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Boardwalk Inn Hotel
#8 Kemah Waterfront
Kemah, Texas 77565
Dalia Pena
281-334-9880

Inspection Number: RRO9574A
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.

The Boardwalk Inn Hotel is a three story existing hotel occupancy of wood frame construction with a wood exterior and composition shingle roof, on an elevated foundation. Features of fire protection include a fire detection and alarm system, sprinkler protection throughout, portable fire extinguishers, illuminated exit signs and emergency lighting units.

A certificate of occupancy issued by the City of Kemah building permit department has established an occupant load of 282 for this building.

Means of Egress Hazards:

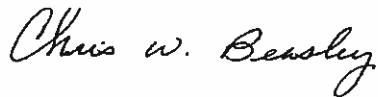
The exit stairway doors on the 3rd and 4th level are equipped with unapproved kick-down devices to keep the door propped open.

The exit stairway door on the 4th level is not equipped with a required self-closing device.

Protection Hazards:

Fire rating labels on guest room doors are painted over and are not legible for confirmation of rating requirements.

The portable fire extinguisher in the pool pump room does not display a current annual inspection label.



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