



# State Fire Marshal's Office

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**Place Code:** 49860  
**Community:** Rhome OPA

Dear Darrell Fitch:

Insurance Services Office (ISO) has submitted a recommendation that extends your fire department response to an area outside the city limits. This area is an Outside Protected Area (OPA) and is limited to the area marked on the map that came with the request. This does not apply to the area within the city limits or the area covered by the Public Protection Classification (PPC). Currently, the area outlined in the OPA is **04/4Y**.

**Insurance Services Office is recommending the Public Protection Classification for the OPA be changed to a split Class 04/4X with an effective date of 2/1/2022.** The recommendation is based on a review of your community performed on 6/1/2021 and does include application of the Texas Exception to the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule.

With a split class, all class-rated properties located within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant or water supply suction point and within 5 miles of a fire station will use **Class 04**. All class-rated properties located farther than 1000 feet of a fire hydrant or water supply suction point and within 5 miles of a fire station will use **Class 4X**.

Public Protection Classifications range from 1 (superior) to 10 (does not meet minimum criteria).

We have reviewed the information provided and believe it is enough to grant approval. The Insurance Services Office will be notified of our approval of their recommendation and the effective date.

If you have any questions regarding this change, I may be reached at the address indicated above or by email to [PPCOversight@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:PPCOversight@tdi.texas.gov).

***Please make sure all community officials and residents within your district are notified of the new Public Protection Classification rating for your community, and the effective date.***

We would like to find out how you feel about the Public Protection Classification (PPC) process and the Insurance Services Office (ISO) inspection services, by your participation in a brief customer satisfaction survey.

As a newly rated community you are our target audience and we would appreciate your feedback. The data you provide to us will assist us in reviewing our processes to make our relationships better. Please click [here](#) to complete our customer satisfaction survey.

We thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Joel Duke  
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Approved

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Signature:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_