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Kemah Boardwalk Human Resources
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Date of Consultation: 4/6/2011
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 6, 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.

Kemah Boardwalk Human Resources is a two story existing business occupancy constructed of a wood frame with CMU exterior walls, and a combination flat and composite shingle roof. Features of fire protection include a fire detection and alarm system, illuminated exit signs, emergency lighting units and portable fire extinguishers.

The certificate of occupancy issued by the City of Kemah building permit department has established an occupant load of 60 for this business.

Means of Egress Hazard:

Various illuminated exit signs are inoperative throughout the building.

Protection Hazard:

The portable fire extinguisher on the second floor is missing a tamper seal and requires inspection by a State licensed fire extinguisher company.



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