

Recommendation: Adopt the same NFPA codes as adopted by the State of Texas: NFPA 1 & 101—they go hand-in-hand. Furthermore, in adopting these fire codes make sure our adoption automatically updates with the same editions as those updated by the State of Texas when that takes place.

Upon adoption, inspections of existing buildings should be conducted as compliance reviews instead of enforcement actions. Seriously egregious violations should be approached with a deliberate balance of grace for the owner/operator balanced against the need for fire safety.

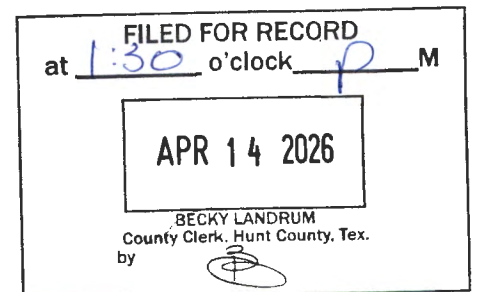
For new construction or when a change in function/use/major remodel occurs, then an initial fire inspection takes place in accordance with regular standards.

As of August 31, 2025, the State of Texas requires that any peace officer with fire marshal responsibilities to have both Arson Investigator and Fire Inspector certifications—this is a total of 365 hours more training than a regular police officer has. AS of September, 2025, all police academy graduates are required to have 736 hours training in the basic academy. To be a Fire Marshal and or Fire Marshal’s deputy, an additional 365 hours of training are required.

Currently, our office already has two personnel who met these criteria before the State of Texas required such. These same two officers also have Plans Review certifications over and above the basic requirements. All new and newly hired personnel are taking classes to get these certifications and we have two part-time personnel also going through the training. Plans Review certifications should also be required of newly hired personnel.

Pros:

- Enhance/improve fire safety for Hunt County
- Allow permits to be required
- Allow fees to be charged
- Allow for regular inspections to begin



Fire Code Adoption

- Allow amendments to be adopted—amendments tailored to address the specific fire dangers within Hunt County
- By matching the codes used by the State of Texas it allows us:
 - Access to advice and counsel of the State Fire Marshal’s Office
 - Provides consistency with the State of Texas
 - Enhances the possibilities for joint actions with the State of Texas
- Chapter 2 of both codes contain the following wording:
 - *“The documents referenced in this chapter or portions of such documents are referenced within this Code and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.”* This means anything referenced in Chapter 2 is made a part of the code.
 - *NPFA 70 is listed in Chapter 2. The following is not listed in Chapter 2: **NFPA 610, Guide for Emergency and Safety Operations at Motorsports Venues***

Cons:

- Implementation costs:
 - Software
 - Support staff to handle permits & fees
 - Ideally 2 to three people assigned to Fire Inspections as a primary responsibility.
 - Full implementation will take time.
 - Expect complaints from those not used to being regulated in Hunt County. These same complainers will compare us to other counties and advocate we be as lax/lenient as they say other counties are.

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Total Project Savings					
Recommendation Description	Recommended Action	Provider	Quantity	Monthly Savings	Annual Savings
Unused Lines	Disconnected analog lines from billing	AT&T	9	\$3,357.17	\$40,286.04
Excessive Line Pricing	Implemented State of TX rates	AT&T	1	\$491.16	\$5,893.92
State Tax	Exempted taxes billing in error	AT&T	12	\$581.98	\$6,983.76
Federal Excise Tax	Exempted taxes billing in error	AT&T	3	\$37.57	\$450.84
Phone Book Listings	Removed unneeded listing fee	Frontier	1	\$34.00	\$408.00
Inside Wire Maintenance	Removed unneeded wire insurance fee	inTouch	2	\$5.00	\$60.00
Unused Wireless Devices	Disconnected unused wireless devices	Verizon Wireless	11	\$443.61	\$5,323.32
Unused Wireless Devices	Disconnected unused wireless devices	AT&T FirstNet	13	\$399.61	\$4,795.32
Excessive Wireless Pricing	Implemented reduced wireless rates	Verizon Wireless	1	\$514.72	\$6,176.64

Total Retroactive Credits					
Recommendation Description	Recommended Action	Provider	Quantity	Number of Months Credited	Total Credits
State and Federal Tax	Received credits for past tax assessments	AT&T	2	14	\$8,836.36

Monthly Savings: \$ 5,864.82
Annual Savings: \$ 70,377.84
3 Year Savings: \$ 211,133.52

Total Credits: \$ 8,836.36

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