I. INTRODUCTION

1.03 Codes, Rules, Laws, & Requirements

A. Buildings and sites are to be designed in conformance to the applicable requirements of the following:

1. The Texas Engineering Practice Act and the Texas Board of Professional Engineers Rules

2. The Architects’ Registration Law and the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners Rules and Regulations

3. Texas Health Asbestos Protection Act and Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules
   a. A notarized affidavit signed by the project architect, stating no materials containing lead or asbestos have been used in the project must be submitted to the University prior to final acceptance of the project as per Texas State University UPPS No. 04.05.09. The A/E shall require like affidavit from the contractor

4. National Fire Codes
   a. NFPA 101, Life Safety All concept or design submittals shall address fire protection and life safety criteria and shall be submitted as separate analyses including: The following fire protection engineering provisions, where applicable to the project shall be included in this analysis.
   b. NFPA standard 170, fire safety symbols shall be used for Architectural and Engineering drawings.
   c. Areas for analysis are as follows:
      (1) Type of construction;
      (2) Classification of occupancy;
      (3) Building separation or exposure protection;
      (4) Location of all fire rated walls including fire rated doors, and fire dampers with identification as applicable (include fire walls, fire partitions, smoke compartments);
(5) Life safety provisions (exit travel distances, exit widths based on capacity and occupant load, number of exits, exit signs, emergency lighting and secondary power requirements);

(6) Automatic extinguishing systems (identification of all sprinkled areas and other areas protected by specialized suppression systems);

(7) Smoke/Control management systems, dampers, and smoke partitions. The smoke control system shall be identified by schematic diagram, where applicable, that indicates the operation of the normal HVAC mode and the smoke removal mode;

(8) Fire alarm system (type of alarm system and location of the fire alarm equipment with fire zones);

(9) Fire detection system (type of detection system and location of detectors with fire zones);

(10) Location of fire extinguisher cabinets and standpipes/hose cabinets.

d. The State of Texas Fire Marshall’s Office, through the State of Texas Department of Insurance, 333 Guadalupe, Austin, TX 78714, 512-305-7900, is the Fire Marshall authority having jurisdiction over University projects.


(2) The NFPA 1-2015 Fire Code exception is (A) Chapter 1 Administration, to the extent that subsections 1.6 Enforcement, 1.7 Authority, 1.8 Duties and Power of the Incident Commander, 1.9 Liability, 1.10 Fire Code Board of Appeals, 1.11 Records and Reports, 1.12 Permits and Approvals, 1.13 Certification of Fitness, 1.14 Plan Review and 1.16 Notice of Violation and Penalties do not apply to State Fire Marshall inspection: (B) Chapter 30 Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages, to the extent it conflicts with standards adopted in
Subchapter A of this chapter and Health and Safety Code Chapter 753: (C) Chapter 60 Hazardous Material, to the extent it will not be applied to laboratories and laboratories in health care occupancies; and (D) Chapter 65 Explosive, Fireworks, and Model Rocketry, to the extent it conflicts with Subchapter H of this chapter and Occupations Code Chapter 2154. The above standards are adopted for inspections performed under Texas Government Code 417.008. The rule is codified in the Texas Administrative Code 28 TAC 34.303.

(3) Cooperation with Local Fire Departments: All state universities and agencies depend on local fire departments for emergency response and fire suppression. These local fire departments must have confidence that state-owned buildings and fire safety systems meet state standards and are compatible with local fire department equipment and procedures so their firefighters can promptly safely and promptly respond to emergencies.

(4) Steps to foster positive relationships w/local fire departments:

Universities and agencies should initiate meetings with local fire departments to open lines of communication and determine correct fire response procedures.

The Texas State University Environmental Health, Safety, & Risk Management Department involved in safety, planning, operation, and maintenance must be made aware of the responsibilities they have for the compatibility and use of campus or agency equipment by the local emergency responders. All third-party contractors, architects, and engineers providing design and construction must assure the university or agency that the Life Safety Code has been taken into consideration and addressed in the planning, design, construction and operation of facilities.

The A/E is responsible to have drawings reviewed by the Texas State University Environmental Health, Safety, & Risk Management Department, before
drawings are issued for bidding. Local fire departments should be consulted for local requirements and needs in water mains, building access, fire lanes and turning radius requirements, compatibility of fire hydrants, fire department connections, fire sprinkler systems, standpipe and hose systems, alarm systems, and other emergency equipment. These systems must be designed with the local department’s operation in mind. Local fire departments should be invited to review the plans, and to participate in viewing acceptance tests of, water mains and fire suppression systems.

Address questions concerning fire safety practices to firemarshal@tdi.state.tx.us or by calling the Texas State Fire Marshal Office at 512-305-7900.

5. OSHA Standards

6. Texas Accessibility Standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), (Article 9102, Texas Civil Statues).
   a. Texas Accessibility Standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), (Article 9102, Texas Civil Statues). ADA accessibility of all buildings and facilities will be designed by the standards published by the State of Texas Licensing & Regulations Commission and the American National Standards Institute ANSI Standard A117.1, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
   b. Texas State University requires the mounting height for “Push Button” of Automatic Door Openers, to be 36” A.F.F., no exceptions.
   c. The A/E must develop Site Plans which indicate the Accessible Way from the Project to the closest “Public Way”, to include accessible parking spaces, public or University Bus Stop.

   The A/E must design all new “Accessible Path” to meet TAS.
   d. The A/E shall submit final plans and specifications to the Department of Licensing & Regulation for review concurrently with the issue of plans for building.
   e. The A/E shall pay the required fee.
f. The A/E shall issue addendum or change proposals as necessary to correct deficiencies detected by the Department of Licensing & Regulation at no charge to the University.


8. ASHRAE Handbooks

   a. Each new building or major renovation shall be designed to be energy efficient in accordance with the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) requirements. SECO adopted by reference ASHRAE/IENSA Standard 90-01-2010. The code applies to any state-funded new construction or major renovation project, except low-rise residential buildings.
   b. Before beginning construction of a new state building or major renovation project an institution of higher education must submit to SECO a copy of the certification by the design architect or engineer that verifies that the construction or renovation complies with the established standards under 34 TAC, Chapter 19.34, including engineering documentation. A Water Compliance Certification Form is required for buildings greater than 10,000 square feet.


11. OSHA Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Article 29 Labor Part 1926.32 (p). This code is mandatory for all Electrical Work.

12. 2015 International Building Code

13. 2015 International Mechanical Code

14. 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code

15. SMACNA Handbook

16. American Concrete Institute (ACI)

17. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

18. CRSI Handbook of Recommended Practice for placing reinforcing bars, bar supports, specification and nomenclature

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19. National Ready-Mixed Concrete Association Publication: Concrete Plant Standards and Truck Mixer and Agitator Standards


22. Projects involving Site Work shall be designed to adhere to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The University is subject to Storm Water Discharge from small municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) under the TPDES Phase II MS4 Permit (TXR040000). The University’s Construction and Post Construction Plan contains procedures that will be followed to maintain compliance with the TCEQ small MS4 General permit.

23. MSDS

a. The A/E is to require the contractor to provide a copy of all MSDS sheets for all building products and chemicals used during the construction process to be forwarded to the Office of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction at the closure of the project.

b. OFPDC retains the right to withhold final payment to the A/E and contractor until such time as all MSDS sheets are received.

B. Street cutting for street under the jurisdiction of San Marcos shall require permitting in accordance with the city’s Department of Public Works.

1. Instructions for permitting and permit form available at www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us.

C. Work performed wholly within Texas State University Campus property is not subjected to permit requirements of the City of San Marcos. The A/E or Contractor as may be applicable shall acquire permits required by State and Federal agencies.

D. Where an applicable code, statute or regulation addresses the requirements set forth in these standards, the most stringent requirement shall be included in the construction documents.

E. If any requirements of these standards are deemed to be in conflict with applicable codes, statutes, regulations or other Texas State University
standards, immediately notify in writing Texas State University project representative.