



# WAKULLA COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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### FIRE INSPECTION DIVISION

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TO: Ray Gray

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SUBJECT: New Life Church Buildings (proposed Wakulla County Community Center) Fire Safety Occupancy Evaluation

The **current** Fire Safety Occupancy is a **Church** which is an **Assembly Occupancy** according to NFPA 1, Fire Prevention Code.

The **proposed** Fire Safety Occupancy is a **Community Center** which is an **Assembly Occupancy** therefore I will evaluate as an **Existing Assembly Occupancy** according to NFPA 1, Fire Prevention Code

The minimum Fire Safety Requirements for a Community Center Assembly Occupancy are as follows:

1. Smoke alarm system in both buildings (there is currently a smoke alarm system in the East building) that transmits alarm to a monitoring service.
2. Emergency interior lighting which operate automatically when electrical power is discontinued. (some of these exist)
3. Illuminated EXIT signs at exits. (some of these exist)
4. HVAC Smoke Detector which shuts down HVAC up activation. (I believe these exist)
5. Occupant loading posted. (I will determine the Max Occupancy after evaluation of layout, etc.)
6. Portable fire extinguishers. (some of these exist)
7. Fire hydrant located near building. (there is a fire hydrant near)
8. Cooking Fire Protection required in kitchen. (if cooking type requires)
9. Fire Evacuation information and directions shall be posted to direct emergency evacuation.
10. Exit door panic hardware adequate to allow emergency exit. (some of these probably exist)
11. Interior wall and ceiling finish to allow minimum fire and smoke development. (probably some existing)

I would like to see a full Fire Sprinkler system installed for both entire buildings. The fully fire sprinklered building would protect Wakulla County's investment in the Community center should a fire incident occur. A fully fire sprinklered building would also provide additional safety for Fire Fighters responding to a fire incident at the community center.

I would like to have a walk through with you sometime to determine if there is anything else to consider.

Should you require additional information or have questions, please call me.

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