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Landry's Seafood Restaurant
1 Kemah Waterfront
Kemah, Texas 77565
Travis Scott
281-334-2513

Inspection Number: RRO9562A
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.

Landry's Seafood Restaurant is a three story structure constructed of a steel frame with brick and stucco exterior and flat roof. Features of fire protection include a fire 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 671 for the restaurant.

Means of Egress Hazards:

The designated exit on the second floor directs building occupants to either an unapproved spiral staircase on the exterior of the building or into a small corridor adjacent to the kitchen and into a stairwell which leads directly to the ground floor.

The exit path adjacent to the kitchen has an unprotected opening directly into the kitchen; this unprotected opening must be equipped with a fire rated door in order to allow for the safe passage into the stairwell.

The third floor lacks two approved means of egress.

Illuminated exit signs on the second floor are inoperative.

The designated exit doors on the second and third floors require signage that "These doors are to remain unlocked during business hours".



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