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# BLANCO COUNTY FIRE CODE

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## **BLANCO COUNTY FIRE CODE**

### **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 Inspector 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 Inspector, 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 Inspector to determine compliance with codes or standards for those activities or installations within the Fire Inspector'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 of 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 Inspector. The Fire Inspector is authorized to approve an alternative material or method of construction where the Fire Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector.

### **Section 2.2 – Certificate of Non-compliance**

A “Certificate of Non-compliance” means a certificate issued by the Fire Inspector indicating construction of 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 Inspector**

“Fire Inspector” 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 Inspector 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 Inspector**

In accordance with section 7.1 herein, the Fire Inspector or the Fire Inspector’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 Inspector**

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

### **Section 3.3 – Responsibility of Other Officials**

The Fire Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector receives an application and fee in accordance with this Code, the Fire Inspector 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 Inspector receives an application in accordance with Section 4.2 and fee in accordance with Section 8.3 and the Fire Inspector 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 Inspector.

#### **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-Inspector.

## **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 Inspector to inspect the work pursuant to a permit. The Fire Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector of a completed, signed and sealed request form will serve as a request for final inspection.
3. Once the Fire Inspector 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 Inspector will issue a Certificate of Compliance. The Fire Inspector, at such time, will provide a release of final utilities to the appropriate utility company. Should the Fire Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector relative to the application and interpretation of this Code. The Commissioners Court appoints the members of the Board of Appeals. The Fire Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector'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 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 Inspector 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 Inspector 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 Inspector 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 effecting compliance.
3. Should the building be occupied without final occupancy inspection as required under this Code, the Fire Inspector 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 having knowledge of a violation of this Code may file a complaint with the Fire Inspector.

## **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 Inspector.

### **Section 8.2 – Maintenance of records**

The Fire Inspector 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 Inspector 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 provision 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 Inspector 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 Inspector, 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 purposed 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 tax payers.

**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.



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-Inspector.

**4.0 Pyrotechnics Authorization Annually** **\$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 Inspector.

## **Food Vendor**

**1.0 Mobile Vendor Registration** **\$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.

**2.0 Mobile Vendor Registration Renewal** **\$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.

- 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 Inspector 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.