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Monkey Bar
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Kemah, Texas 77565
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Inspection Number: RRO9578A
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.

Monkey Bar is a single story existing assembly occupancy of wood frame construction with a masonry board exterior, composition shingle roof and concrete slab foundation. Features of fire protection include a fire detection and alarm system, portable fire extinguishers, illuminated exit signs and emergency lighting units. The certificate of occupancy issued by the City of Kemah building permit department has established an occupant load of 72 for this occupancy.

Means of Egress Hazards:

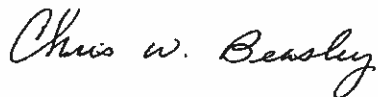
Key operated locks are present on the doors that lead to the exit stair enclosure in the banquet room that present the potential to impede free egress in the path of exit travel.

Emergency lighting units at the main entrance/exit failed to operate in test mode.

Protection Hazards:

The fire alarm system does not display a current annual inspection label and is not compliant with state laws for the frequency of inspection and maintenance of fire protection equipment. The last date of inspection was noted as 4/6/2009.

Portable fire extinguishers do not display a current annual inspection label. The last inspection date was noted as August 2007.



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