

Why City Buildings Are Needed

Why a change in city office buildings is needed may not be readily apparent to the casual observer. This document examines the needs of the Fire Department, Police Department and the City Offices.

Fire Department:

The Fire Department is currently housed in a cinder block brick veneered building on the corner of “C” and Third Streets. As can be seen from the photos, the building is land-locked, and relies on the good graces of the adjoining property owner for storage and parking. The “apron” [Figure 1] (truck parking) in front of the station extends into “C” street. The cinder block building exhibits cracking and settling, smoke and fire penetrations through existing walls and rooms which are inadequate in size. [Figures 2 and 3] The bay, where the trucks are stored, has been modified to accommodate the larger trucks currently in use. There is inadequate space for storage of equipment and movement around the vehicles. [Figures 4 and 5.]

The sleeping accommodations for the fire fighters are sub-standard. [Figures 6 and 7.]



Figure 1



Figure 2 (left) shows cracking in the top right corner above door frame, loose barrier above door and smoke and fire penetrations in walls and ceilings. Figure 3 (right) shows severe cracking below and behind electrical panels. Storage of flammable materials around electrical panels.



Figure 4 (left) approximately 12 inches of walk space between wall, stored items and back of fire truck. Figure 5 (right) insufficient equipment storage and minimal aisle space in storage area.



Figure 6 (left) and Figure 7 (right) are of the bunk room. The door can not be completely opened because of the second set of bunks.

