



## Fire Marshal's Notice

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### State Fire Marshal Announces Changes to the Texas Fire Sprinkler Rules

The following is a synopsis of some of the substantive changes to the Fire Sprinkler Rules. The Commissioner of Insurance, through the State Fire Marshal, has amended the Fire Sprinkler Rules in order to resolve inconsistencies within the rules, update obsolete statutory references, and clarify the intent of the rules to better reflect statutory purpose. The new rules took effect February 14, 2013 - Commissioner's Order No. 2237.

#### **28 TAC §§ 34.700 the Fire Sprinkler Rules (effective 2/14/2013)**

- §34.706. **Definitions** added definition of “employee” – an individual who performs tasks assigned by the employer. The employee’s pay is subject to the deduction of social security and federal income tax. The employee may be full time, part time, or seasonal. For the purposes of this section, employees of a registered firm who are paid through a staff leasing company are considered to be employees of the registered firm.
- §34.707. **Adopted Standards** updated to 2010 edition on NFPA 20
- §34.715. **Tests** added new sub-section (f) - requirement that non-NICET tests must have been completed within 1 year prior to application. To conform with similar testing requirements in alarm rules.
- §34.721. **Yellow Tags** tag in figure §34.721(g) is deleted and replaced with a tag containing instructions that more closely mirror the text of §34.721(a).

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