

FRAMING & CEILING RELEASES

(BUILDING WITH FIRE ALARM OR FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS) CITY OF PLANO BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

SYSTEMS PLAN SUBMITTAL and APPROVAL: Fire sprinkler and fire alarm system plans shall be submitted to the Plano Fire Department before any framing inspections will be conducted by the Building Inspection Department. Fire sprinkler and fire alarm system inspections must be completed prior to the system being covered by the installation of sheet rock and ceilings. ALL components of fire protection systems must be visible for these inspections to be completed. Ceiling rough inspections will not be scheduled until required fire protection systems inspections are complete.

If you have questions regarding this procedure, please contact the Fire Department at 972-941-7159.

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FIRE PROTECTION LICENSING

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According to Section 8 of Article 5.43-3 of the Texas Insurance Code, persons or organizations may not plan, sell, install, maintain, or service a fire protection sprinkler system without a valid certificate of registration.

The Texas Commission of Fire Protection Licensing Investigations Unit has issued an opinion, which states the following:

- A utilities contractor not registered as a fire protection sprinkler contractor will be in violation of Section 8 (1) above if the utilities contractor offers to undertake, represents itself as being able to undertake, or does undertake the plan, sale, installation, maintenance, or servicing of a fire protection sprinkler system or any part of such system.
- A general contractor will be in violation of Section 10 (a) of Article 5.43-3 of the Texas Insurance Code, if he knowingly or intentionally violates Section 8 of Article 5.43-3 by subcontracting any part of the fire protection sprinkler system to an unlicensed firm and criminal charges could be filed under Chapter 7 of the Texas Penal Code when unlicensed firms and persons are involved.”

Effective immediately, all sprinkler piping, including underground piping must be installed by a State licensed fire protection contractor before acceptance testing will be done by the Fire Department. As always, plans which have been approved by the Fire Department must be kept on site.

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