



## ***Atascosa County Fire Marshal & Emergency Management Office***

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Atascosa County Commissioners Court adopted the 2015 NFPA 1 Fire Code and NFPA 101 Life & Safety Code. This code was adopted to impose standards to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property of Atascosa County citizens as well as its visitors. The fire code and all applicable permits applies to both new and existing commercial buildings, public buildings, as well as multi-family residential dwellings with four or more units in the unincorporated parts of the county. Commercial buildings, public buildings, or multi-family residential dwellings that the occupancy type has changed shall be brought up to meet the current fire code. The Atascosa County Fire Marshal's Office has been assigned the task of educating the public with issues pertaining to the code as well as enforcing the fire code by having violations corrected. If the fire code violations are not corrected or complied with, there could be a fine of up to \$200.00 a day that the violation exists. If you have any questions regarding the fire code, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 830-769-2029.

### **BUILDING PLAN CHECK INFORMATION SHEET**

Information required for initial plan check submittal:

1. A vicinity map showing the subject property with distance (in feet) from the nearest cross street if available. Pictures printed from Google Earth, or other such website will suffice.
2. Address of subject property.
3. Occupancy code classification (per Fire Code). If multiple uses, indicate location of each Use Group on the floor plans.
  - **Assembly:** Restaurants, bars, banquet halls, libraries, places of religious worship
  - **Business:** Banks, barber shops, post office, professional services
  - **Educational:** Schools, daycares with over 5 children older than 2 ½ years old
  - **Factory:** Bakeries, woodworking, paper mills, textile mills
  - **Institutional:** Group homes, assisted living, mental hospitals, jails, reformatories, adult day cares, day cares with 5 or more children under 2 ½ years of age
  - **Mercantile:** Department stores, markets, gas stations, sales rooms
  - **Residential:** Hotels, motels, apartments, dormitories, timeshares, fire departments, residences that contain 4 or more occupancies
  - **Storage:** Storage buildings, vehicle repair garages, aircraft hangars
  - **Utility:** Barns, carports, stables, greenhouses, agricultural buildings
4. Type of construction (per Fire Code).
  - **Type I:** Has structural members including walls, columns, beams, floors, and roofs of noncombustible materials. Concrete and glass buildings.
  - **Type II:** Similar to Type I except fire-resistance is lower. Commonly referred to as noncombustible or limited combustible construction. Steel buildings.

- **Type III:** Exterior walls and structural members that are of approved noncombustible or limited-combustible materials. Interior walls, columns, beams, floors, and roofs are wholly or partly constructed of wood.
- **Type IV:** Exterior walls, interior walls, and structural members that are portions of these walls are of approved noncombustible or limited-combustible materials. Commonly referred to as heavy timber construction.
- **Type V:** Wooden frame construction. 2x4 stud walls or similar construction.
- **A:** Fire protection on the structural members.
- **B:** Structural members have no fire protection.

5. Show any existing public fire hydrants within 500 feet of all property lines.
6. Two complete sets of architectural plans or one digital copy. If you do not have architectural plans, hand drawn plans will suffice but they will need to be readable and have accurate measurements for our office to use for the plan review.
7. Separate permits will be required from the Fire Marshal's Office for fire alarms and fire suppression systems if the systems are required. The companies installing these systems shall be licensed through the state and they will be responsible for acquiring these permits.
8. Other permits may be required from the Fire Marshal's Office depending on hazards of the occupancy. Gas stations, storage of combustible and flammable liquids, solids, and gases, and other high hazard occupancies for example.
9. Please contact the Fire Marshal's Office several days before you need an inspection. While we always try and work with your schedules, if we have other inspections occurring, we may not be able to accommodate your schedule.
10. All forms and instructions can be found on the internet at:  
[www.atascosacounty.texas.gov/page/atascosa.Permits](http://www.atascosacounty.texas.gov/page/atascosa.Permits).
11. If you have any questions please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 830-769-2029.

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