



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

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April 18, 2011

Madeleine's Wine Bistro  
707 Bradford Street  
Kemah, Texas 77565  
Madeline Griffin  
281-385-8893

Inspection Number: RRO9579A  
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.

Madeleine's Wine Bistro is a two story existing assembly occupancy of wood frame construction with a vinyl clad exterior and composition shingle roof, on an elevated foundation. Features of fire protection include a fixed extinguishing hood system for kitchen appliances, portable fire extinguishers, illuminated exit signs and emergency lighting units.

A certificate of occupancy issued by the City of Kemah building permit department was not displayed for this occupancy. However, seating was arranged to accommodate approximately 84 people.

#### Means of Egress Hazards:

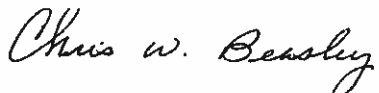
Both exit doors swing against the path of exit travel in the building.

Doors serving an area with an occupant load of 50 or more shall swing in the direction of exit travel.

The illuminated exit sign/emergency lighting unit adjacent to the bar is inoperative.

#### Building Service Hazard:

Empty breaker slots are present in the electrical service panel. Blanks shall be installed in any opening not in use.



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