

CODE WORD

This procedure is used to clarify provisions of the Harris County Fire Code. It's sole intent is to clarify what is acceptable practice.

Issue Date: January 5, 2006

Subject: *Townhouses*

Section of Regulation: Section 102.9

Question: Are townhouses regulated by the revised Harris County Fire Code?

Answer: The Harris County Fire Code as revised January 1, 2006 regulates "**multifamily residential dwellings consisting of four or more units**". This revision will require all apartments and condominiums with four or more units to submit for Fire Code Review and permitting. Townhouses, no more than three stories and with separate means of egress, as defined by the International Fire Code 2003, as adopted, are considered to be "**multiple single-family dwellings**" and are regulated by the International Residential Code. Therefore townhouses will not be subject to Fire Code Review and permitting however may be subject to fire and life safety inspection by the Harris County Fire Marshal.



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