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TO: Development Services and Fire Department Customers

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION BULLETIN 108**
Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permits

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CREATED BY: Development Services and San Antonio Fire Department

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) 108 for Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permits. This Information Bulletin has been updated to incorporate the department's new process for submitting applications to the Fire Marshal's office through the DSD permit intake counter.

SAFD and City of San Antonio Fire Code require fire sprinkler plans to be reviewed for all permit applications where one of these systems is installed, rehabilitated or modified.

Scope:

Due to the unique nature of the fire sprinkler system installation and permitting process, the SAFD and DSD have developed a program to assist sprinkler contractors in obtaining a Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permit. This optional permit will allow the contractors to legally start work, without delay, while still providing for and requiring the necessary code review of the completed design drawings by SAFD and the DSD Plan Review Team at a later date.

To obtain a Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permit, a sprinkler contractor is to contact the DSD permit intake staff, located at 1901 S. Alamo, to request a Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permit. The applicant provides a completed Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permit Application (attached) signed by both the fire sprinkler contractor and the general contractor and pays a nonrefundable permit fee. Please note that the Fast-Track Permit will expire 45 days from issuance unless renewal is approved by the Fire Marshal or his designee. Design documents (plans, manufacturer's cut sheets, calculations, etc.) are not submitted with the Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permit Application. After processing the application, the applicant will receive a Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permit which allows the fire sprinkler contractor to legally begin work.

When design documents are completed, the applicant will submit them for review in one of the normal methods (general review or requested express/overtime review) or submit PE certified plans per Information Bulletin 102b. Note that this is a separate fire sprinkler permit that is required to begin the plan review and inspection process. Please reference Information Bulletin 107, Fire Sprinkler Permit Application and Checklist, to ensure that the application is complete. The applicant pays the conventional permit fee based on the requirements of the City's fire code. The Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permit fee will not be credited toward the full permit fee.

By allowing fire sprinkler contractors the time necessary to complete their plans, the submittal of incomplete and/or partial plans will be unnecessary. If separate permits are anticipated for various segments of the job, then separate Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permit Applications will be required.

We hope this process will assist our customers with their construction process. If you have any questions about this permit or about the procedures to follow, please call the Fire Marshal's office at (210) 207-8410 or DSD at (210) 207-4408.

Summary:

This Information Bulletin is for informational purposes only.

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Attachment: Fast-Track Fire Sprinkler Permit Application



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FAST-TRACK FIRE SPRINKLER PERMIT APPLICATION

Fast-track Sprinkler Permits are optional for installing sprinkler system contractors. This application is required to obtain a fast-track sprinkler permit.

A. APPLICANT (Required):

Project Name:

Project Address:

Building:

Space:

Type of Work (select one):

New:

Existing/Mod:

Scope of Work:

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

The undersigned requests that a fast-track fire sprinkler permit be issued to allow the work to proceed prior to the approval of the design documents. It is understood that all work performed prior to the approval of the plans and issuance of the full permit is done completely at the permit holder's own risk. Any work that is found to be noncompliant with the approved plans shall be corrected. The undersigned acknowledges the following conditions:

- No work will be inspected without the approved plans on the job site.
- No work may be concealed (including behind lay-in ceiling tiles) without inspection approval.
- No Certificate of Occupancy will be issued without inspection approval.
- Fast Track Permit will expire in 45 days unless renewal is approved by the Fire Marshal or his designee.

The permit holder shall notify the general contractor of these conditions. Furthermore, the applicant agrees to proceed with the development and obtain approval of the design documents as soon as possible. All review issues shall be resolved, and the full permit shall be obtained without delay.

B. FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM CONTRACTOR (Required):

Company Name:

Contractor ID:

Company Address:

Telephone #:

Email Address:

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Position:

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

C. GENERAL CONTRACTOR: (Required):

Company Name:

General Contractor Name:

General Contractor Signature:

Date:

Fast-track Fire Sprinkler Permit #:

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Permit Date: