



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

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April 19, 2011

Zone 504 Sports Bar  
504 Kipp Street  
Kemah, Texas 77565  
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Inspection Request: RRO9568A  
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.

Zone 504 Sports Bar is a two story building constructed of a wood frame with a wood exterior classified as existing assembly occupancy. Features of fire protection include combination emergency lights/illuminated exit signs, a fire suppression system to protect the commercial cooking appliances and portable fire extinguishers.

The certificate of occupancy issued by the City of Kemah building permit department indicates a total occupant load of 60, 15 on the second floor and 45 on the first floor.

### Means of Egress Hazards:

The second level of the building is served by a single interior stair, and is not provided with an approved, remotely located secondary means of egress to reach the ground level. The minimum number of exits from any story or portion thereof, shall be not less than two.

The emergency lights on the second floor are inoperative.

One combination emergency light/illuminated exit sign is plugged into an electrical outlet verses hardwired.

### Protection Hazards:

There are fire alarm system smoke detectors present in the building but no fire alarm panel exists. Existing features of fire protection must be either maintained or removed.

Portable fire extinguishers throughout the facility lack tamper seals.

There is unauthorized storage of combustible material under the stairs.

### Building Services Hazard:

Extension cords are being used in an unapproved manner throughout the building.



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