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Part 1 – Administration and Preliminary Provisions

Section 1.1 – Authority

This Code is adopted as the Blanco County Fire Code by the Commissioners' Court of Blanco County, Texas, acting in its capacity as the governing body of Blanco County, Texas. The authority of Blanco County to adopt this code and the contents hereof is derived from Chapter 233, Subchapter C, Texas Local Government Code, 233.061 et seq., as adopted. The Code shall apply to public buildings, commercial establishments, and multi-family residential dwellings with four or more units for which construction or substantial improvements, as defined in this Code, begins on the effective date of this fire Code. This Code may be amended at any time by a majority of the Commissioners' Court.

Section 1.2 – Scope of Regulations

This Code applies in unincorporated areas of Blanco County, Texas, after the effective date of this Code.

Section 1.3 – Purpose

The purpose of this Code is to provide minimum requirements, with due regard to function, for the design and construction or substantial improvements of public buildings, commercial establishments, and multi-family residential dwellings to reduce the risk to life and property from fire. Fire safety in regard to operations and use of building and structures, whether or not their construction was subject to this Code, shall be enforced independent of this Code by the Fire Marshal in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to his independent authority to inspect for presence of fire and life safety hazards and order their correction under Chapter 352 of the Texas Local Government Code. This code is not intended in any way to limit the statutory authority of the Fire Marshal, and it is intended that such authority be retained to the fullest extent authorized by law.

Section 1.4 – Construction of Regulations

This code is to be construed liberally to accomplish its purpose. Nothing herein shall derogate from the authority of the Fire Marshal to determine compliance with codes or standards for those activities or installations within the Fire Marshal's jurisdiction or responsibility. Requirements that are essential for the public safety of a building or structure referenced in this Code shall be those that are listed in Chapter 80 of International Fire Code 2015 Edition, and such codes and standards shall be considered part of the requirements of this Code to the prescribed extent of such reference. Where differences occur between the provision of this Code and the referenced standards, the provisions of this Code shall apply. Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and specific requirement within this Code, the specific requirement shall be applicable.

Section 1.5 – Abrogation

This Code is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing laws, regulations, easements, covenant, or deed restrictions.

Section 1.6 – Warning and Disclaimer of Liability

The degree of fire protection required by this Code is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. This Code does not imply that any building or the uses permitted within any building will be free from fire hazard. This code shall not create liability on the part of Blanco County or any officer, employee, or agent thereof for any damages that result from reliance on this Code or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder. The granting of a permit or issuance of a certificate of compliance does not imply that the building can be insured for fire coverage.

Section 1.7 – Basis for Regulation

The Blanco County Fire Code shall consist of this Code plus the International Fire Code 2015 Edition, and all its references, which code and appendices are incorporated herein as if fully set out herein, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, prescribed in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 1.8 – Alternative Materials and Methods

The provisions of this Code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any method of construction not specifically prescribed by this Code, provided that any such alteration has been approved by the Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal is authorized to approve an alternative material or method of construction where the Fire Marshal finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this Code, and the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of the prescribed in this Code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, and safety.

Section 1.9 – Incorporation of Defined Words and Phrases

If a word or phrase is defined in the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, the definitions in that Code apply to that word or phrase when used in this Code unless otherwise defined in Part 2 of this Code.

Part 2 – Use of Terms

Section 2.1 – Certificate of Compliance

A “Certificate of Compliance” means a certificate issued by the Fire Marshal indicating construction or substantial improvement is in compliance with the Blanco County Fire Code as of a specific date and for a specific occupancy. The certificate shall be filed in the Real Property Records. A Certificate of Compliance under this Fire Code shall not be construed as authorizing the owner or operator of any building to afterward operate or maintain such building in such a way as to create, cause, or allow the existence of a fire or life safety condition, which condition shall be subject to the independent enforcement authority of the Fire Marshal.

Section 2.2 – Certificate of Non-compliance

A “Certificate of Non-compliance” means a certificate issued by the Fire Marshal indicating construction or substantial improvement is not in compliance with the Blanco County Fire Code as of a specific date. This certificate shall be filed with the Real Property Records as outlined in section 7.1 of this Code.

Section 2.3 – Construction

“Construction” means the initial permanent construction of a public building, a commercial establishment, or a multi-family residential dwelling, and all related improvements on a site as specified in Texas Local Government Code 233.0615(c). A permit is required prior to the start of any such construction. For purposes of this Code, construction begins on the date that ground is broken for a building, or if no ground is broken, on the date that:

1. The first materials are added to the original property;
2. Foundation pilings are installed on the original property; or
3. A manufactured building or relocated structure is placed on a foundation on the original property.

Section 2.4 – Fire Code

“Fire Code” means the Blanco County Fire Code and the codes and standards in the attached document known as the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, including all Appendix Chapters as published by the International Code council, except for the portions deleted, modified or amended by Exhibit A.

Section 2.5 – Fire Marshal

“Fire Marshal” means the official responsible for inspections and all other tasks required by the Fire Code of Blanco County, or a designee of such individual.

Section 2.6 – Gated Community

“Gated Community” means a residential subdivision or housing development with a vehicular or pedestrian gate that contains two or more dwellings not under common ownership. The term does not include a multi-unit housing project.

Section 2.7 – Multi-Family Residential Dwelling

“Multi-Family Residential Dwelling” means a residential dwelling consisting of four or more units as specified in Texas Local Government Code 233.062(a).

Section 2.8 – Multi-Unit Housing Project

“Multi-Unit Housing Project” means an apartment, condominium, or townhome project that contains two or more dwelling units.

Section 2.9 – Person

“Person” includes any individual or group of individuals, corporation, partnership, association, or any other organized group of persons. Not included is a State Agency that is authorized to prevent and extinguish forest and grass fires.

Section 2.10 – Public Buildings and Commercial Establishments

“Public Buildings and Commercial Establishments” includes, but is not limited to auditoriums, classrooms, churches, libraries, restaurants, theaters, schools, daycare facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, correctional facilities, hotels, motels, dormitories, department stores, shopping centers, doctor offices,

general offices, laundries and warehouses. Not included in this definition is an industrial facility having a fire brigade that conforms to requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Section 2.11 – Substantial Improvement

“Substantial Improvement” means:

1. The repair, restoration, reconstruction, improvement, or remodeling of a public building, a commercial establishment, or a multi-family residential dwelling for which the cost exceeds 50% of the building’s value according to the certified tax appraisal roll for the county for the year preceding the year in which the work was begun; or
2. A change in occupancy classification involving a change in the purpose or level of activity in a building, including the renovation of a warehouse into a loft apartment.

For purposes of determining if an improvement is a Substantial Improvement, the applicant for a permit must submit data reflecting cost of the improvement, restoration, reconstruction, improvement, or remodeling. Costs shall include the value of all labor and materials. A permit is required prior to the start of any Substantial Improvement. For purposes of this Code, Substantial Improvement begins on the date that the repair, restoration, reconstruction, improvement, remodeling, or the change in occupancy classification begins or on the date materials are first delivered for that purpose. The Fire Marshal may require the submittal of an independent certified damage assessment in cases where the structure has suffered damage other than minor damage. This definition is in accordance with Texas Local Government Code 233.0615(a), (b).

Section 2.12 – Unincorporated Area

Unincorporated Area means the area in Blanco County, Texas, which is not within an incorporated area of a city, town, or village.

Part 3 –General Provisions

Section 3.1 – Administration by the Fire Code Marshal

In accordance with section 7.1 herein, the Fire Marshal or the Fire Marshal’s designee is responsible for the administration of this Code, issuance of permits required by this Code, enforcement of this Code and maintenance of proper records.

Section 3.2 – Responsibility of the Fire Code Marshal

Under this Code, the Fire Marshal is responsible for all administrative decisions, determinations, and duties. The Fire Code Marshal or the Fire Code Marshal’s designee may conduct inspections provided for in this Code.

Section 3.3 – Responsibility of Other Officials

The Fire Marshal may seek and secure the assistance of other officials of Blanco County, or any Fire Department within Blanco County or elsewhere, in making decisions and determinations and in performing the administrative duties but is not required to conform to the recommendations of others. However, any decision by the Fire Marshal may be appealed by the process in Section 6.1 of this Code.

Part 4 – Permits

Section 4.1 – Permits Required

No person shall perform or authorize construction or substantial improvement within the unincorporated areas of Blanco County without first securing a permit under this Code. Further, a lockbox permit may be required pursuant to Section 4.6 of this Code.

Section 4.2 – Application for Permit

The application for a permit will be on a form prescribed by the Fire Marshal and must be supported by the following:

1. Two complete sets of construction and site plans, drawn to scale for the proposed building or system containing all specifications, including the following:
 - a. The types of construction materials and class of interior finish;
 - b. The location of all exits with distances between exits identified – exit width, type and any special requirement shall be stated; and
 - c. The location of any fire alarm equipment, automatic sprinklers, emergency lighting, and any other necessary safety measures required to meet this Code; and
2. A permit fee in accordance with Section 8.3 and Exhibit B.

If unable to determine from the information submitted whether a permit should be issued, the Fire Marshal may require the submission of additional information, drawings, specifications, and/or documents.

Section 4.3 – Determination of Permit Eligibility

After the application is filed, the Fire Marshal shall determine if the proposed public building, commercial establishment, or multi-family residential dwelling meets the minimum requirements of this Code based on the information provided.

1. If it is determined that the proposed construction or substantial improvement meets the requirements, then a permit will be issued after the collection of the appropriate fees outlined in Section 8.3 and Exhibit B.
2. If it is determined that the proposed construction or substantial improvement does not comply with the requirements of this Code, then the application package shall be returned to the applicant with an explanation as to why it was not approved.

Section 4.4 – Issuance of Permits

Within 30 days after the date the Fire Marshal receives an application and fee in accordance with this Code, the Fire Marshal shall:

1. Issue the permit if the application complies with this Code; or
2. Deny the application if the application does not comply with this Code.

If the Fire Marshal receives an application in accordance with Section 4.2 and fee in accordance with Section 8.3 and the Fire Marshal does not issue the permit or deny the application within 30 day after receiving the application and fee, the construction or substantial improvement of the building that is the subject of the application shall be approved for purposes of this Code.

Section 4.5 – Terms of Permits

Construction or substantial improvement must be started within 180 days of the date the permit is issued, or the permit shall be null and void. Upon written request, two six-month extensions may be obtained from the Fire Marshal.

Section 4.6 – Lockbox Permits

The owner or owner's association of a gated community or multi-unit housing project that controls access to the project by a pedestrian or vehicular gate must comply with the provisions set forth in Local Government Code Chapter 352, Subchapter E. the owner or owner's association of a gated community or multi-unit housing project must obtain a Lockbox Permit from the Fire Code-Marshall.

Part 5 – Permit Fee

Section 5.1 – Responsibility of Permittee

All permit holders must:

1. Post the permit on the jobsite in a place visible from the nearest road or street;
2. Post and maintain the street number on the jobsite in a place visible from the road or street and in a manner meeting the requirements of the standard for permanent numbers set forth in the International Fire Code 2015 Edition, section 505.1; and
3. Allow the Fire Marshal to inspect the work pursuant to a permit. The Fire Marshal may make as many scheduled or unscheduled inspections as deemed necessary to enforce this Code. All holders of a permit issued pursuant to this Code that wish to make a change to the proposed construction or substantial improvement of the public building, commercial establishment, or multi-family residential dwelling or to perform any construction or substantial improvement other than as authorized by the permit must submit supplemental drawings and/or specifications to the Fire Marshal for review. If the change complies with this Code and is approved, a copy of the supplemental drawing and/or specifications shall be added to the contractor's file and the Fire Marshal shall amend the permit.

Section 5.2 – Inspections

1. The contractor shall ensure their engineer, architect, or International Code Council Certified Building Official (ICC-CBO) has made sufficient inspections so that they can complete a "Request for Final Inspection" form as outlined below.
2. When the construction or substantial improvement is complete and ready for occupancy, a "Request for Final Inspection" form supplied by the Fire Marshal must be completed, signed and sealed by a licensed engineer authorized to practice in the State of Texas, a registered architect authorized to practice in the State of Texas, or an ICC-CBO, indicating that, to the best of his or her knowledge, all the minimum requirements of this Code have been met. If the building has an automatic fire protection system, a completed Form 009 as promulgated by the State Fire Marshal's Office shall be included with the "Request for Final Inspection" form. Receipt by the

Fire Marshal of a completed, signed and sealed request form will serve as a request for final inspection.

3. Once the Fire Marshal receives a request for final inspection and determines, after a final occupancy inspection is conducted, that the construction or substantial improvement complies with this Code, the Fire Marshal will issue a Certificate of Compliance. The Fire Marshal, at such time, will provide a release of final utilities to the appropriate utility company. Should the Fire Marshal determine that the applicable certifications have not been provided and/or the provisions of Section 5.1 of this Code were not followed, then enforcement procedures as outlined in Part 7 shall commence. No person shall occupy a public building, a commercial establishment, or a multi-family residential dwelling that the Fire Marshal determines, after inspection, not to be in compliance with this Code unless and until a Certificate of Compliance is subsequently issued for such building, establishment or dwelling.

4. Should the Fire Marshal have to make additional inspections due to non-compliance with this Code, additional fees may be assessed as outlined in Section 8.3 and Exhibit B.

Part 6 – Appeals and Hearing Procedures

Section 6.1 – Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals shall be established in order to hear and decide appeals of order, decisions or determinations made by the Fire Marshal relative to the application and interpretation of this Code. The Commissioners Court appoints the members of the Board of Appeals. The Fire Marshal shall be an ex officio member of said board but shall have no vote on any matter before the board. Section 108 and Appendix A of the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, shall apply to this Code and are hereby adopted and incorporated.

Section 6.2 – Review by Commissioners Court

If the Fire Marshal or the appellant wishes to appeal the Board of Appeals' decision, a written objection must be filed with the Clerk of the Commissioners Court within ten days of the date the Board of Appeals' decision is filed. The Clerk will notify the Board of Appeals who will then place that matter on the Agenda of the Commissioners' Court for review at the next meeting of Commissioners' Court. If the Fire Marshal files the objection, notice that the matter is on the agenda will be sent to the appellant by mail at the appellant's address shown on the permit or application. Commissioners' Court will review the matter. The Commissioners Court may either affirm or reverse the decision of the Board of Appeals. The Fire Marshal's decision will remain in effect pending the review of Commissioners' Court.

Section 6.3 – Variances

If any person wishes an exception to any provisions of this Code, that person shall request a variance in the manner prescribed for the filing of an appeal. The Board of Appeals shall hold a hearing and deny or grant the variance. Variances will be granted only if the following are met:

1. The applicant has shown good and sufficient cause for a variance;
2. Failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant;
3. Granting the variance will not result in an increased risk of fire, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, or create nuisance, cause fraud or victimization of the public; and

4. Variances shall only be issued upon a determination that a variance is the minimum necessary, considering the fire hazard, to afford relief. Economic hardship shall not constitute the sole basis for granting a variance. A hearing before Commissioners Court regarding variances shall be requested in the manner provided in Section 6.2 of this Code. If a variance is granted a permit shall be issued and the contractor shall conform to all applicable provisions of this Code except for the Sections for which a variance is granted.

Part 7 – Enforcement

Section 7.1 – Enforcement

1. If any person violates any provisions of this Code, the Fire Marshal may notify the County Attorney or District Attorney and request that the County Attorney or District Attorney take whatever action is necessary to remedy the violation, including but not limited to filing suit to enjoin the violation and/or seek a civil penalty under Texas Local Government Code 233.067 of up to \$200.00 for each day a violation exists.
2. If a violation continues, the Fire Marshal may file a Certificate of Non-Compliance in the Real Property Records of Blanco County, Texas. Once all violations have been resolved, any individual may request a Certificate of Compliance be filed by the Fire Marshal in the Real Property Records of Blanco County. A fee for this action will be charged in accordance with Section 8.3 and Exhibit B herein. The violator shall bear this and all other costs of affecting compliance.
3. Should the building be occupied without final occupancy inspection as required under this Code, the Fire Marshal may file a complaint with the County Attorney or District Attorney's Office under Texas Local Government Code 352.016 and 352.022. The County Attorney or District Attorney may take any and all action necessary to remedy the violation.

Section 7.2 – Violation of Conditions of Regulations

Any person who has knowledge of a violation of this Code may file a complaint with the Fire Marshal.

Part 8 – Forms, Records and Fees

Section 8.1 – Forms

Forms to be used in the administration of this Code shall be promulgated by the Fire Marshal.

Section 8.2 – Maintenance of records

The Fire Marshal must maintain all applications for, and file copies of, permits for a retention period of three years from the date of issuance. Drawings and specifications on file with the Fire Marshal may be destroyed after completion of the structure.

Section 8.3 – Fees

Fees for permits and inspections are to be set by the Commissioners Court. Fees shall be paid by exact cash, cashier's check, or money order. Fees shall be paid at the time plans are submitted for review unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the County Auditor. The County shall deposit all fees received under this section in a special fund in the County treasury, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 233.065(c), and money in the fund shall be used only for the administration and enforcement of the Blanco County Fire Code. The fee schedule is shown in Exhibit B.

Part 9 – Severability and Construction

Section 9.1 – Severability and Construction

The provisions of this Code are severable. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, section, provision, or part of this Code should be invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions and it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Blanco County Commissioners Court that this Code would have been adopted as to the remaining portions, regardless of the invalidity of any part. In the event that any provisions of this Code might be interpreted in such a way as exceeding the County's authority, such provisions should be construed to apply only to the extent authorized by law.

Section 9.2 – Headings

The headings of sections of this Code are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any manner any of the terms or conditions herein.

Section 9.3 – Gender

Whenever the context hereof shall so require the singular shall include the plural, the male gender shall include the female gender and the neuter, and vice versa.

Additions, Insertions, Deletions and Changes to International Fire Code, 2015 Edition

The International Fire Code is amended in the following:

1. Subsection 101.1 is revised as follows:

- a. 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of Blanco County, hereinafter referred to as “this code”

2. Subsection 109.4 is revised as follows:

- a. 109.4 Violation penalties. Persons who violate a provision of this code or fail to comply with the requirements of it or who erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the Fire Marshal or of a building permit or certificate used under the provisions of this code shall be subject to injunctive relief and civil penalties not to exceed \$200.00 for each day on which the violation exists.

3. Subsection 111.4 is revised as follows:

- a. 111.4 Failure to comply. Any person who continues any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to injunctive relief and civil penalties not to exceed \$200.00 for each day on which the violation exists.

Fire Inspection Fee Schedule

This fee is for processing building plans submitted for approval and will be paid at the time of submission of the plans.

The minimum fee for all submitted plans and specifications is \$50.00.

Projects with a valuation over \$1,000.00 will use the following table:

Project Valuation	
\$1,000.00 and less	\$50.00
\$1,001.00 up to \$50,000.00	\$50.00 for the first \$1,001.00 plus \$7.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.
\$50,001.00 up to \$100,000.00	\$393.00 for the first \$50,001.00 plus \$6.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.
\$100,001.00 up to \$350,000.00	\$687.00 for the first \$100,001.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.
\$350,001.00 up to \$700,000.00	\$1,888.00 for the first \$350,001.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.
\$700,001.00 up to \$1,000,000.00	\$3,284.00 for the first \$700,001.00 plus \$3.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.
\$1,000,001.00 and up	\$4,181.00 for the first \$1,000,001.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.

1.0 Change of Use or Substantial Improvement (with structural modifications) - Same as above.

This fee covers the review of structural modification and/or interior finish-out plans and issuing the permit to modify an existing structure from one occupancy classification to another in order to ensure the building and new occupancy usage complies with adopted Fire Codes. Includes the associated inspections and issuing a Certificate of Occupancy.

2.0 Failure to Obtain Required Permit - Double original permit fee

This fee will be assessed by the Fire Marshal, when a Notice of Violation has been issued for performing construction or system installation work without first obtaining appropriate permits as required by Section 108.4 of the adopted Fire Codes and Commissioner's Court Order.

3.0 Change of Occupancy Use Inspection - \$150.00

This fee covers the required inspection necessary to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire Code, and issuance of a new Certificate of Occupancy for an occupancy area that has changed from one occupancy/business use to a new occupancy/use.

The following fees apply when they are not part of the original project valuation

4.0 Preliminary Plan Review - \$125.00

Charge for a preliminary review of the plans, which have not been submitted for approval for which no permit has been issued.

5.0 Taxing Entities Building Permit Fee

The fee for processing building plans submitted for approval by a Taxing Entity authorized to impose taxes within and upon residents of Blanco County, Texas, are 50% of the fee schedule. Taxing Entities for purposes of the Blanco County Fire Code are defined to include school districts, emergency service districts, municipalities, or other entities authorized by the state or federal statute to levy tax within and upon residents of Blanco County, Texas, for the purpose of yielding revenue to serve legitimate public purpose for the benefit of Blanco County taxpayers.

Systems Permits and Fees

1.0 Alternative Fire Protection System \$300.00

This fee covers reviewing plans, conducting rough-in inspections and witnessing the acceptance testing of alternative fire protection and fire suppression systems. The following are fees that require fire inspections as per the Fire Codes.

2.0 Fire Alarm System \$250.00+

This fee covers reviewing plans, conducting rough-in-inspection and witnessing fire alarm acceptance testing. The fee is \$250.00 plus \$.50 per initiating and/or alarm signaling device over ten.

3.0 Fire Sprinkler System \$250.00+

This fee covers reviewing plans, conducting rough-in-inspection and witnessing the 2-hour hydrostatic testing of the fire sprinkler system. The fee is \$250.00 plus \$.50 per sprinkler head over thirty-five.

4.0 Paint/Spray Booth System \$250.00

This fee covers reviewing plans, witnessing the testing and inspection of commercial paint/spray booth fire suppression systems.

5.0 Smoke Control System \$250.00

This fee covers reviewing plans and witnessing the testing of building smoke control system (including fire dampers, smoke dampers, fire/smoke dampers and duct smoke detectors) required by the Fire Code.

6.0 Standpipe/Water Supply Permit: \$100.00

Per system when not installed in conjunction with new building construction.

7.0 Vent/Hood Suppression System**\$150.00**

This fee covers reviewing plans, witnessing the testing and inspection of fire extinguishing system in kitchen vent hoods and exhaust ducts.

Flammable/Combustible Liquids and Gas Permits and Fees**1.0 Aboveground Fuel Tank Installation/Removal (per tank – including LPG)****\$300.00**

This fee is for reviewing plans, witnessing the placement and inspection of aboveground fuel tank installation or removal.

2.0 Fuel Dispensing Facility Inspection and Registration**\$150.00**

This fee is applicable for the registration of all facilities in unincorporated Blanco County where flammable or combustible liquid or gas are dispensed.

3.0 Fuel Dispensing Facility Inspection and Registration Renewal**\$100.00**

This fee is applicable for the registration of all facilities in unincorporated Blanco County where flammable or combustible liquid or gas are dispensed. This renewal fee is applicable if renewed prior to the expiration of the current permit.

4.0 Underground Fire Protection System**\$250.00**

This fee covers reviewing plans, conducting rough-in-inspection and witnessing the 2-hour hydrostatic testing on underground fire protection lines for fire sprinkler, fire protection standpipes and fire hydrants installed on both public and private water systems.

5.0 Underground Fuel Tank Installation/Removal (per tank – including LPG)**\$300.00**

This fee is for reviewing plans, witnessing tank testing and inspecting pre and post underground fuel tank installation or removal.

6.0 Underground Fuel Line Pressure Testing**\$150.00**

This fee will be assessed for witnessing the pressure test of modified or newly installed fueling system supply lines.

Fireworks and Explosive Permits and Fees**1.0 Seasonal Fireworks Stand Inspections****\$30.00**

This fee is for the inspection of fireworks stands to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire Code and minimum safety standards adopted by the State.

\$50.00

This fee is the same as Seasonal Fireworks' but if the stand operator wishes they can purchase one permit. This permit fee is good only for the July and December Fireworks selling period. This application must be processed prior to the July sales date and is good for that year only.

\$50.00
per Event

The fee is for the review of a proposed pyrotechnics display, inspection for the proposed display site, and to verify the pyro-technician's license. The fee is applicable for any public or private fireworks display utilizing any class of regulated fireworks. The fee does not include the fee for a Fire Watch that may be required by the Fire-Marshal.

\$80.00

This fee is for the review of a proposed pyrotechnics display, inspection for the proposed display site, and to verify the pyrotechnician's licenses. The fee is applicable for any public or private fireworks display utilizing any class of regulated fireworks. The fee does not include the fee for a Fire Watch that may be required by the Fire Marshal.

Food Vendor

\$125.00
annually

This fee is applicable to all mobile food service vendor vehicles operating in unincorporated Blanco County for the registration, and inspection of the fire safety features of the vehicle.

\$100.00
annually

This fee is applicable to all mobile food service vendor vehicles operating in unincorporated Blanco County for the registration, and inspection of the fire safety features of the vehicle.

State Required License Inspections: See Below

State licensed facilities that require annual fire inspection for operational permits. Non-profit or government organizations are exempt from this section.

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| 1. Daycares | \$ 50.00 |
| 2. Nursing or care centers..... | \$150.00 |
| 3. Hospitals | \$200.00 |
| 4. Institutional restrained | \$200.00 |
| 5. Licensed in home facilities..... | \$ 50.00 |
| 6. Foster homes or adoption centers/homes ... | exempt |

Miscellaneous Fees

1.0 After-Hours Fee

\$75.00/hr.
(2-hour minimum)

If circumstances warrant, and with prior approval, the Fire Marshal may review a plan, conduct an inspection, or witness a test outside normal working hours of 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. (Monday through Friday) when a written request is made by the contractor, the owner or the owner's representative at least 3 days in advance of the desired work. This fee for this service shall be paid immediately after the conclusion of the special service in addition to any other required fees.

2.0 Consultation Fee

\$50.00/hr.
(2-hour minimum)

This fee will be assessed for preliminary review of construction plans or other consultations with architects, engineers, contractors, and sub-contractors. This fee will also be assessed when an on-site consultation is requested or required.

3.0 Mass Gathering Permit Processing

\$200.00

This fee is for the processing of a mass gathering permit application, the required site inspection, and the processing of the associated documents required to obtain Commissioners' Court approval to conduct a Mass Gathering as required by State Law. If application for a mass gathering is not submitted 45 days in advance of the event, a \$50.00 late application fee will be charged.

4.0 Modification Permit

\$75.00

Review of plans after a modification has been made after the plans have been approved and a permit issued.

Includes: Existing sprinkler system (up to thirty sprinkler heads)
Existing alarm systems (up to ten initiating/signaling devices)

5.0 Modular/Mobile Structure Installation Permit

\$300.00

This fee is for the installation of a mobile or modular structure that will be used for commercial or public access purposes. It will include the plan review of the structure and inspection after installation to ensure the structure meets the intent of the adopted Fire Code. This is for mobile/modular structures that will be used for greater than 365 days.

6.0 Re-inspection Fee

\$40.00 per hr.
(\$40.00 minimum)

This fee will be assessed for each re-inspection required to bring a previously identified fire hazard related problem into compliance with the law. All re-inspection fees shall be paid before or at the time re-inspection will be performed. This fee will also be assessed if a scheduled fire inspection is not canceled within four (4) hours of the scheduled date and time.

7.0 Re-inspection/Retest:**\$30.00 for each re-inspection.**

This fee shall be paid before any subsequent inspections are made.

8.0 Temporary Structure Permits**Less than 144 sq. ft. \$50.00****More than 144 sq. ft. \$50.00 + \$.175 sq. ft.**

This fee is for registration and inspection of temporary structures (tents, air supported structures, canopies, construction trailers, etc.) The fee includes inspection for the structure to ensure compliance with the adopted Fire Code requirements. Valid for up to 365 days.

9.0 Tent permits:**\$50.00**

Any tent over 500 Square Feet.



Blanco County

Fire Marshal's Office

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Johnson City, Texas 78636

Application for Firework Display

Application for a firework permit shall be made in writing to Blanco County Fire Marshal at least 20 days in advance of the date of the display or discharge.

All permits issued by Blanco County Fire Marshal for firework displays have met or agreed to the following restrictions:

1. A minimum liability insurance certificate of \$1,000,000.00 must be secured; subject to the approval of the County Attorney. The County shall be named in addition to the insured on the certificate or proof of insurance.
2. The discharge site must be pre-approved by Blanco County Fire Marshal or his appointed assistant. This visit should be coordinated with the shooter, if possible, and conducted prior to submitting the permit application to the Fire Marshal's Office.
3. All handling, storage, discharge, and activities related to the fireworks must follow the Texas Occupations Code Chapter 2154 Regulations of Fireworks & Fireworks Display and 28 TAC §§ 34.800 the Fireworks Rules.
4. The person in charge of the event, based on prior approval, is responsible for:
 - a. Coordinating and/or providing adequate fire protection for the display
 - b. Arranging appropriate security and crowd control for discharge and display areas
 - c. Policing the fallout area after the display for the purpose of locating unexploded shells. The area is to be searched and rendered safe before allowing public access.
5. The person in charge of the event is responsible for the timely completion of all paperwork, site visits, show coordination, etc., to ensure the display will occur without delays or cancellation.
6. Submit \$50.00 permit fee: payable to Blanco County Fire Marshal (check or money order)

Application for Fireworks Display

Date of Application: _____ Fee Submitted: _____

Event Name: _____ Event Date: _____

Time of Fireworks: _____ Rain Date: _____

Event Location: _____

Shooting Site Display area: _____

(Attach Map)

Sponsoring Organization: _____

Person in Charge of Event: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Person Coordinating Fireworks: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Company Responsible for Shooting: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Shooters Name: _____

Note:

1. Attach a copy of the pyrotechnician certification
2. Attach a list of the fireworks to be used in the display
3. Attach a copy of the certificate of insurance
4. Include site drawing noting discharge site, spectator viewing area, parking and any nearby structures
5. All questions would be directed to Blanco County Fire Marshal at firemarshal@co.blanco.tx.us
6. Return Application to:

Blanco County Fire Marshal
PO Box 471
Johnson City, TX 78636
Phone # 830-868-8223

Authorized Applicant Signature

Date: _____



Blanco County

Fire Marshal's Office

PO Box 471

Johnson City, Texas 78636

Fire Code Building Permit Application

Project Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

(As assigned by Blanco County)

Total Cost of Project: \$ _____ (Round up to highest dollar)

If TDLR review is required provide registration number with plan submittal TLDR# _____

Occupancy Classification: (Please check one below)

Occupancy Load: _____

Assembly Group: A ☐ A-1 ☐ A-2 ☐ A-3 ☐ A-4 ☐ A-5 ☐

Business Group B: ☐ Educational Group E: ☐ Day Care Facility: ☐ Mercantile Group M: ☐

Factory Industrial Group: F ☐ F-1 ☐ F-2 ☐

High Hazard Group: H ☐ Other than H ☐ H-1 ☐ H-2 ☐ H-3 ☐ H-4 ☐ H-5 ☐

Institutional Group: I ☐ I-1 ☐ Cond. _____ I-2 ☐ Cond. _____ I-3 ☐ Cond. _____ I-4 ☐

Residential Group: R ☐ R-1 ☐ R-2 ☐ R-3 ☐ R-4 ☐ Cond. _____

Storage Group: S ☐ S-1 ☐ S-2 ☐

Miscellaneous Group U: ☐

Construction Type: 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ A ☐ B ☐

Expected Completion Date: _____

Contractor Name: _____

Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Property Owner: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Authorized Applicant Signature (at time of submittal to the Fire Marshal's Office)

By my signature, I declare all information submitted with this Fire Code Building Permit Application is True and Accurate to the best of my knowledge.



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For Official Use Only

Permit # _____

Date Issued _____

BY (Initials) _____

Fire Code System/Special Construction Permit Application

Property Owner: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Project Name: _____ TDLR #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Construction Type:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| ☐ Flammable and Combustible Liquids | ☐ Smoke Control/ Exhaust Systems | ☐ Hazardous Materials |
| ☐ Solar Photovoltaic Power Systems | ☐ Spraying or Dipping | ☐ Industrial Ovens |
| ☐ Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System | ☐ Private Fire Hydrants | ☐ Cryogenic Fluid |
| ☐ Gates/Barricades across fire apparatus access Roads | ☐ Above/Underground tank Install | ☐ Compressed Gas |
| ☐ Above/Underground Tank Removal | ☐ Temp. Membrane Structures/Tents | ☐ Liquid Propane Gas |

Company Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Additional Information (Describe Project Scope & Completion Date):

Authorized Applicant Signature

Date: _____



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Fire Suppression Permit Application

Project Name: _____ TDLR #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

(As assigned by Blanco County)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| ☐ Fire Alarm System | ☐ Fire Alarm Modification (10 devices or less) | ☐ Fire Pump |
| ☐ Fire Sprinkler System | ☐ Fire Sprinkler System Modification (20 heads or less) | ☐ Paint/Spray Booth System |
| ☐ Standpipe System | ☐ Smoke Control System | ☐ Type 1 Hood System |
| ☐ Private Fire Hydrant | ☐ Fire Line Underground | ☐ Other: _____ |

Expected Completion Date: _____

Additional Information, if any:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Contractor Name: _____

Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Property Owner: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Authorized Applicant Signature (at time of submittal to the Fire Marshal's Office)

By my signature, I declare all information submitted with this Fire Suppression Permit Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.



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Firework Stand Application

Please allow up to 30 days for application review and permit issuance.

Stand Location: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

☐ Metal Construction ☐ Wood Construction ☐ Existing Building ☐ Other _____

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date: _____

Authorized Applicant Signature (at time of submittal to the Fire Marshal's Office)

By my signature, I declare all information submitted with this Firework Stand Permit Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize Blanco County Fire Marshal or his/her deputy to enter, examine and inspect any premises, building, room or establishment used in connection with this permit to determine compliance with the provisions of Chapter 2154 of the Texas Occupations Code, the State Fireworks Rules and Blanco County Fire Code.



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Fixed Pipe Suppression Systems Plan Submittal Requirements

Fixed Pipe Suppression Systems Installed in Blanco County shall meet all the requirements of the 2015 International Fire Code, local amendments, as well as all applicable NFPA Standards. All final systems testing and inspections will be witnessed by Blanco County Fire Marshal. The following is a check list of information that should be used as an aid and is not intended to cover every code requirement.

_____ Permit Application

_____ Copy of License current issued by The State of Texas Fire Marshal (1 Copy)

_____ System Designer

_____ Contractor/Company

_____ Installers

_____ Submittal Packet (1 Copy)

_____ System Design Description

_____ Manufacturer's Product Information Sheets of Listed Devices

_____ Flow Rates of Nozzles

_____ Specifications for piping

_____ Listing of materials

_____ Addressable Devices List/Zone Legend

_____ 1/8" Scaled Plans (2 Copies)

_____ Legend

_____ North Arrow

_____ Plans shall reflect the entire building/suite as well as the area of operation

_____ All Rooms Labeled for intended purposes

_____ Arrangement of appliances

_____ Layout of Piping

_____ Nozzle arrangement

_____ Location of Pull Station

_____ Gas Shut Off and/or Shunt Trip

_____ All exits and means of egress

_____ System Designers Stamp with Wet Signature

_____ Required Inspections

_____ Pull Stations

_____ Air Test

_____ Fusible Link

_____ Gas Shut Off

_____ Electric Shunt Trip

_____ Alarm System Activation

Plans review process may take up to 10 working days. Incomplete plans may require that the plans be resubmitted. System acceptance inspections are required and should be called in at least 24 hours prior to requested inspection times. A re-inspection fee of \$30.00 will be assessed on all systems that are not in complete compliance with all applicable codes. All devices will be tested in an approved manner.

INSTALLATION/MODIFICATION PERMIT AND AN APPROVED SET OF PLANS SHALL REMAIN AT THE JOB SITE AND PROVIDED TO INSPECTORS WHEN REQUESTED.



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For Official Authorization Use Only

Permit # _____
Date Issued: _____
Blanco County Judge: _____

Mass Gathering Application

Event Name: _____

Promoters Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Property Owner: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date/s: _____ Time/s: _____

Maximum # persons to attend: _____

Name of Performer/s: _____

What sanitation and health measures have you taken: _____

Describe traffic control and security for this event: _____

How will you provide medical care: _____

Authorized Applicant Signature

Date: _____



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Mobile Food Vendor Registration Application

To arrange a Mobile Food Vendor Vehicle Inspection, this application must be completed and emailed to Blanco County Fire Marshal's Office at firemarshal@co.blanco.tx.us. You will be contacted by the Fire Marshal's Office to schedule an appointment.

Trade Name (DBA) _____ Date: _____

Business Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business owner's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Approved Kitchen Address: _____

Mobile Food Information: ☐ Truck ☐ Trailer

Make: _____ Model: _____

VIN: _____ License Plate # _____ State: _____

Color: _____ Business Name/Logo on Vehicle: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Business Name/Logo: _____

Propane Cylinders on Board ☐ Yes ☐ No Number of Cylinders: _____ @ _____ lbs. Each

Do you have a current permit to operate from Department of State and Health Services? ☐ Yes ☐ No



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Business Operational Permit Application

Project Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

(As assigned by Blanco County)

Type of Operation:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| ☐ Aerosol | ☐ Exhibit/Trade Show | ☐ Lumber Storage |
| ☐ Amusement Building | ☐ Explosives | ☐ L-P Gas Storage |
| ☐ Aviation Facility | ☐ Fire Hydrants & Valves | ☐ Magnesium Storage |
| ☐ CO ₂ System for Beverage Dispensing | ☐ Flammable/Combustible Liquids | ☐ Misc. Combustible Storage |
| ☐ Combustible Dust/Fiber | ☐ Floor Finishing | ☐ Fuel Dispensing Storage |
| ☐ Compressed Gas | ☐ Hazardous Materials | ☐ Open Flames |
| ☐ Cryogenic Fluids | ☐ High-piled Storage | ☐ Refrigeration Equipment |
| ☐ Cutting & Welding | ☐ Hot work Operations | ☐ Tents/Membrane Structures |
| ☐ Dry Cleaning | ☐ Industrial Ovens | ☐ Spaying or Dipping |

Company Name: _____

Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Additional Information:

Authorized Applicant Signature

Date: _____



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Request for Final Inspection

Project Name: _____ Blanco County Permit #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

(As assigned by Blanco County)

Occupancy: _____

☐ New Construction ☐ Remodel ☐ Addition ☐ Change of Occupancy ☐ Fire System

Company Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date: _____

Authorized Applicant Signature (at time of submittal to the Fire Marshal's Office)

By my signature, I declare all information submitted with this Request for Final Inspection is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

EMAIL COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO firemarshal@co.blanco.tx.us, THE FIRE MARSHAL WILL CALL FOR AN INSPECTION APPOINTMENT.

For Fire Marshal's Office Use

Scheduled Inspection Date: _____ Fire Marshal: _____

☐ Pass ☐ Fail

Comments:
