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Saltgrass Restaurant
215 Kipp Ave.
Kemah, Texas 77565
Al Eidam
281-538-5441

Inspection Number: RRO9563A
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.

Saltgrass Restaurant is a two story existing assembly occupancy constructed of a steel frame with brick exterior and flat roof. Features of fire protection include a fire detection and alarm system, sprinkler system, two fixed extinguishing hood systems for kitchen appliances, 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 295 for the restaurant.

Means of Egress Hazards:

The approved exit door from the kitchen area is equipped with panic hardware and a hasp/padlock.

Note: During the inspection the manager on duty removed the padlock and indicated he would have the hasp removed shortly.

Protection Hazards:

The fire alarm system indicates a trouble signal.

Note: According to the manager on duty the trouble was scheduled for correction by a licensed fire alarm firm within a few days.



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