

Walton County Fleet Maintenance Building Renovations – Fire Sprinkler System Chronology of events as of 11-20-2023

- Date 4-24-2023: Contractor Contract Date
- Date 6-15-2023: Building Dept approval of original plans labeled “Type II-B, Unprotected, Unsprinklered” submitted by Contractor. Along with approved plans was a checklist, requiring a Sprinkler Permit and Sprinkler Final inspection. County Bldg. Dept. said they provided checklist, Contractor stated he never received the checklist. Contractor found out about this checklist on 8-2-2023 (see below). Note: Building Dept. did not provide comments stating non-compliance of the plans per the code.
- Date 8-2-2023: Engineer/Architect was made aware of Sprinkler Permit requirement via contractor. Contractor tried to pull an inspection for a different component and was reminded/notified of the needed sprinkler permit/inspection.
- Date 8-15-2023: A follow-up in-person meeting with County PM, DRMP, Architect (Via Phone), and County Building Official to work through this potential mis-communication. Design Team and the Building Official both walked through their understanding / interpretation of the code. Outcome of meeting was Building Official said per the code the sprinkler system was required. Architect (MLD) was confident in their interpretation of the code, no sprinkler system required. At this point DRMP directed design team to move forward with a sprinkler system design to obtain a cost.
- Date 9-25-2023: Fire sprinkler design plans were provided to contractor for pricing. Said plans were also provided to County Bldg. Dept. for preliminary review of system, prior to plans being finalized.
- Date 10-9-2023: County Building Dept. had no comments on the building sprinkler system design.
- Date 10-16-2023: Design team received pricing back on Sprinkler system plans. Two different bids, the lowest being \$491K.

With a contractor price in hand, it was decided to have another meeting with the County Bldg. Dept. to discuss the sprinkler system requirement once again.

- Date 10-27-2023: Design Team provided a letter to the County Building Official that shared the thought process of how the design team interpreted the code to reflect no fire sprinkler system required.
- Date 11-2-2023: Building Official responded via email to the Design Team letter. Building Official stands on the original determination that a fire sprinkler system is required.
- Date 11-2-2023: County PM requested a Meeting with Design Team, Building Official, County Legal Staff to further discuss the reasoning.

It was requested by County PM (via Phone call) for the Design Team to provide the code that went along with the code references mentioned in the letter. He would like to forward to County Legal to review prior to meeting.

- Date 11-10-2023: Design Team provided code references (and letter) to County PM to forward to County Legal
- Date 11-14-2023: Meeting was held from 11-2-2023 request. Design Team and the Building Official both walked through their understanding / interpretation of the code. Both stood on their interpretations.