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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: P0319467
CLUB E YOUTH CENTER
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SLIDELL, LA 70458

NFPA 101, 2003

ASSEMBLY OVER 300 OCCUPANTS

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:

1. **This work entails the renovation/restoration of an existing suite in an existing building. The building is a multiple separated occupancy and the submittal appears to comply with Table 6.1.14.4.1.**
2. **Contact the local building official of the applicable local political subdivision to coordinate compliance with State Uniform Construction Code requirements. LRS 40:1730.23 mandates the enforcement of building codes by municipalities and parishes in Louisiana, as described by LRS 40:1730.28. LRS 40:1730.27 mandates the adoption and enforcement of emergency wind and flood mitigation for the coastal region of Louisiana (effective February 28, 2006).**

NOTE: THE COMMENTS LISTED BELOW IDENTIFY APPARENT DEFICIENCIES DETECTED IN OUR REVIEW OF THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED.

3. **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 APPARENT DEFICIENCIES" and paragraph references are noted as follows:

- a) **7.2(1) Where counters have cash registers and are provided for sales or distribution of goods or services to the public, at least one of each type shall have a portion of the counter which is at least 36 in. in length with a maximum height of 36 in above the finish floor. It shall be on an accessible route complying with 4.3. The accessible counters must be dispersed throughout the building or facility.**

b) 5.1 Except as specified or modified in this section, restaurants and cafeterias shall comply with the requirements of 4.1 to 4.35. Where fixed tables (or dining counters where food is consumed but there is no service) are provided, at least 5 percent, but not less than one, of the fixed tables (or a portion of the dining counter) shall be accessible and shall comply with 4.32 as required in 4.1.3(18). In establishments where separate areas are designated for smoking and non-smoking patrons, the required number of accessible fixed tables (or counters) shall be proportionally distributed between the smoking and non-smoking areas. In new construction, and where practicable in alterations, accessible fixed tables (or counters) shall be distributed throughout the space or facility.

c) 5.2 Where food or drink is served at counters exceeding 34 in. in height for consumption by customers seated on stools or standing at the counter, a portion of the main counter which is 60 in. in length minimum shall be provided in compliance with 4.32 or service shall be available at accessible tables within the same area.

d) 4.33.5 An accessible route shall connect wheelchair seating locations with performing areas, including stages, arena floors, dressing rooms, locker rooms, and other spaces used by performers.

1 4.3.8 Changes in levels along an accessible route shall comply with 4.5.2. If an accessible route has changes in level greater than 1/2 in, then a curb ramp, ramp, elevator, or platform lift (as permitted in 4.1.3 and 4.1.6) shall be provided that complies with 4.7, 4.8, 4.10, or 4.11, respectively. An accessible route does not include stairs, steps, or escalators.

e) 4.9.4(2) Handrails at stairs shall extend at least 12" beyond the top riser and at least 12" plus the width of one tread beyond the bottom riser (See Figure 19).

f) 4.8.5(2) Handrails at ramps shall extend at least 12" beyond the top and the bottom of the ramp parallel to the landing (See Figure 17).

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

4. Construction type is indicated to be Type V (000) on the submittal.
5. 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.

"CAUTIONARY/INFORMATIONAL" items 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) 4.1.3(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.
- c) 4.1.3(16)(a) Provide low level mounted exit signage in accordance with 4.30.1, 4.30.4, 4.30.5 and 4.30.6 (raised character, letter size, mounting) at all required exit doors to the exterior, exit stair doors and horizontal exit doors.
6. 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. (This requirement applies for elevator controls on shaft walls, electrical outlets, light switches, etc.).
- 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.
7. HVAC system shall be constructed in accordance with 101:9.2.
8. 101:9.2.1 Install smoke detectors to automatically stop the fan in HVAC duct systems over 2000 cfm in accordance with NFPA 90A:6.4.2(1). Where fire alarm system is required, duct detectors shall be connected to building alarm system.
9. Modifications to the existing sprinkler system shall be in accordance with NFPA 13.
- a) 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.
10. Modifications to the existing fire alarm system shall be in accordance with NFPA 101, NFPA 72 and ADA-AG.
- a) 10112.3.4.3.3 Occupant notification shall be by means of visible signals and voice announcements, either live or prerecorded, initiated by the person in the constantly attended location.
 - b) 101:12.3.5 Provide sprinkler system "supervision" in accordance with NFPA 101:9.7.2.
 - c) 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.

11. **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.
12. **LAC 55:V:307** Periodic observation of construction shall be made by a licensed architect or civil engineer. The enclosed Certificate of Completion containing the signature(s) of the responsible design professional(s) shall be presented to the Inspector at time of final inspection for occupancy.
13. 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.
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 inspecting Deputy for final inspection.

REVIEWED BY:
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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

DATE

STATE FIRE MARSHAL PROJECT P0 _____ SYSTEM TYPE _____
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Please list all projects pertaining to this building, scheduled for review at this time. System type refers to Architectural, Fire Alarm, Kitchen Hood/Wet Chemical Suppression, Fire Suppression, or Storage Tank.

To arrange for inspection of the project, please contact the district office two (2) to three (3) weeks in advance. To verify inspection district and phone number please refer to the cc list on the last page of the State Fire Marshal review letter. The plans stamped reviewed by this office must be available on job site at time of inspection. This Certificate Of Completion must be provided to the inspecting deputy at final inspection.

This is to certify that,

PROJECT TITLE FROM APPLICATION		
PROJECT ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

was periodically observed by me, by my consultants, and/or by others in my employ during construction and, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, has been completed in accordance with the safety provisions which were shown in the plans and specifications previously reviewed by the Fire Marshal.

UNDER PENALTY OF LAW FOR FALSE STATEMENTS, I,

NAME OF ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER IF
REQUIRED, OTHERWISE OWNER

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

ARCHITECT/CIVIL ENGINEER LICENSE
NUMBER

CERTIFY ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE, TO THE BEST OF MY
KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, TRUE AND CORRECT

LAC 55:V:307 OBSERVATION OF CONSTRUCTION

A. For a structure which by law may only be constructed with plans prepared and certified by a licensed architect or civil engineer, it shall be the duty of the owner of such a structure to provide for periodic observation of the construction of the structure to determine if the work is proceeding in accordance with the plans and specifications as approved by the fire marshal. The observations shall be performed by a registered architect or a registered civil engineer.

B. Upon completion of such work, where the law requires the owner to engage an architect or registered civil engineer, the owner shall furnish to the fire marshal a certificate signed by a registered architect or registered civil engineer stating that the periodic observations have been made and that to the best of the architect's or engineer's knowledge, information and belief, the work was completed in accordance with those fire safety standards and regulations stipulated in the plans and specifications previously approved by the fire marshal. When the owner has not engaged an architect or registered civil engineer, and the same is not required by law, the owner must submit the certificate of completion when appropriate, but always under his signature.

C. Occupancy of a structure, watercraft or movable prior to furnishing a certificate to the fire marshal as required under this regulation is expressly forbidden by the fire marshal, unless and until a satisfactory inspection has been made by the fire marshal or his certified representative.

D. In order to comply with the requirements of §307.B, the owner must submit to the fire marshal the following certificate completed by the architect, civil engineer, or, if neither is required by law, the owner.