



## **Texas Department of Insurance State Fire Marshal's Office – Inspections Division**

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April 19, 2011

Aja Nail Salon  
512 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kemah, Texas 77565  
Melissa Pannel  
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Inspection Number: RRO9566A  
Date of Consultation: 4/5/2011  
Galveston County

Authority: 417.008, Tex. Gov. Code and adopted rules 28 TAC 34.303

As a result of questions raised by concerned citizens and to assist the Kemah Emergency Services District, the State Fire Marshal's Office provided consultation services regarding minimum fire protection requirements for the above noted facility on April 5, 2011.

The City of Kemah is the Authority Having Jurisdiction, and currently enforces the *2003 Edition of the International Fire Code, (IFC) and 2009 Edition of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code*. The State Fire Marshal's Office has adopted, and currently enforces the *2009 Edition of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code*.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is only authorized by state statutes to enforce the requirements of *NFPA 101, Life Safety Code*; and is not permitted to enforce or regulate a fire code that is adopted by an incorporated city, or other government entity.

This consultation is intended to provide basic information regarding interpretation of minimum code requirements for features of fire protection for this building occupancy classification. You may wish to cross reference the *Life Safety Code with the IFC* for comparative value regarding minimum life safety standards.

The *2009 Edition of the National Fire Protection Association, 101, Life Safety Code*, is referenced for consultative findings in this report.

Aja Nail Salon is a single story existing business occupancy constructed of a wood frame with wood exterior and a composite shingle roof. Features of fire protection include hardwired interconnected smoke alarms, illuminated exit signs and two portable fire extinguishers.

The certificate of occupancy issued by the City of Kemah building permit department has established an occupant load of 30 for this occupancy.

#### Protection Hazard:

Portable fire extinguishers do not display a current annual inspection label. These extinguishers are the standard household version and not approved for business occupancy use.

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Brad Westberry, CFI-II  
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cc: Brent E. Hahn, Fire Chief/Fire Marshal  
City of Kemah