
RE Fire Department

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To Johnny Taylor <j.taylor@cityofkress.com>

Good afternoon, Johnny,

It was good talking with you earlier. You asked whether an architect is required to design the city's new fire department building. After double-checking the Occupations Code, the short answer is yes.

Under Texas Occupations Code § 1051.703, architectural plans and specifications for a new public building with construction costs exceeding \$100,000 must be prepared by a licensed architect. A new fire department facility is a public building and will almost certainly exceed that threshold, so this requirement applies. The architect must also affix his or her seal to each drawing and specification issued for the project (Tex. Occ. Code § 1051.702).

In addition to the architect, Tex. Occ. Code Ch. 1001 requires licensed professional engineers design and seal other portions of the buildings systems such as the building's structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and other systems.

Take care. I hope this helps. Additionally, please discuss this with your city attorney before making a final decision.

Sincerely,

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