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## RENOVATION

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RE: P0394664  
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NFPA 101, 2009

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:

1. **Scope of Work: This review is for the RENOVATION of a sprinklered 2792 sq.ft. BUSINESS Occupancy.**  
**(CHILDRENS' OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CLINIC.)**
2. **REVIEW FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE, in accordance with Act 12 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature, IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REVIEW. Contact the building official of the applicable political subdivision to coordinate compliance with these requirements. LRS 40:1730.23 mandates the enforcement of building codes by municipalities and parishes in Louisiana, as described by LRS 40:1730.28.**  
**Note: In accordance with LRS 40:1730.39.A, this office may establish contract agreements with municipalities and parishes in order to provide code enforcement on their behalf, as provided in LRS 40:1730.24. Please visit our web site at <http://www.dps.state.la.us/sfm/index.htm> for a current list of jurisdictions requesting plan review by this office, a fee schedule, and a checklist of information required for review.**  
**PROVIDE A DUPLICATE SET OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO THE BUILDING OFFICIAL (OR THIRD-PARTY) FOR REVIEW AND/OR PERMITTING, THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL REVIEWED AND STAMPED DOCUMENTS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. ADDITIONAL MARKING OR ALTERATIONS MADE TO THE APPROVED STAMPED PLANS MAY CAUSE DELAYS IN FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR OCCUPANCY.**
3. **101:6.1.5 This review applies to a business occupancy classification. If four or more patients are treated at the same time making them incapable of self-preservation without assistance from others**

during times of emergency, then the project shall be resubmitted for review as an ambulatory health care occupancy. (See NFPA 101:18.1.3 for definition).

4. LRS 40:1731-(Effective 8/15/95) Provide access for persons with disabilities 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) 4.1.3(13) Provide a maximum counter height of 34" at sink OR provide a maximum counter height of 36" at sink if knee space exists under sink. (IN ROOM 122.)
  - b) 7.2(2) Provide accessible service/teller/information counter in accordance with this section. (Provide a minimum 36" wide by a maximum 36" high counter space at "ADA COUNTERS" IN ROOM 115, DETAILS NOT PROVIDED.)
  - c) 4.19 Lavatories shall comply with the following (NO INFORMATION PROVIDED):
    1. 4.19.2 Lavatories shall be mounted with a clearance of at least 29" from the floor to the bottom of the apron. Knee and toe clearances shall comply with Fig. 31.
    2. 4.19.4 Hot water and drain pipes shall be insulated or covered.
    3. 4.19.5 and 4.27.4 Faucets shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist to operate.
    4. 4.19.6 Mirrors shall be mounted with the bottom edge not more than 40" from the floor.
    - d) 4.13.6 Provide maneuvering clearance at doors in accordance with figure 25(a)(b)(c). (18" REQUIRED ON PUSH SIDE OF DOORS. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IMPINGE ON REQUIRED CLEARANCES ADJACENT TO DOOR "1" AND REAR DOOR. RELOCATE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS NEARBY BUT OUTSIDE OF REQUIRED CLEARANCE AREA.)

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

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  - 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.
6. LAC 55:305 Insulation and insulation assemblies shall meet the requirements of Section 719, International Building Code, 2009 Edition.
  - a) Concealed and exposed insulation shall have a flame spread of 0-25 and a smoke developed of 0-450 in accordance with IBC 719.

7. LRS 40:1711 Provide safety glazing in hazardous locations at GLASS IN DOORS AND ADJACENT TO DOORS.
8. 101:7.2.1.3 Provide level landings outside exterior doors that are within 1/2" of the interior finish floor elevation.
9. 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.  
  
Submit a "REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION" for special locking arrangements in accordance with Interpretive Memorandum 2009-03 available on our website at <http://www.dps.louisiana.gov/sfm/> under the PLAN REVIEW / FORMS section. Also see Interpretive Memorandum 2009-04 for clarification regarding "Magnetic Lock Releasing Devices & Electrified Locks/Latches", or Interpretive Memorandum 2009-05 for clarification regarding Special Healthcare Locking Arrangements.  
  
**NOTE:** The "Life Safety and Property Protection Licensing Law" (LRS 40:1664 et seq.) requires locksmiths to be licensed. Contact the licensing section of this office at 225.925.7047 for guidance and assistance.
10. 101:7.2.1.5.9 Doors shall be capable of being opened with ONLY one releasing operation. A two-step release, such as a knob and an independent slide bolt, or an additional exit request button, is NOT acceptable.  
  
LRS 40:1574 and LAC 55:V:303 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.  
  
NFPA 13:4.3, 22.1.4 (2007 edition) COMPLETE AND SUBMIT OWNER'S INFORMATION CERTIFICATE TO SYSTEM DESIGNER IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY SPECIAL OCCUPANCIES AND COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION BEFORE START OF DESIGN. FORM CAN BE FOUND IN THE PLAN REVIEW/SPRINKLER SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE (<http://www.dps.louisiana.gov/sfm>).
11. NFPA 13:10 Underground piping shall be installed in accordance with chapter 10. See 10.6 for specific requirements for piping run under buildings.  
  
Fire Pump, if provided, to meet the requirements of NFPA 20, 2007 edition.  
  
a) 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.
12. 101:38.3.3 Interior walls and ceilings shall have a flame spread of 0-200 and a smoke development rating of 0-450.

13. LAC 55:V:303.D Provide listed portable fire extinguishers in accordance with NFPA 10. (Refer to Appendix E for distribution information.) (EXTINGUISHERS SHOWN BUT NO DETAILS PROVIDED.)

a) NFPA 10:5.2 Classifications for fires:

Class A fires-fires in ordinary combustible materials, such as wood, cloth, paper, rubber and many plastics.

Class C fires-fires that involve energized electrical equipment.

b) NFPA 10:6.1.3.8 Top of fire extinguisher, having a gross weight less than 40 lb, shall be not more than 5 feet above the floor; if gross weight 40 lbs or greater, 3-1/2 feet above the floor.

c) LRS 40:1664.4 All work and inspections of portable fire extinguishers shall be performed by a life safety and property protection contractor licensed with the appropriate endorsement by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Portable fire extinguishers shall be certified annually.

d) For Inspection, see NFPA 10:6.2

e) For Maintenance, see NFPA 10:6.3

f) For Recharging, see NFPA 10:6.4

14. HVAC system shall be constructed in accordance with 101:9.2.

15. Compliance with the 2008 NFPA 70, National Electrical Code (NEC), is mandated by RS 40:1730.28.A(7). Contact the local Building Official of the applicable local political subdivision or a Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council registered third-party provider to verify plan review and inspection requirements of the proposed electrical work.

16. 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.

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BUSINESS

Dear Applicant:

This is to advise that the previous review letter dated 03/16/2011 for this project is hereby amended as follows:

1. **NFPA 70:517.13 Wiring in "PATIENT CARE AREAS" shall comply with NFPA 70:517.13(A) and (B). (ROMEX IS NOT ACCEPTABLE).**
2. **NOTE: The rest of the original review letter for this project shall remain applicable. Please enclose a copy of this letter with future submittals or other correspondence pertaining to this project.**

This review applies to the work indicated on the drawings or specifications.

This review shall in no way permit 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).

The above amended review is valid if construction starts within 180 days from the above date of the original review letter.

**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. Approved plans must be available on job site at time of inspection. Certificate of completion must be provided to inspecting Deputy for final inspection.**

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