General Provisions

1. Matters not provided for - Matters not provided for. Requirements that are essential for the public safety of an existing or proposed activity, building or structure, or for the safety of the occupants thereof, which are not specifically provided for by this code shall be determined by the fire code official.

2. Maintenance of safeguards. - Whenever or wherever any device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, or any other feature is required for compliance with the provisions of this code, or otherwise installed, such device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, or other feature shall thereafter be continuously maintained in accordance with this code and applicable referenced standards (example: exit lights, alarm systems, etc.)

3. Permit - Operational Permits must be acquired and readily available.

4. Address - New and existing buildings shall have address that are 4” in high with ½” stroke width. It must be visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification shall contrast with their background.
   a. Multitenant buildings in which tenant spaces have secondary doors from the exterior, such door shall have approved numbers or addresses on or adjacent to each door.

5. Key Boxes - Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, all commercial and retail structures in the Village of Claycomo shall install an approved Knox-Box® systems key box, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location.

6. Signs
   a. Max Occ Sign - Every room or space that is an assembly occupancy shall have the occupant load of the room or space posted.
   b. Warning Signs - must be posted where applicable.
   c. Stop Engine - Warning Sign shall be conspicuously posted in sight of each dispenser.
   d. No Smoking Signs - Required in spaces where flammable or combustible materials are stored or handled.

Common Issues found with inspections (not all-inclusive list)

Assemblies - Group A-3 (Churches, Community Halls, Dance/Exhibition Halls):
   1. Blocked exits
   2. No exit sign; exit lights out
   3. Doors locked during hours of occupancy
   4. Overcrowded, no occupant load sign posted
   5. Tables and/or chairs in exit paths
   6. Fire extinguisher not serviced or nonexistent
   7. Candles on tables in unsafe holders (permit required)
   8. Extension cords and other electrical problems
   9. Draperies shall not be placed over exit doors
   10. Decorations, draperies shall be fire retardant treated
11. Smoking areas
12. Combustible materials shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical
13. rooms, electrical equipment rooms or fire command centers
14. Lack of panic hardware and/or door hard to open
15. No emergency lighting or not tested
16. Fire alarm testing, or record of testing
17. Commercial kitchen extinguishing systems not tested
18. Grease accumulation on filters and/or in ducts
19. Locks and latches on exit doors
20. Painted sprinkler heads
21. Lack of visible address

Businesses – Group B & M (Clinics, Banks, Food Prep without restaurant < 2,500sq/ft, Professional Services, Retail, Drug Stores):
1. Blocked and/or obstructed egress (exit) doors
2. Misuse of extension cords
3. Extinguishers not serviced, inspected or missing, blocked, nor readily visible.
4. Lack of visible address
5. Storage of combustibles
6. Storage below sprinkler heads minimum of 18” (24” below ceiling without sprinklers)
7. Combustibles within 36” of heating equipment
8. Improper storage of flammable liquids
9. Lack of proper maintenance and/or testing of fire systems
10. Blocked or painted sprinkler heads
11. Not maintaining means of Egress or exit access clearance

Restaurants (A-2):
1. Grease accumulation on filters and/or in ducts
2. Hood system not serviced, nonexistent
3. Decorations, curtains, draperies shall be fire retardant treated
4. Fire extinguisher not serviced or nonexistent
5. Combustible materials shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms, electrical equipment rooms or fire command centers
6. Extension cords and other electrical problems
7. Lack of exit signs or exit sign lighting not working
8. Draperies shall not be placed over exit doors
9. Tables and/or chairs in exit paths
10. Illegal locks on egress (exit) doors
11. Permit required for candles
12. Emergency lighting missing or not tested
13. Storage in exit path or tables blocking exit door
14. No Occupant Load signs posted
15. Seating exceeds the posted Occupant Load signs
16. Painted sprinkler heads
17. Flaming food or beverage preparation

Multi-Unit Residences
1. Blocked exits
2. Fire extinguishers not serviced or missing
3. Storage of combustibles in exits, exit enclosure or stairways
4. Cluttered attic, garage, under stairs, heating room
5. Lack of (and/or not visible) exit signs
6. Lack of visible address
7. Combustibles stored next to water heater or furnace
8. Lack of emergency vehicle access to building
9. Fire protection equipment not working or serviced
10. R-2, R-3, and I-1 occupancies, a smoke alarm required in each sleeping unit
11. Fire safety evacuation plan (R-4) proof of staff training
12. Stairway doors blocked open
13. Smoke detectors in motels for operation
14. Water valves to sprinklers. Must be open
15. Flammable liquids storage
16. Painted sprinkler heads