



CITY OF MESQUITE

AMBULATORY CARE FACILITY STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE & AFFIDAVIT

The 2018 Edition of the International Building Code (IBC) and the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) define the specific use of “Ambulatory Care Facility” as follows:

Ambulatory Care Facility. Buildings or portions thereof used to provide medical, surgical, psychiatric, nursing, or similar care on a less than 24-hour basis to persons who are rendered incapable of self-preservation by the services provided or staff has accepted responsibility for care recipients already incapable.

Ambulatory Care Facilities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Dialysis Centers
- Procedures involving sedation
- Sedation Dentistry
- Surgery Centers
- Colonic Centers
- Psychiatric Centers

The Building Code and Fire Codes outline a series of minimum life safety requirements for an Ambulatory Care Facility. These requirements must be met for a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) or Building Permit to be issued and include the following: **The 2018 International Fire Code Section 903.2.2 requires installation of an automatic sprinkler system throughout the entire floor containing an “Ambulatory Care Facility” where either of the following conditions exist at any time:** (1) four or more care recipients are incapable of self-preservation; or (2) one or more care recipients that are incapable of self-preservation are located at other than the level of exit discharge serving such facility.

This Affidavit is used to determine the total number of patients incapable of self-preservation for the following purposes: determining if an automatic sprinkler system shall be provided unless otherwise required by the IBC or IFC; for compliance with the requirements of the provisions; and as a condition of the Certificate of Occupancy (CO).

The City of Mesquite Fire Marshal’s interpretation of the 2018 International Fire Code is that the use of any form of sedation, including but not limited to nitrous oxide, renders a patient incapable of self-preservation.

All new tenants, building owners, and/or occupants must execute this Affidavit attesting to any proposed or pre-existing conditions for the use and business model of all applications for a Certification of Occupancy (CO) for an Ambulatory Care Facility. This applies to any new or expanded “Ambulatory Care Facility”. The Code requirements do not affect a legally conforming existing business that may undergo a name change or ownership change. The attestations provided herein will become conditions on any approved CO. Any change in the use of the business, such as a change in the number of persons/patients affected by treatment that may cause the Code requirements to be triggered, may result in the loss of a CO. Any City inspection revealing attestations contained herein are untrue may result in the loss of a CO.

