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Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Office of State Fire Marshal Code Enforcement and Building Safety
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RENOVATION

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RE: P0304874
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FLOOR
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NFPA 101, 2003

BUSINESS

Dear Applicant:

This is to advise that we have reviewed the drawings and specifications for the subject proposed construction and have determined that they appear to satisfactorily comply with the adopted laws, codes, rules and regulations of The State Fire Marshal subject to the following requirements:

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS IDENTIFY ISSUES FOR INFORMATIONAL AND CAUTIONARY PURPOSES OR ISSUES THAT COULD NOT BE VERIFIED IN THE SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS.

1. This review applies to new work indicated in the drawings and does not apply to existing non-conforming conditions.
2. LRS 40:1731-(Effective 8/15/95) Provide handicapped accessibility in accordance with ADA-AG (Accessibility Guidelines - September 1994). This does not include a review for compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities (Civil Rights) Act of 1990. Compliance with state regulations and requirements does not guarantee compliance with federal law. Particular deficiencies and paragraph references are noted as follows:
 - a) 4.5.2 Thresholds shall comply with requirements of this section regarding changes in level. (Not more than 1/2" height and beveled if over 1/4").
 - b) 4.13.9 Door hardware shall comply with this section. Hardware shall not require tight grasping, tight pinching, or twisting of the wrist to operate.
 - c) 4.1.3(16) Permanent signage shall comply with 4.30.
 1. Signage, where provided for permanent rooms and spaces shall provide:
 - a. braille and raised lettering as per 4.30.4.
 - b. letter/symbol to background color contrast as per 4.30.5, and
 - c. a 60" height from floor to the centerline of the sign as per 4.30.6.

2. Other permanent signs which provide direction to or information about functional spaces of the building shall provide;

- a. letter character width to height proportion as per 4.30.2,
- b. character height proportion based on height of sign from finish floor as per 4.30.3, and
- c. letter/symbol to background color contrast as per 4.30.5.

3. 101:4.6.11 Buildings or portions of buildings shall be permitted to be occupied during construction, repair, alterations, or additions only if all means of egress and all fire protection features are in place and continuously maintained for the portion occupied.
4. 101:7.2.1.5 Locks on doors in means of egress shall not require the use of a key, special device or special knowledge to open in the direction of egress.
5. Modifications to the existing fire alarm system shall be in accordance with NFPA 101, NFPA 72 and ADA-AG.
6. LRS 40:1651 Submit fire alarm system shop drawings with plan review application and fee prior to installation of any work of this section. Such work shall not commence until shop drawings have been found to be in compliance with applicable codes by this office. The submittal shall include a copy of this letter and shall be in accordance with the submittal requirements outlined in the memorandum dated June 24, 1993 which was distributed from this office to all state licensed fire alarm contractors, architects and engineers. Specify the "Type of Signaling System" to be utilized, identify the monitoring station, describe the evacuation system ("zoned" or "general"), and include information concerning the means of protecting fire command centers, circuitry, and other essential equipment, such as may be required for high-rise buildings, as applicable.
7. Modifications to the existing sprinkler system shall be in accordance with NFPA 13.
8. LRS 40:1625 Submit automatic sprinkler system shop drawings with plan review application and fee prior to installation of any work to this system. Such work shall not commence until the shop drawings are reviewed and appear to satisfactorily comply with the laws, codes, rules, and regulations enforced by this office.

Be advised that a sprinkler system that satisfies the requirements of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, NFPA 13, NFPA 13R and/or NFPA 13D may not necessarily be considered by the building insurance underwriters as "full coverage" or "fully sprinklered", for insurance purposes.
9. LRS 40:1653 and 40:1628 All work and inspections of fire alarm, fire suppression, automatic sprinkler and fire extinguishing systems or portable fire extinguishers shall be performed by a State of Louisiana certified agent.
10. Shop drawings for fire protection systems, such as Fire Alarm, Sprinklers, and Suppression Systems, that are required to be submitted to this office for review, shall be routed through the "Professional of Record's" (Architect / Engineer) office, and shall be stamped with his "Shop Drawing Review Stamp" or equivalent, indicating that shop drawings have been reviewed by him for conformance with plans, specifications, and appropriate codes.
11. 101:8.2.2.3 Fire compartments shall be formed by fire barriers that are continuous from foundation through all intervening construction to the roof deck, from outside wall to outside wall or from fire barrier to fire barrier.
12. 101:8.3.5 Penetrations through rated construction shall be sealed by approved firestop systems or devices tested in accordance with ASTM E-814 or ANSI/UL 1479 or by assemblies of firestopping

materials capable of preventing the passage of flames and hot gases when tested and rated in accordance with NFPA 251.

a) Notify the District Office identified at the end of this letter for inspection of all completed fire and/or smoke barrier walls before any construction is installed that would conceal such construction and prevent a proper inspection. Access to randomly selected areas may be required by the inspector at time of final inspection if this notification is not given.

b) Provide detailed instructive cut sheets of the fire penetration sealing system used to the inspector at time of inspection. Random selective sampling by the contractor will be observed by the inspector.

13. LAC 55:V:303D Provide listed portable fire extinguishers in accordance with NFPA 10. (Refer to Appendix E for distribution information.)

14. NOTE: Please enclose a copy of this letter with future submittals or other correspondence pertaining to this project.

Changes to construction in the field which are not consistent with the reviewed documents are not authorized unless reviewed by this office for compliance with Code. Modifications to reviewed plans must be submitted to this office by the Architect-Civil Engineer for review prior to final inspection. If an Architect or Civil Engineer is not required by RS 37:155, revisions shall be submitted by the Owner. Submittals shall include plans, completed application, a minimum \$55.00 review fee, and a copy of the most current plan review letter.

Compliance with code requirements for fire protection systems, such as Fire Alarm, Sprinkler and Suppression Systems, is determined by separate shop drawing submittal and is not included in this review.

This review applies to work indicated in the drawings or specifications. Existing portions of the facility of building unaffected by the new work shall comply with LAC 55:103B thru 55:103F.

This review shall in no way permit and/or authorize any omissions or deviations from the specific requirements of the adopted codes, rules and regulations in accordance with R.S. 40:1574.1(B).

This review is valid for 180 days from the date of this letter. Construction permits must be issued and/or construction must commence within this time period.

This office requires certification of the completed project in accordance with the approved documents (certificate enclosed).

Occupancy of the project will not be permitted until we receive the completed certificate and a satisfactory inspection of the completed construction has been made by this office.

To arrange for inspection of the project, please contact the District Office at the phone number below two (2) to three (3) weeks in advance. The plans stamped reviewed by this office must be available on job site at time of inspection. Certificate of completion must be provided to the inspgcting Deputy for final inspection.

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