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Information Bulletin

To: Prospective and Current Business Owners

From: Eufaula Fire and Rescue Fire Prevention Division

Re: Fire, Building and Specialty Codes and Guidelines

The following information is designed to assist prospective and current business owners, property owners, architects, and others in complying with applicable fire, building and specialty codes adopted by the City of Eufaula. The information provided merely serves as a guide and does not include all information or requirements needed to design or operate any one occupancy type.

Use of an Architect

Before buying, leasing, renting or constructing any building to be used for one of the occupancies listed below, you must first obtain the services of an architect registered in the state of Alabama.

- Any building(s) over 2,500 square feet
- Buildings Intended for Assembly Occupancy (regardless of building size).
 - These are buildings intended for the gathering of persons for purposes such as civic, social or religious functions; recreation, food or drink consumption or awaiting transportation.
- Buildings Intended for Education Occupancy (regardless of building size).
 - These are buildings or portion thereof, used by six or more persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12th grade.
- Buildings Intended for Use as an Auditorium (regardless of building size).
- Buildings Intended for Use as a Church (regardless of building size).
- Any change of Occupancy
 - If a building renovation project results in a change to a more restrictive occupancy type (such as business occupancy to assembly or education occupancy), an architect is required (regardless of building size).

The requirements for the services of an architect are contained in the Code of Alabama, Title 34 Chapter 2 section 34-2-30

The architect must prepare plans to show how the building will be designed to comply with applicable codes. The architect must use code or codes which provide equal or greater levels of protection than those adopted by the City of Eufaula and the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office when designing a building. Currently the following codes are adopted by the State Fire Marshal's Office for new construction and renovations – 2015 edition of the International Codes.

The only time the services of an architect are not required is when the both the occupancy type has not changed, and renovations are not needed.