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Fire Marshal Questions

1. Can I burn on my property?

No, the burning of trash, yard waste or rubbish is strictly prohibited within the City of Humble. The only allowed burning is in a barbeque pit or grill for the purpose of cooking food or an outdoor fire place to assist in heating. All allowed burning devices shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

2. Can I use my barbeque grill or pit on my balcony of my apartment complex?

City Ordinance; Sec. 6.01.005, 18-3. - Use of outdoor cookers prohibited in certain locations. It shall be unlawful for a person to operate any type of outdoor cooking device (barbeque pit, smoker, broiler, etc.) on or under patios, balconies or stairs in any apartment complex in the city limits.

3. Are Fireworks allowed within the City of Humble?

Fireworks are illegal within the City Limits of Humble and are covered under the International Fire Code 2018, Section 5601.1.3- Fireworks. The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited.

4. Smoke Detectors?

Smoke detector batteries should last at least 6 months under normal conditions. Residential fire deaths have decreased steadily as the number of homes with smoke detectors has increased. Reports from the National Fire Protection Association on residential fire deaths show that people have nearly a 50 percent better chance of surviving a fire if their home has the recommended number of smoke detectors. Smoke detectors that are 10 years old are near the end of their service life and should be replaced. A smoke detector monitors the air 24 hours a day. At the end of 10 years, it has gone through over 3.5 million monitoring cycles. After this much use, components may become less reliable. This means that as the detector gets older, the potential of failing to detect a fire increases. Replacing them after 10 years reduces this possibility.

5. Who is allowed to use marked Fire Lanes?

City of Humble Ordinance 18-77 section (d) It is hereby declared unlawful to park any vehicle other than an authorized emergency vehicle in any fire lane as defined thereof.

6. Are the Fire Marshal's Office employees licensed Law Enforcement Officers?

Yes, The City of Humble Fire Marshal's Office employs licensed Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Peace Officers. Fire Marshal's Office Employees hold the same license as normal Police Officers. The employees are also licensed through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection as Arson Investigator.

7. Can the Humble Fire Marshal's Office issue Citation?

Yes, these citations can be for City Ordinance violations and local or state law violations. Most common citations are for Building Inspection violations, Illegal Burning violations or for Parking in Fire lanes.

8. How can I obtain a Fire Marshal Report or a Report of Inspection?

A Public Information Request shall be fill out with the City Secretary at City Hall. It can be completed on-line or in person.

9. I saw a fire code violation at a business I visited; what can I do about it?

You can call the Humble Fire Marshal's Office (281-446-4928) and register a complaint. You can do this anonymously, but you must have the name of the business, and address and describe what you saw or what you believe was the violation. The Fire Marshal policy is to respond to complaints of this nature within 24 hours, unless there is a clearly defined life safety issue.

10. What is the Humble Fire Marshal's Office responsible for?

The Humble Fire Marshal's Office is responsible for all the Fire and Life Safety Inspections of buildings and properties within the City, Building Plan Review, Arson and Fire Investigation, Public Education, Special Events and Emergency Management.