



EMERGENCY PREVENTION DIVISION

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Re: Notification to Permit Applicants located within the jurisdictional boundaries of **Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9**. This notification concerns the Fire Code amendment requiring the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems throughout all new residences constructed.

Authority: Texas Health and Safety Code § 775.036 and the 2021 International Fire Code, as adopted and amended by Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9.

Dear Permit Applicant,

Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 (“ESD No.9), also known as the Westlake Fire Department, is charged with protecting life and property within its jurisdiction. As part of that mission, the Board of Commissioners of ESD No. 9 approved an amendment to the District’s Fire Code on July 24, 2007, requiring the installation of automatic residential fire sprinkler systems in all newly constructed residences, including one-and two-family dwellings, townhouses, and other Group R-3 occupancies constructed within the unincorporated portion of our District.

The sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed by a firm licensed by the State of Texas Fire Marshal’s Office or a licensed plumber with proper residential fire sprinkler endorsement from the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners. Sprinkler plans shall be submitted to the District for review and approval prior to installation via our portal WFDPermits.com. Installation shall not commence until plans have been reviewed and approved.

This letter is intended to notify permit applicants of the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 code requirement.

We look forward to working collaboratively with applicants to make our community a safer place to live.

Please see the attached copy of the District’s Fire Code Amendment.

If you have any questions regarding the residential fire sprinkler system requirement, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

NO. 9 - AMENDMENT TO DISTRICT FIRE CODE

Section 903.2.8 Group R. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire area, including new buildings and structures hereafter constructed within the jurisdiction classified as Group R-3 (One – and two – family dwellings and townhouses). The automatic sprinkler system shall be installed by a firm registered by the State Fire Marshal’s Office and a responsible managing employee (RME) licensed by the State Fire Marshal’s Office in compliance with Texas Insurance Code Article 5.43-3 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems & 28 TAC §§34.700.

ATTACHMENT (1)