



Duncanville Fire Department

“Protecting Lives and Property with Pride and Tradition”

DUNCANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT MINIMUM RESTAURANT REQUIREMENTS

The City of Duncanville has adopted the 2009 International Fire Code including the Recommended Amendments from the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Where the 2009 IFC does not address a specific issue, multiple nationally recognized standards referenced in the code are also adopted and enforced. The Authority Having Jurisdiction (Duncanville Fire Department) shall have the authority to interpret the Fire Code and make decisions based on the intent of the code.

1. All restaurants (Assembly group 2) over 5000 square feet or with an occupant load of 100 or more must be sprinkled. (See sprinkler and fire alarm plan submittal process).*
2. An automatic, monitored fire alarm is required when the business has fire sprinklers. The Duncanville Fire Department reserves the right to require fire alarms in non-sprinkled restaurants based on safety factors and evaluated hazards.
3. A Type I hood shall be installed at or above all commercial cooking appliances and domestic cooking appliances used for commercial purposes that produce grease vapors. Each required commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct system required by Section 609 to have a Type I hood shall be protected with an approved automatic fire-extinguishing system installed in accordance with this code. \$75.00 permit fee due when the plans are submitted (see kitchen hood system requirements).
4. Exit doors are required to have panic hardware or other approved exiting capabilities.
5. Emergency and exit lighting with battery backup is required.
6. A licensed extinguisher company must install fire extinguishers per NFPA 10.
7. Smoke alarms are required. Your fire alarm system will meet this requirement.
8. Occupant load must be calculated and posted. Contact Duncanville Building Inspections for calculating occupant load.
9. Existing vent-a-hoods, ductwork and filters shall be professionally cleaned prior to calling for Certificate of Occupancy inspection.
10. Appliances shall be new or refurbished with documentation and professionally installed. Only UL Listed, FM Approved, NSF approved appliances allowed.

Restaurants will be evaluated for compliance with the fire code. The Duncanville Fire Department may require additional protection or modifications to existing protection.

Contact Fire Prevention and Building Official prior to occupancy or beginning any work.

*The City of Duncanville permit fee schedule will apply to sprinkler and alarm plans.

HELPFUL NUMBERS:

DUNCANVILLE FIRE PREVENTION: (972)780-5047 / (972) 780-5049 / FAX: (972)780-4928
DUNCANVILLE BUILDING INSPECTIONS: (972)780-5040
DUNCANVILLE HEALTH INSPECTOR: (972)780-4963
DUNCANVILLE CROSS CONNECTION/SOLID WASTE: (972)780-4946