

COMMON FIRE CODE VIOLATION ISSUES FOR BUSINESSES

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Size – 5 lb, 2A10BC (Ordinary Hazard Occupancy, one for every 1500 sq. ft.)
- Extinguishers shall be conspicuously located along paths of travel, including exits from areas.
- Extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view.
- The extinguisher shall be installed so the top is not more than 5 ft. above the floor.
- Maximum travel distance to extinguisher = 75 feet
- Inspection and maintenance shall be done yearly and tagged for verification of service by a State of Texas licensed company.

SYSTEMS INSPECTION FREQUENCY

- Kitchen Hood systems – every 6 mos. tagged and dated
- Sprinkler & Alarm systems – once every year, reports of inspections and tests shall be maintained on the premises and made available upon request.

EXIT DOORS

- Locked exit doors
- Blocked and/or obstructed exit doors.

EXIT SIGNAGE

- Where required. The path of exit travel to and within exits in a building shall be identified by exit signs. Exits signs shall be readily visible from any direction of approach.
- Exits signs shall be located as necessary to clearly indicate the direction of egress travel.
- No points shall be more than 100 feet from the nearest visible sign.
Exceptions:
 1. Main exterior exit doors, which obviously and clearly are identifiable as exit doors need not have exit signs when approved by the building official.
 2. Rooms or areas, which require only one exit or exit access.
- ILLUMINATION. Exit signs shall be internally and externally illuminated. All exit signs shall be illuminated at all times. The exit signs shall additionally be connected to emergency back-up battery or on-site generator system.

CLEARANCE & STORAGE

- Electrical panel – a clear and unobstructed means of access with a minimum width of 30 inches and height of 78 inches.
- Water heaters - combustible material shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms or electrical equipment rooms.
- Ceiling clearance – storage shall be maintained 2 ft. or more below the ceiling in nonsprinklered areas. Storage shall be maintained 18 inches or more below sprinkler head deflectors in a sprinklered building.