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Dear Contractor/ Designer/Applicant:

Effective immediately, Zion Fire-Rescue Department will be utilizing a private consultant for fire protection system plan reviews and field inspections. The consultant is Fire Safety Consultants Inc. (FSCI) located in Elgin, Illinois. FSCI currently is one of the largest third-party plan review companies and provides plan review services to more than 185 municipalities located throughout the United States.

The 2006 International Fire Code provides the Fire Department with the authority to utilize a consultant to provide technical assistance in plan reviews. The following section of the fire code addresses this issue:

**104.7.2 Technical assistance.**

To determine the acceptability of technologies, processes, products, facilities, materials and uses attending the design, operation or use of a building or premises subject to inspection by the fire code official, the fire code official is authorized to require the owner or owner's authorized agent to provide, without charge to the jurisdiction, a technical opinion and report. The opinion and report shall be prepared by a qualified engineer, specialist, laboratory or fire safety specialty organization acceptable to the fire code official and shall analyze the fire safety properties of the design, operation or use of the building or premises and the facilities and appurtenances situated thereon, to recommend necessary changes. The fire code official is authorized to require design submittals to be prepared by, and bear the stamp of, a registered design professional.

Please refer to the FSCI website for information on how to submit plans electronically. The website address is [www.firesafetyfsci.com](http://www.firesafetyfsci.com). For more information or questions, you can email [info@firesafetyfsci.com](mailto:info@firesafetyfsci.com) or call 847-697-1300.