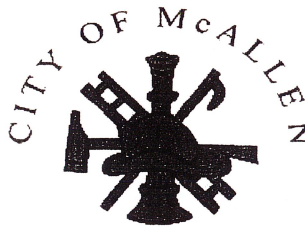


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Fire Sprinkler Companies

This is to inform you that effective immediately we are going to **require Post Indicator Valves** for the outside control valves due to some difficulties we have experience in trying to locate the shut off valves after some road construction. The **Free Standing Fire Department Connections** are required to be between 28" to 36" high and to be installed clear of the collapse zone area. We require **all weather horn and strobes** in place of the water motor gong (tie to the water flow only). The **Back Flow Prevention systems** need to be in an underground vault or protected against freezing (no exceptions). A fire hydrant must be installed within 150 feet of the Fire department Connection (red or safety yellow in color). Last but not least, **sprinkler plans need to be third party review** (I.S.O., Factory Mutual or independent company as long as they provide comments). This is in addition to N.F.P.A. requirements (1996 edition or latest).

These are some guidelines to help your company conduct business in the City of McAllen. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at 972-7537.

Respectfully Charles Quijas, Fire Marshal

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