Hospitals / Nursing Homes	
More than 40,000 sq. ft.	\$200	Licensed for 1-99 beds	\$200
Flammable Liquid, Flammable Gas, Oxidizer, or Compressed Gas Storage Facilities	\$200	Licensed for 100-199 beds	\$250
		Licensed for 200-299 beds	\$300
Occupancy Load Evaluation	\$50	Licensed for 300 or more beds	\$400
Fireworks		Other 24 hour Care Facilities, such as Residential Care Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, and similar facilities.	
Fireworks Stand	\$100		
Indoor Sales Site	\$200		
1.3G Public Display - site plan approval	\$200	Licensed for 1-16 occupants	\$100
1.3G Public Display - display observation	\$100	Licensed for 17-49 occupants	\$200
Day Care / Child Care Facilities		Licensed for 50 or more occupants	\$300
Licensed for 1-25 children	\$50	Multi-Family Dwellings (4 or more units)	
Licensed for 26-49 children	\$75	Occupancy Change, per unit	\$50
Licensed for 50-99 children	\$100	Access Gate / Building ID inspections (Annually)	\$50
Licensed for 100-149 children	\$125	Public Assemblage & Special Events such as Special Amusement Buildings, Carnivals, Fairs, Concerts, and Large Public Gatherings (contact KCFMO for details)	
Licensed for 150 or more children	\$150		
School and Educational Occupancies		Review of safety plan, tents, stages, egress, and emergency vehicle access.	\$250
Public Schools within unincorporated portions of Kaufman County, (K thru 12)	\$0		
All other schools..... see commercial rate		Other Inspections and Special Fees	
All Tier II Facilities		per inspector hour for inspections, standby, firewatch, or other special need.	\$50
Inspection of the facility and chemical reporting documentation. (ANNUALLY)	\$100		

Note: The inspection standard for the unincorporated portions of Kaufman County is based upon the International Fire Code 2006 Edition, NFPA Life & Safety Code 101, and Texas Local Government Code § 352.016. Fireworks stands fireworks indoor sales sites, fireworks displays, and fireworks storage facilities must also comply with the State of Texas "Fireworks Rules". A Kaufman County Fire Marshal's Office representative is required for observation at **ALL** public displays involving Class 1.3 fireworks. If you have any questions about which parts of the Code are applicable to your location, please call the Kaufman County Fire Marshal's Office at 469-376-4110.

PART 9 – SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION

The provisions of this Code are severable. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, section, provision, or part of this Code should be invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions and it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Commissioners Court that this Code would have been adopted as to the remaining portions, regardless of the invalidity of any part. In the event that any provision of this Code might be interpreted in such a way as exceeding the County's authority, such provision should be construed to apply only to the extent authorized by law.

EXHIBIT A

ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS, DELETIONS AND CHANGES TO INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2006 EDITION

The following additions, insertions, deletions, and changes are made to the *International Fire Code*, 2006 Edition, as adopted by Kaufman County.

Chapter 1 is deleted. Chapter 1- That document entitled Chapter 1, Administration, as adopted by Kaufman County and to which this Exhibit is attached is substituted in its place. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Kaufman County Fire Code, which might otherwise be interpreted to the contrary, the Kaufman County Fire Code shall not be construed as requiring any license or permit not specifically required by Chapter 1 unless required by other applicable law.

The definition of **Fire Chief** in Section 202 is amended to read:

FIRE CHIEF. The Kaufman County Fire Marshal.

Chapter 4 is deleted in its entirety. This deletion shall not be construed as preventing the Fire Marshal, in an appropriate circumstance, from using the provisions of such chapter in his determination and remedying, independent of Chapter 233 of the Local Government Code, of fire and life safety hazards under Chapter 352 of the Local Government Code.

Section 506 is deleted in its entirety.

Section 508.1 is amended by adding the following sentence:

A water supply as otherwise required by this section will not be required if the responsible emergency services district or fire department provides a letter stating they can provide sufficient fire flow for the specific project.

Appendix A is not adopted.

Appendix B is adopted in its entirety.

Appendix C is adopted, except that in Sections C103.1 C105.1, the phrase “or the rules of the jurisdiction in whose Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) the project is located, whichever is more stringent.” is added behind the words Table C105.1.

Appendix D is adopted in its entirety.

Appendix E is adopted in its entirety.

Appendix F is adopted in its entirety.

Appendix G is adopted in its entirety