



## EMERGENCY PREVENTION DIVISION

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**Re:** Notification to Homebuilders and Permit Applicants of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 Fire Code Amendment Requiring the Installation of Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Throughout All New Residences Constructed.

**Authority:** Texas Health and Safety Code § 775.036, 2009 Edition of the International Fire Code, and 2009 Edition of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety 101 Code.

Dear Permit Applicant,

The Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9, also known as the Westlake Fire Department, has a mission to protect the lives and property of the community. To this end, the District's Board of Commissioners approved an amendment to the Fire Code on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 that mandates the installation of a residential fire sprinkler system throughout all new residences constructed within the unincorporated portion of our District. The sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed by a firm licensed by the State of Texas Fire Marshal's Office. Sprinkler plans shall be submitted in an approved manner to our office for review and approval prior to installation.

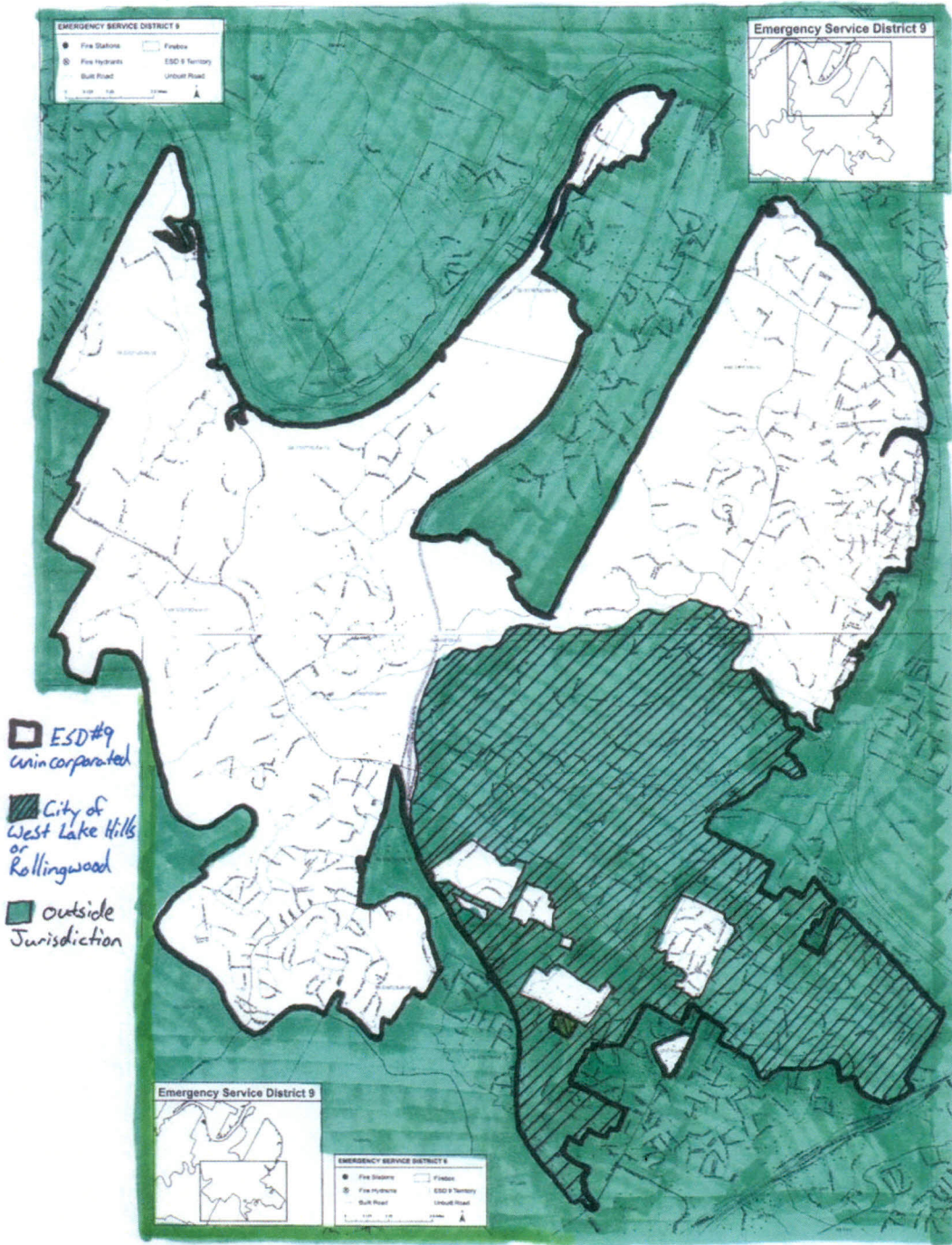
This letter is intended to notify homebuilders and permit applicants of the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 code requirement.

I would like to thank all of the stakeholders who provided valuable input during our consideration process of the amendment. We look forward to working with each of you to make our community a safer place to live through the installation of an automatic residential fire sprinkler system in their new home. I am providing two attachments to this letter. The first is a map of our jurisdiction to help you become more familiar with the boundaries of our community. The second is a copy of the District's Fire Code Amendment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

District Chief Mike Lacey  
Fire Marshal  
Emergency Prevention Division  
Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9



Travis County Emergency Services District #9 - Map of Jurisdiction

ATTACHMENT (1)

**TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**NO. 9 - AMENDMENT TO DISTRICT FIRE CODE**

**Section 903.2.8 Group R.** An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire area, including new buildings and structures hereafter constructed within the jurisdiction classified as Group R-3 (One – and two – family dwellings and townhouses). The automatic sprinkler system shall be installed by a firm registered by the State Fire Marshal's Office and a responsible managing employee (RME) licensed by the State Fire Marshal's Office in compliance with Texas Insurance Code Article 5.43-3 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems & 28 TAC §§34.700.

ATTACHMENT (2)