



November 28, 2023

Dwayne Hicks, Building Official
Spring Hill Building and Code Department
5000 Northfield Lane, Building 600
Spring Hill, TN 37174

James Berry, Fire Marshal
Spring Hill Fire Department
199 Town Center Parkway
Spring Hill, TN 37174

RE: Spring Hill Exempt Jurisdiction Approval for Commercial Buildings

Dear Chief Berry and Mr. Hicks,

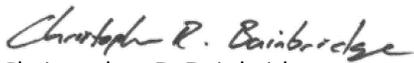
We have received your request for Spring Hill's exemption from minimum statewide building construction safety standards for commercial buildings. After reviewing the information provided, we find the requirements have been met; however, we must perform an audit of a building normally requiring plan review and inspections from the State Fire Marshal's Office once a suitable building is identified. Please contact us once this occurs.

The exempt status will become effective on January 1, 2024. To maintain the exemption, we must conduct a periodic audit of a building that would normally be required to submit to the SFMO. This will occur once every three (3) years.

This exemption is separate from an exemption for one- and two-family dwellings and townhomes. Also, please be reminded that T.C.A. § 68-120-101 (b)(4)(B) provides for withdrawal of the exemption if, "After affording appropriate written notice and opportunity for hearing, the State Fire Marshal determines that the local government is not adequately performing its enforcement functions."

If the city has established or does establish a Board of Adjustments and Appeals (or similarly styled body for reviewing decisions of building construction safety code officials), this office reserves the right to consider the Board's decisions in determining whether the city is "adequately performing its enforcement functions." Such a Board must not serve as a vehicle for undermining or rewriting the terms of the adopted codes, including making amendments that are less stringent than the adopted codes.

Sincerely,


Christopher R. Bainbridge
Director of Codes Enforcement