

Kaufman County Fire Marshal's Office
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COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION SHEET

No person shall perform or authorize Construction or Substantial Improvement within the unincorporated areas of Kaufman County without first securing a permit.

In order to obtain a permit, the following items must be submitted:

1. A completed Building Permit Application.
2. Two complete sets of construction plans for each building, drawn to scale and must include:
 - a) The types of construction materials.
 - b) The location of all exits, the distance between exits, and the exit dimensions.
 - c) The location of any fire alarm equipment, automatic sprinklers, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, exit signs and smoke detectors required to meet the Fire Code.
3. Two complete sets of site plans indicating the location of the building on the property and the location of any fire hydrants, fire lanes/fire access roads and parking areas.
4. A permit fee (described below) in accordance with Section 8.3, Table I of the Fire Code.

The plans will be reviewed by the Fire Code Division and, if necessary, revisions will be marked up on the plans. Upon approval, the plans will be stamped and (1) set of plans will be retained at the Fire Marshal's Office. The remaining set must be kept at the construction site. A Building Permit will also be issued and must remain at the construction site and must be visible from the roadway. Address numbers must also be visible from the roadway during the entire construction process.

Pre-fabricated or pre-engineered building plans must be sealed with an engineer's stamp and must indicate the wind load, live load and dead load ratings.

When the construction process is completed and the building is ready to be occupied, a "Request For Final Inspection" form must be completed and notarized. Once the form has been received by the Fire Code Division, a final inspection will be scheduled. A building cannot be occupied until it has passed a final inspection and received a Certificate Of Occupancy And Completion.

Building Permit fees are based upon project valuation.

- For projects valued at less than \$200,000 the fee is \$500.
- For projects valued at \$200,000 but less than \$1,000,000 the fee is \$500 for the first \$200,000 plus \$1.75 for every \$1000, or fraction thereof, for the value over \$200,000.
- For projects valued \$1,000,000 but less than \$5,000,000 the fee is \$2700 for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$1.00 for every \$1000, or fraction thereof, for the value over \$1,000,000.
- For projects valued at \$5,000,000 or more, the fee is \$10,140 for the first \$5,000,000 plus \$0.50 for every \$1000, or fraction thereof, for the value over \$5,000,000.

The Kaufman County Fire Code consists of the 2006 International Fire Code and all its references, and the 2006 NFPA Life & Safety Code 101. If you have any questions, please contact our office by any method described at the heading of this page.