



POLICY STATEMENT

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Approved by: David Cannaday, Fire Marshal

RE: Fire alarm audio/visual device installation requirements.

I. Purpose

To clarify the need for all commercial business occupancies within the City of Allen to have fire alarm audio and visual occupant notification when the occupancy is served by any type of fire alarm system regardless of square footage, occupant load, and/or use of the occupancy.

II. Scope

New construction single occupant and multi-tenant buildings will be required to install a fire alarm system capable of providing sufficient power for A/V devices in each of the tenant spaces, public and common areas. Renovations to existing buildings shall include the addition of occupant notification devices where the building and/or space is provided with an existing automatic sprinkler system and/or fire alarm system. It is not the intent of the Fire Code or this Policy Statement to require occupant notification in a building without a fire alarm and/or fire sprinkler system, unless otherwise required by another section of the Fire Code.

III. Requirements

Fire alarm notification devices shall be installed throughout all areas as noted in Section II of this Policy Statement. Fire alarm notification devices shall meet all requirements as set forth by the 2021 International Fire Code, and NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, 2019 edition.

IV. Responsibility

All design professionals and contractors working in the City of Allen shall be aware of this policy and apply for all necessary permits for this type of work with the Allen Fire Marshal's Office.