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TO: Development Services and Fire Department Customers

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION BULLETIN 217**
Enforcement of Low Frequency Audible Alarms

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Purpose:

As a customer service initiative, the Development Services Department (DSD) and the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) created this **revised** bulletin to update Information Bulletin (IB) 217 on the enforcement of low frequency audible alarms. The purpose of this IB is to provide clarification of a significant code change in the 2010 version of NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code that became effective January 1, 2014. This bulletin has been updated to incorporate the department's new format for Information Bulletins.

Scope:

The Fire Marshal's Office is delaying the enforcement of the low frequency requirement signal of 2010 NFPA 72, Section 18.4.5.3 until March 1, 2014. As such, any new commercial project submitted after March 1, 2014 that requires the installation of a low frequency audible alarm will be required to meet the requirements of NFPA 72 Sections 18.4.3, 18.4.5.1, 18.4.5.2, and 29.3.8.

In order to be grandfathered from the 2010 NFPA 72, Fire Alarm and Signaling Code requirement for low frequency audible appliances, Section 18.4.5.3, the parent commercial building permit had to be submitted to DSD prior to March 1, 2014.

Summary:

This Information Bulletin is for informational purposes only.

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