



## 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 June 23, 2016 - Commissioner's Order No. 4542.

#### **28 TAC §§ 34.700 the Fire Sprinkler Rules (effective 6/23/2016)**

- §34.713. **Applications.** Adds a requirement for the applicant to furnish, along with the application for a license, a copy of the applicant's criminal history report obtained through the Texas Department of Public Safety.
- §34.716.(h) **Installation, Maintenance and Service.** Adds language that allows planning, installation, and servicing to comply with a standard adopted by the political subdivision in which the system is installed.
- §34.721.(d) **Yellow Tags** Adds that a licensee or licensed firm is required to notify the AHJ when corrections are made or a yellow tag is removed or revised.
- §34.722.(d) **Red Tags** Adds that a licensee or licensed firm is required to notify the AHJ when corrections are made or a red tag is removed or revised.
- §34.726. **Military Service Members, Military Veterans, or Military Spouses.** New section puts all military-related waivers and exemptions in one section so that affected persons are on notice that the provisions may apply to them.

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