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**CITY OF LAVON RECEIVES IMPROVED INSURANCE RATING  
LAVON, TX (February 14, 2020)**

The City of Lavon has been notified by the Texas Department of Insurance and the State Fire Marshal's Office that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) has recommended a classification change in the City's Public Protection Classification (PPC) from a Class 6/6X to a Class 4/4X.

The PPC system is the countrywide classification system used by the ISO to reflect a community's local fire protection for property insurance rating purposes. "This rating demonstrates the city's commitment toward providing the highest quality of public safety for our citizens," said Lavon Fire Chief Danny Anthony. "Dedicated and highly qualified volunteers, strong subdivision requirements and building codes, and fire equipment upgrades were some of the items that affected our rating."

ISO classifies communities from 1 (the best) to 10 (the worst) based on how well they score on the ISO Fire Suppression Rating Schedule, which grades such features as water distribution and fire department equipment, manpower and fire alarm facilities.

Mayor Vicki Sanson said, "We are extremely proud of the Lavon Fire Department and what we have accomplished in the last year. This upgrade communicates to residents and businesses that safety and quality of life are among our highest priorities."

The improved rating should go into effect in June of 2020. The rating improvement from a 6/6X to a 4/4X could have significant effect on insurance premiums. The amount of change could vary from company to company depending on whether the company uses the ISO/PPC system. Residents and business owners should check with their individual insurance agents for possible savings in their premiums.

For more information, visit the [Texas Department of Insurance/State Fire Marshal's Office](http://www.tdi.texas.gov) at [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov).

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## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

### State Fire Marshal's Office (112-FM)

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1/15/2020

Mr. Danny Anthony  
Fire Chief of Lavon  
501 Lincoln Avenue  
Lavon, Texas 75166

**Place Code: Collin: 08546**

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Insurance Services Office (ISO) has submitted a recommendation concerning your community's Public Protection Classification (PPC). Currently, the Community's Public Protection Classification is a Class **6/6X (prior classification 6/9)**.

**Insurance Services Office is recommending the classification be changed to a split Class 4/4X (prior classification 4/9), with an effective date of 6/1/2020.** The recommendation is based on a review of your community performed on 10/8/2019 and does include application of the Texas Addendum to the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule.

With a split **Class 4/4X (prior classification 4/9)**, 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 4**. 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 (prior classification 9)**.

Public Protection Classifications range from 1 (best) to 10 (worst).

We have reviewed the information provided and believe it is enough to grant approval. Enclosed is a PPC Submittal sheet indicating the point totals for the major areas associated with the review. The Insurance Services Office will be notified of our approval of their recommendation and the 6/1/2020 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'd really 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,



Jesse James Williams  
PPC Oversight Officer  
[PPCOversight@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:PPCOversight@tdi.texas.gov)

**TEXAS STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

- Approved
- Disapproved

Signature:  Date: 02/06/2020



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Danny Anthony  
Fire Chief of Lavon OPA  
501 Lincoln Avenue  
Lavon, Texas 75166

**Place Code: Collin: 08549**

Dear Mr. Anthony:

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 unclassified.

**Insurance Services Office is recommending the Public Protection Classification for the OPA be changed to a split Class 4/4X (prior classification 4/9), with an effective date of 6/1/2020.** The recommendation is based on a review of your community performed on 10/8/2019 and does include application of the Texas Addendum.

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