



NOTICE OF APPEAL INFORMATION
Austin City Code 25-1-181 Appeals, Variances, Special Exceptions, and Adjustments
(Administrative Decision Appeal Process on Page 2)

Appellant Filing Appeal Sandy Epstein - SEA Studios, PC	Relationship to Property Architect of Record for new facility
Appellant's Status as Interested Party Architect of Record	
Appellant Contact Information	Permit Holder Contact Information Not applicable - permit not obtained
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Date of Decision Being Appealed 9/12/2017	Date Appeal is Filed 10/11/2017
<p>Decision Being Appealed (use additional paper as required): Our AFD engineering staff and Michael (Austin Energy) had a meeting this morning to further discuss this topic. The consensus is that there isn't enough research on the effects skylights have on the performance of ESFR systems and dangers they pose to support prohibiting them. Although we do believe that this is a topic that will require further study, as of now there isn't sufficient evidence or even enough research to make any conclusions. Because the IFC does not mention skylights in the code and 910.1 only states that smoke and heat vents are not required (not prohibited) with an ESFR system. We cannot assume that skylights are included in exception 2 because they may have similar negative effects as smoke and heat vents. As of now, there is nothing in the fire code that states skylights are not required if the building has an ESFR system and there is not enough research or evidence to show that skylights should be prohibited. I hope this helps clarify things. Thank y'all for reaching out with your concerns. Feel free to contact me if y'all have any additional questions.</p>	
<p>Reason the appellant believes the decision does not comply with the requirements of the Land Development Code (Title 25) Jose, Would you be able to assist us all with this project? This project is for the construction of a beverage warehouse in 709 East Howard Lane. The owners will be installing an ESFR sprinkler system (which is common for most warehouses). As a part of the installation of an ESFR system, the IFC does not require smoke and heat vents. We believe the primary reason is that the vents will introduce additional oxygen to promote fire growth and the vents have been shown to affect the operation of the sprinklers. The issue that is currently taking place is that the Energy Code requires skylights for this building. For the same reasons that smoke and heat vents are not wanted when ESFR sprinklers are installed, the skylights will pose similar issues in terms of the effectiveness of the sprinklers and the extinguishment of the fire. The fire code does not mention skylights in relation to smoke and heat vents but for similar reasons that smoke and heat vents are not required, we believe skylights will have the same effect.</p>	
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Hearing Date:	Board or Commission:
Action on Appeal	Date of Action

The applicant must complete page 1 of 2 and sign before this application of appeal is complete. The application will not be processed unless the applicant reads and signs page 2.



APPEAL PROCESS

You may appeal this “**ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION**” in accordance with Land Development Code section **25-1-181** by following these requirements.

ARTICLE 7. APPEALS, VARIANCES, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, AND ADJUSTMENTS.

Division 1. Appeals.

§ 25-1-181 STANDING TO APPEAL.

- (A) A person has standing to appeal a decision if:
 - (1) the person is an interested party; and
 - (2) a provision of this title identifies the decision as one that may be appealed by that person.
- (B) A body holding a public hearing on an appeal shall determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

Source: Section 13-1-250; Ord. 990225-70; Ord. 030828-65; Ord. 031211-11.

§ 25-1-182 INITIATING AN APPEAL.

An interested party may initiate an appeal by filing a notice of appeal with the responsible director or building official, as applicable, not later than:

- (1) the 14th day after the date of the decision of a board or commission; or
- (2) the 20th day after an administrative decision.

Source: Section 13-1-251(a); Ord. 990225-70; Ord. 031211-11.

§ 25-1-183 INFORMATION REQUIRED IN NOTICE OF APPEAL.

The notice of appeal must be on a form prescribed by the responsible director or building official and must include:

- (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the appellant;
- (2) the name of the applicant, if the appellant is not the applicant;
- (3) the decision being appealed;
- (4) the date of the decision;
- (5) a description of the appellant’s status as an interested party; and
- (6) the reasons the appellant believes the decision does not comply with the requirements of this title.

Source: Section 13-1-251(a); Ord. 990225-70; Ord. 010329-18; Ord. 031211-11.

By signing this document, I attest to having read and understand my rights as granted by the Land Development Code for the process for appealing a stop work order, remove or restore order, revocation, or suspension.

Signature: 	Date: 10/11/2017
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