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PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING

This guide is intended as a resource for Superintendents/ General Contractors who are managing construction projects involving commercial establishments, public buildings, and multi-family residential buildings with four or more units in the unincorporated areas of Kaufman County. Please refer to the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) as adopted by Kaufman County for all requirements. In an effort to streamline the construction and inspection process, please ensure the following items are addressed or incorporated into the project's timeline.

General Requirements

- Requests for inspections require a minimum of 48 hours to schedule inspections.
- Any change in subcontractors, appropriate documentation shall be provided for review prior to work being conducted by the replacement contractor.

Fire Service Features

- NFPA 241 (*Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations*) shall be implemented throughout the construction project.
- The site address shall be visible from the public way at all times during construction.
- Fire apparatus access roads must be established prior to going vertical. Temporary fire lanes may be approved by the Fire Marshal's Office if the installation of the permanent fire lane during the early phases of construction would interfere with the construction.
- Water supplies intended for fire suppression shall be available prior to combustible materials being on site.
- Temporary fences or other access control surrounding the construction project shall be equipped with an approved key box or padlock to allow for fire department access.

Permits and Inspections

- Burn permits for land clearing must be obtained from the Fire Marshal's Office prior to piling brush.
- Temporary aboveground storage tanks for construction purposes shall be permitted and inspected.
- Additional permits may be required depending on fire protection features that are incorporated into the building design. The subcontractor responsible for performing the work shall apply for the applicable permits.
- A final inspection by the Fire Marshal's Office must be performed prior to issuing a Certificate of Compliance.

Aboveground and Underground Storage Tanks

- Visual inspection
- Hydrostatic pressure testing of any associated piping

Access/Egress Control Gates and Doors

- Visual inspection
- Operational test

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Carbon Dioxide Detection Systems

- Visual inspection
- Operational test

Dry Sprinkler System

- Visual inspection (pipe must be visible and not concealed by interior finishes)
- Hydrostatic pressure test
- Pneumatic pressure test
- Operational test

Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System

- Visual inspection
- Operational Test

Fire Alarm System

- Visual inspection
- Operational test

Fire Pump

- Visual inspection
- Hydrostatic test
- Operational test

Fire Walls, Barriers, and Partitions

- Visual inspection
- Operational test of fire/smoke dampers and protection of openings

Kitchen Hood System

- Visual inspection
- Operational test

Underground Fire Line and Remote Fire Department Connection

- Visual inspection (pipe must be uncovered)
- Hydrostatic pressure test
- Line flush

Wet Fire Sprinkler System

- Visual inspection (pipe must be visible and not concealed by interior finishes)
- Hydrostatic pressure test
- Operational test