

# Montgomery County Fire Marshal's Office

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To Whom It May Concern

Montgomery County has adopted a County Fire Code under authority of the Texas Local Government Code 233. The Montgomery County Fire Code consists of the 2006 International Fire Code, along with Local Amendments adopted under Commissioner's Court Order November 22,2007.

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 the Montgomery County Fire Code will apply to new construction, including interior build out of previously permitted buildings, and substantial improvement of all public and commercial buildings and multi-family complexes with 4 or more units. Projects less than 500 Sq Ft are exempt from permitting, but should be designed and constructed so as to comply with the County Fire Code. Substantial Improvement is defined as the repair, restoration, reconstruction, improvement, or remodeling for which the cost exceeds 50% of the building's value according to the certified tax appraisal roll for the county for the year preceding the year in which the work was begun; or a change in occupancy classification involving a change in the purpose or level of activity in a building.

All Building Permits will continue to be issued through the Montgomery County Permit Office. Additional information and procedures will available through the Permit Office or the Montgomery County Fire Marshal's Office. Specific Fire Code questions should be sent via letter or email to the Fire Marshal's Office and will be promptly answered. The email address for code questions is [fire.codes@mctx.org](mailto:fire.codes@mctx.org) .

Sincerely,

Jimmy Williams  
Montgomery County Fire Marshal