

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
Planning and Development Services and Fire Departments
MEMORANDUM

TO: PDS and SAFD Associates
FROM: Assistant Chief Earl Crayton II - Fire Marshal
DATE: January 20, 2010
FILE: Code Interpretation Manual

INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2010-005

TITLE: Commercial kitchen hood requirements in fire stations

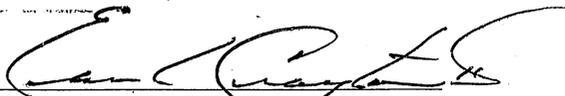
CODE EDITION: 2009 *International Fire Code* (IFC) as amended by COSA

SECTIONS: 609.2

PURPOSE: To clarify whether commercial kitchen hoods are required in the kitchen areas of fire stations.

QUESTION: Is it the intent of Section 609.2 to require a Type I commercial kitchen hoods above cooking appliances in typical fire station kitchen areas?

ANSWER: No. The cooking appliances installed in fire stations are not defined as commercial cooking appliances as fire stations are not deemed "food service establishments". While food is prepared in the kitchen areas of fire stations, the food preparation is limited (unlike that of a typical restaurant or other type of "food service establishment") and the building occupants (firefighters) are highly trained on fire protection and fire safety measures. However, portable fire extinguishers per IFC Section 906.1, Item #2 shall be installed at each cooking appliance location.



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