



Fire Marshal's Notice

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State Fire Marshal Announces Amendments 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 July 29, 2014 - Commissioner's Order No. 3381.

28 TAC §§ 34.700 the Fire Sprinkler Rules (effective 7/29/2014)

- §34.707. **Adopted Standards** updated to most current editions, includes NFPA 13, 13D, 13R (2013), NFPA 25 (2014), added NFPA 750
- §34.711.(e)(1) **Responsible Managing Employee (RME) License** added language that licensees cannot work with expired license
- §34.716.(b) **Installation, Maintenance, and Service** added language to clarify that only RME-G, D or U (as applicable) can complete and attach material and test certificates (not RME-I)
- §34.718.(a) **Installation Tags.** added language that system must not be tagged until it complies with applicable standards, including freeze protection
- §34.718.(g)(9)&(10) **Installation Tags.** added language to require signature and license number of RME-G or D on Original Installation Tag
- §34.721.(a) **Yellow Tags** removed language regarding standards adopted "at the time system was installed", added language to include yellow tag being attached for systems that are not properly tested or maintained, clarified that yellow tags can be attached by service person or inspectors, clarified noncompliant versus impairments

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