SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Mechanical Code; amending Section 22.400.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code and adopting by reference Chapters 2 through 9 and Chapters 11 through 16 of the 2015 International Mechanical Code with amendments; and adopting a new Chapter 1 related to administration, permitting, and enforcement; and repealing Sections 2 through 14 of Ordinance 124275.

Notes:

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1	City Clerk	08/23/2016	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office **Notes:**						
1	Council President's Office	09/01/2016	sent for review	Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee			
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1	Full Council	09/06/2016	referred	Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee	
1	Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee	09/15/2016	pass		Pass

Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).
Notes:

In Favor: 2 Chair Johnson, Vice Chair O'Brien
Opposed: 0
Absent(NV): 1 Member Herbold

1	Full Council	10/03/2016	passed		Pass

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:
Notes:

In Favor: 7 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien
Opposed: 0

1	City Clerk	10/05/2016	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor
1	Mayor	10/07/2016	Signed	
1	Mayor	10/07/2016	returned	City Clerk
1	City Clerk	10/07/2016	attested by City Clerk	

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.
Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125162

COUNCIL BILL 118782

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Mechanical Code; amending Section 22.400.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code and adopting by reference Chapters 2 through 9 and Chapters 11 through 16 of the 2015 International Mechanical Code with amendments; and adopting a new Chapter 1 related to administration, permitting, and enforcement; and repealing Sections 2 through 14 of Ordinance 124275.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 22.400.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124275, is amended as follows:

22.400.010 Adoption of International Mechanical Code and local amendments

The Seattle Mechanical Code consists of: (1) the following portions of the ((~~2012~~)) 2015 edition of the International Mechanical Code published by the International Code Council, as amended by the City Council by ordinance: Chapters 2 through 9, Chapters 11 through ((~~15~~)) 16, and (2) Chapter 1 relating to administration, permitting, and enforcement adopted by City Council ordinance. One copy of the ((~~2012~~)) 2015 International Mechanical Code is filed with the City Clerk in C.F. ((~~313187~~)) 319953.

Section 2. Chapter 1 of the Seattle Mechanical Code is adopted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1

ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 101

TITLE

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the "Seattle Mechanical Code," may be cited as such, and are referred to herein as "this code." All references to the *International Mechanical Code* contained in this code mean the *Seattle Mechanical Code*.

SECTION 102

PURPOSE

102.1 Purpose. The purpose of this code is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, installation, quality of materials, location, operation, and maintenance or use of heating, ventilating, cooling, refrigeration systems, incinerators and other miscellaneous heat–producing appliances within the City. The purpose of this code is to provide for and promote the health, safety and welfare of the general public, and not to create or otherwise establish or designate any particular class or group of persons who will or should be especially protected or benefited by the terms of this code.

SECTION 103

APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

103.1 Scope. This code applies to the erection, installation, alteration, repair, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of any heating, ventilating, cooling, refrigeration systems, incinerators or other miscellaneous heat-producing appliances within the City. The

design and testing of equipment regulated by this code are subject to the approval of the code official.

Exceptions:

1. Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories above grade plane with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the *International Residential Code*.
2. The standards for liquefied petroleum gas installations are the 2014 edition of NFPA 58 (Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code) and the 2015 edition of ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54 (National Fuel Gas Code), as amended.

103.2 Applicability of city laws. A mechanical permit application shall be considered under the Seattle Mechanical, Fuel Gas and Energy codes in effect on a date as provided below, or on a date as otherwise required by law.

1. Mechanical permit applications shall be considered under the codes in effect on the date used to determine the codes applicable to the building permit application according to Seattle Building Code Section 101.3 if any of Items 1.1 through 1.3 apply:
   1.1 The mechanical permit application is submitted as part of a building permit application;
   1.2 The mechanical permit application is for work directly associated with a building permit but is submitted separately from the building permit application; or
   1.3 The mechanical permit application is for initial tenant alterations submitted no later than 18 months after the date of the approved final inspection for the building, and is

submitted before the expiration date of the building permit for the tenant alteration, as determined by Seattle Building Code Section 106.9.

2. Mechanical permit applications other than those subject to Item 1 shall be considered under the codes in effect on the date a complete mechanical permit application is submitted that complies with all the requirements of Section 116.

103.3 Additions, alterations and repairs. Additions, alterations, repairs and replacement of equipment or systems shall comply with the provisions for new equipment and systems except as otherwise provided in Section 104 of this code.

Exception: Additions, alterations, renovations or repairs to a mechanical system that is part of a building addition with less than 500 square feet of conditioned floor area are exempt from the requirements for whole house ventilation systems, Section 403.8.5.

103.4 Internal consistency. If in any specific case, different sections of this code specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive governs. If there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement governs.

103.5 Referenced codes and standards. The codes and standards referenced in this code are part of the requirements of this code to the extent prescribed by each such reference. If differences occur between provisions of this code and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of this code apply.

Exception: Where enforcement of a code provision would violate the conditions of the listing of the equipment or appliance, the conditions of the listing and manufacturer's instructions apply.

103.6 Appendices. Provisions in the *International Mechanical Code* appendices do not apply unless specifically adopted.

103.7 Metric units. Wherever in this code there is a conflict between metric units of measurement and U.S. customary units, the U.S. customary units govern.

103.8 References to other codes. Whenever an International, National or Uniform Code is referenced in this code, it means the Seattle edition of that code, including local amendments. References to the "Building Code", "Fuel Gas Code", "Fire Code", "Residential Code" and "Plumbing Code" mean the Seattle editions of those codes.

SECTION 104

APPLICATION TO EXISTING MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

104.1 Additions, alterations, renovations or repairs. Additions, alterations, renovations or repairs may be made to any mechanical system without requiring the existing mechanical system to comply with all the requirements of this code, if the addition, alteration, renovation or repair conforms to the standards required for a new mechanical system. Additions, alterations, renovations or repairs shall not cause an existing system to become unsafe, unhealthy or overloaded.

Minor additions, alterations, renovations, and repairs to existing mechanical systems may be installed in accordance with the law in effect at the time the original installation was made, if approved by the code official.

104.2 Existing installations. Mechanical systems lawful at the time of the adoption of this code may continue their use, be maintained or repaired, be converted to another type of fuel, or have components replaced if the use, maintenance, repair, conversion of fuel, or component

replacement is done in accordance with the basic original design and location, and no hazard to life, health or property has been or is created by such mechanical system.

104.3 Changes in building occupancy. Mechanical systems that are a part of a building or structure undergoing a change in occupancy as defined in the International Building Code shall comply with all requirements of this code that are applicable to the new use or occupancy.

104.4 Maintenance. All mechanical systems, materials, equipment, appurtenances and all parts thereof shall be maintained in proper operating condition in accordance with the original design and in a safe and hazard-free condition. All devices or safeguards that were required by a code in effect when the mechanical system was installed shall be maintained in conformance with the code edition under which installed. The owner or the owner's authorized agent is responsible for maintenance of mechanical systems and equipment. To determine compliance with this subsection, the code official may cause a mechanical system or equipment to be reinspected.

The fire chief and the code official each have authority to obtain compliance with the requirements of this subsection.

Exception: The code official may modify the requirements of this section where all or a portion of the building is unoccupied.

104.5 Moved buildings. Building or structures moved into or within the City shall comply with standards adopted by the code official. No building shall be moved into or within the City unless, prior to moving, the code official has inspected the building for compliance with this code and the permit holder has agreed to correct all deficiencies found and has been issued a building permit for the work. A bond or cash deposit in an amount sufficient to abate or demolish the building shall be posted prior to issuance of a permit. See Section 116 for information required on plans. Any moved building that is not in complete compliance with standards for moved

buildings within eighteen months from the date of permit issuance and is found to be a public nuisance may be abated.

104.6 Landmarks--Historic buildings and structures. The code official may modify the specific requirements of this code as it applies to landmarks and require in lieu thereof alternate requirements that, in the opinion of the code official, will result in a reasonable degree of safety to the public and the occupants of those buildings.

For purposes of this section a landmark is a building or structure: that is subject to a requirement to obtain a certificate of approval from the City Landmarks Preservation Board before altering or making significant changes to specific features or characteristics, that has been nominated for designation and the City Landmarks Preservation Board has not issued a determination regarding designation, that has been designated for preservation by the City Landmarks Preservation Board, that has been designated for preservation by the State of Washington, that has been listed or determined eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, or that is located in a landmark or special review district subject to a requirement to obtain a certificate of approval before making a change to the external appearance of a structure.

SECTION 105

ALTERNATE MATERIALS AND METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION

105.1 Alternate materials and methods of construction and design. This code does not prevent the use of any material, design or method of construction not specifically allowed or prohibited by this code, provided the alternate has been approved and its use authorized by the code official. The code official may approve an alternate, provided the code official finds that the proposed alternate complies with the provisions of this code and that the alternate, when

considered together with other safety features of the building or other relevant circumstances, will provide at least an equivalent level of strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, safety and sanitation. The code official may require that sufficient evidence or proof be submitted to reasonably substantiate any claims regarding the use or suitability of the alternate. The code official may, but is not required to, record the approval of alternates and any relevant information in the files of the code official or on the approved construction documents.

SECTION 106

MODIFICATIONS

106.1 Modifications. The code official may modify the provisions of this code for individual cases if the code official finds: (1) there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code; (2) the modification is in conformity with the intent and purpose of this code; and (3) the modification will provide a reasonable level of strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, safety and sanitation when considered together with other safety features of the building or other relevant circumstances. The code official may, but is not required to, record the approval of modifications and any relevant information in the files of the code official or on the approved construction documents.

SECTION 107

TESTS

107.1 Tests. Whenever there is insufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of this code or evidence that any material or method of construction does not conform to the requirements of this code, the code official may require tests as proof of compliance, to be made at no expense to the City. Test methods shall be as specified in this code or by other recognized test standards. If there are no recognized and accepted test methods for the proposed alternate,

the code official shall determine the test procedures. All tests shall be made by an approved agency. Reports of such tests shall be retained by the code official for the period required for retention of public records.

SECTION 108

ORGANIZATION AND DUTIES OF CODE OFFICIAL

108.1 Jurisdiction of the Department of Construction and Inspections. The Department of Construction and Inspections is authorized to administer and enforce this code. The Department of Construction and Inspections is under the administrative and operational control of the Director, who is the code official.

108.2 Designees. The code official may appoint such officers, inspectors, assistants and employees as are authorized from time to time. The code official may authorize such employees and other agents as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the code official.

108.3 Right of entry. With the consent of the owner or occupier of a building or premises, or pursuant to a lawfully issued warrant, the code official may enter a building or premises at any reasonable time to perform the duties imposed by this code.

108.4 Liability. Nothing in this code is intended to be nor shall be construed to create or form the basis for any liability on the part of the City, or its officers, employees or agents, for any injury or damage resulting from the failure of equipment to conform to the provisions of this code, or by reason or as a consequence of any inspection, notice, order, certificate, permission or approval authorized or issued or done in connection with the implementation or enforcement of this code, or by reason of any action or inaction on the part of the City related in any manner to the enforcement of this code by its officers, employees or agents.

This code shall not be construed to lessen or relieve the responsibility of any person owning, operating or controlling any equipment, building or structure for any damages to persons or property caused by defects, nor shall the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections or the City of Seattle be held to have assumed any such liability by reason of the inspections authorized by this code or any permits or certificates issued under this code.

108.5 Responsibility for compliance. Compliance with the requirements of this code is the obligation of the owner of the building, structure or premises, the authorized agent of the owner, and other persons responsible for the condition or work, and not of the City or any of its officers, employees or agents.

SECTION 109

UNSAFE EQUIPMENT AND HAZARD CORRECTION ORDER

109.1 Emergency order. Whenever the code official finds that any equipment regulated by this code is in such a dangerous and unsafe condition as to constitute an imminent hazard to life or limb, the code official may issue an emergency order. The emergency order may (1) direct that the equipment be restored to a safe condition by a date certain; (2) require that the building, structure or premises, or portion thereof, containing the equipment be vacated within a reasonable time to be specified in the order, or in the case of extreme danger, the order may specify immediate vacation of the building, structure or premises, or portion thereof; or (3) authorize immediate disconnection of the utilities or energy source.

109.1.1 Service of emergency order. The order shall be posted on the premises or personally served on the owner of the building or premises or any person responsible for the condition. The order shall specify the time for compliance.

109.1.2 Effect of emergency order. No person may occupy a building, structure or premises, or portion thereof, after the date on which the building is required to be vacated until the building, structure or premises, or portion thereof, is restored to a safe condition as required by the order and this code. It is a violation for any person to fail to comply with an emergency order issued by the code official.

109.2 Hazard correction order. Whenever the code official finds that unsafe equipment exists, the code official may issue a hazard correction order specifying the conditions causing the equipment to be unsafe and directing the owner or other person responsible for the unsafe equipment to correct the condition by a date certain. In lieu of correction, the owner may submit a report or analysis to the code official analyzing said conditions and establishing that the equipment is, in fact, safe. The code official may require that the report or analysis be prepared by a licensed engineer.

109.2.1 Service of hazard correction order. The order shall be served upon the owner, agent or other responsible person by personal service or regular first class mail addressed to the last known address of such person or if no address is available after reasonable inquiry, the order may be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises. The order may also be posted if served by personal service or first class mail.

109.2.2 Effect of hazard correction order. It is a violation for any person to fail to comply with a hazard correction order as specified in this subsection.

SECTION 110

ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

110.1 Violations. It is a violation of this code for any person to:

1. Install, erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, replace, remodel, move, improve, remove, convert or demolish, equip, occupy, use or maintain any mechanical system or equipment, or cause or permit the same to be done, in the City, contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of this code.
2. Knowingly aid, abet, counsel, encourage, hire, induce or otherwise procure another to violate or fail to comply with this code.
3. Use any material or install any device, appliance or equipment that is subject to this code and has not been approved by the code official.
4. Violate or fail to comply with any order issued by the code official pursuant to the provisions of this code or with any requirements of this code.
5. Remove, mutilate, destroy or conceal any notice or order issued or posted by the code official pursuant to the provisions of this code, or any notice or order issued or posted by the code official in response to a natural disaster or other emergency.
6. Conduct work under a permit without requesting an inspection as required by Section 119.

110.2 Notice of violation. If, after investigation, the code official determines that standards or requirements of this code have been violated or that orders or requirements have not been complied with, the code official may issue a notice of violation upon the owner, agent, or other person responsible for the action or condition. The notice of violation shall state the standards or requirements violated, shall state what corrective action, if any, is necessary to comply with the standards or requirements, and shall set a reasonable time for compliance.

110.2.1 Service of notice of violation. The notice shall be served upon the owner, agent or other responsible person by personal service or regular first class mail addressed to the last known address of such person, or if no address is available after reasonable inquiry, the notice may be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises. The notice may also be posted if served by personal service or first class mail. Nothing in this section limits or precludes any action or proceeding to enforce this code, and nothing obligates or requires the code official to issue a notice of violation prior to the imposition of civil or criminal penalties.

110.2.2 Review of notice of violation by the code official. Any person affected by a notice of violation issued pursuant to Section 111.2 may obtain a review of the notice by making a request in writing to the code official within ten days after service of the notice. When the last day of the period computed is a Saturday, Sunday, or city holiday, the period runs until 5 p.m. of the next business day.

110.2.2.1 Review procedure. The review shall occur not less than ten nor more than 20 days after the request is received by the code official unless otherwise agreed to by the person requesting the review. Any person affected by the notice of violation may submit additional information to the code official. The review shall be made by a representative of the code official who will review any additional information that is submitted and the basis for issuance of the notice of violation. The reviewer may request clarification of the information received and a site visit.

110.2.2.2 Decision. After the review, the code official shall:

1. Sustain the notice;
2. Withdraw the notice;
3. Amend the notice; or

4. Continue the review to a date certain.

111.2.2.3 Order. The code official shall issue an order containing the decision within 15 days of the date that the review is completed and shall cause the order to be mailed by regular first class mail to the persons requesting the review and the persons named on the notice of violation, addressed to their last known address.

110.3 Stop work orders. The code official may issue a stop work order whenever any work is being done contrary to the provisions of this code, or contrary to a permit issued by the code official, or in the event of dangerous or unsafe conditions related to equipment or construction. The stop work order shall identify the violation and may prohibit work or other activity on the site.

110.3.1 Service of stop work order. The code official shall serve the stop work order by posting it in a conspicuous place at the site. If posting is not physically possible, the stop work order may be served by personal service or by regular first class mail to the last known address of: the property owner, the person doing or causing the work to be done, or the holder of a permit if work is being stopped on a permit. For purposes of this section, service is complete at the time of posting or of personal service, or if mailed, three days after the date of mailing. When the last day of the period so computed is a Saturday, Sunday or city holiday, the period runs until 5 p.m. on the next business day.

110.3.2 Effective date of stop work order. Stop work orders are effective when posted, or if posting is not physically possible, when one of the persons identified in Section 111.3.1 is served.

110.3.3 Review of stop work orders by the code official. Any person aggrieved by a stop work order may obtain a review of the order by delivering to the code official a request in writing within two business days of the date of service of the stop work order.

110.3.3.1 Review procedure. The review shall occur within two business days after receipt by the code official of the request for review unless otherwise agreed by the person making the request. Any person affected by the stop work order may submit additional information to the code official for consideration as part of the review at any time prior to the review. The review will be made by a representative of the code official who will review all additional information received and may also request a site visit.

110.3.3.2 Decision. After the review, the code official may:

1. Sustain the stop work order;
2. Withdraw the stop work order;
3. Modify the stop work order; or
4. Continue the review to a date certain.

110.3.3.3 Order. The code official shall issue an order containing the decision within two business days after the review is completed and shall cause the order to be sent by regular first class mail to the person or persons requesting the review, any person on whom the stop work order was served, and any other person who requested a copy before issuance of the order, addressed to their last known address.

110.4 Authority to disconnect utilities in emergencies. The code official has the authority to disconnect fuel-gas utility service or energy supplies to a building, structure, premises or equipment regulated by this code in case of emergency where necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard to life or property. The code official may enter any building or premises to

disconnect utility service. The code official shall, whenever possible, notify the serving utility, the owner and the occupant of the building, structure or premises of the decision to disconnect prior to taking such action, and shall notify the serving utility, owner and occupant of the building, structure or premises in writing of such disconnection immediately thereafter.

110.5 Authority to condemn equipment. Whenever the code official determines that any equipment or portion thereof regulated by this code is hazardous to life, health or property, the code official shall order in writing that such equipment either be disconnected, removed or restored to a safe or sanitary condition, as appropriate. The written notice shall fix a date certain for compliance with such order. It is a violation for any person to use or maintain defective equipment after receiving such notice.

When any equipment or installation is to be disconnected, the code official shall give written notice of such disconnection and causes therefore within 24 hours to the serving utility, the owner and the occupant of the building, structure or premises. When any equipment is maintained in violation of this code, and in violation of a notice issued pursuant to the provisions of this section, the code official shall institute any appropriate action to prevent, restrain, correct or abate the violation.

110.6 Connection after order to disconnect. No person shall make connections from any energy, fuel or power supply nor supply energy or fuel to any equipment regulated by this code that has been disconnected or ordered to be disconnected by the code official, or the use of which has been ordered to be discontinued by the code official until the code official authorizes the reconnection and use of such equipment.

110.7 Civil penalties. Any person violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this code is subject to a cumulative civil penalty in an amount not to exceed $500 per day for each

violation from the date the violation occurs or begins until the date compliance is achieved. In cases where the code official has issued a notice of violation, the violation will be deemed to begin, for purposes of determining the number of days of violation, on the date compliance is required by the notice of violation.

110.8 Enforcement in Municipal Court. Civil actions to enforce this code shall be brought exclusively in Seattle Municipal Court, except as otherwise required by law or court rule. In any civil action for a penalty, the City has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that a violation exists or existed; the issuance of a notice of violation or of an order following a review by the code official is not itself evidence that a violation exists.

110.9 Judicial review. Because civil actions to enforce this code must be brought exclusively in Seattle Municipal Court pursuant to Section 111.8, orders of the code official, including notices of violation issued under this chapter, are not subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 36.70C RCW.

110.10 Alternative criminal penalty. Anyone who violates or fails to comply with any notice of violation or order issued by the code official pursuant to this code or who removes, mutilates, destroys or conceals a notice issued or posted by the code official shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than $5000 or by imprisonment for not more than 365 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment for each separate violation. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

110.11 Additional relief. The code official may seek legal or equitable relief to enjoin any acts or practices and abate any condition when necessary to achieve compliance.

110.12 Administrative review by the code official. Prior to issuance of the mechanical permit, applicants may request administrative review by the code official of decisions or actions

pertaining to the administration and enforcement of this code. Requests shall be addressed to the code official.

110.13 Administrative review by the Construction Codes Advisory Board. After administrative review by the code official, and prior to issuance of the mechanical permit, applicants may request review of decisions or actions pertaining to the application and interpretation of this code by the Construction Codes Advisory Board according to International Building Code Section 103.11, except for stop work orders, notices of violations and revocations of permits. The review will be performed by three or more members of the Construction Codes Advisory Board, chosen by the Board Chair. The Chair shall consider the subject of the review and members' expertise when selecting members to conduct a review. The decision of the review panel is advisory only; the final decision is made by the code official.

110.14 Recording. The code official may record a copy of any order or notice with the Department of Records and Elections of King County.

110.15 Appeal to Superior Court. Final decisions of the Seattle Municipal Court on enforcement actions authorized by Title 22 and this code may be appealed pursuant to the Rules for Appeal of Decisions of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.

SECTION 111

RULES OF THE CODE OFFICIAL

111.1 Authority. The code official has authority to issue interpretations of this code and to adopt and enforce rules and regulations supplemental to this code as may be deemed necessary to clarify the application of the provisions of this code. Such interpretations, rules and regulations shall be in conformity with the intent and purpose of this code.

111.2 Procedure for adoption of rules. The code official shall promulgate, adopt and issue rules according to the procedures specified in the Administrative Code, Chapter 3.02 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

SECTION 112

CONSTRUCTION CODES ADVISORY BOARD

112.1 Construction Codes Advisory Board committee. A committee of the Construction Codes Advisory Board may examine proposed administrative rules, and amendments relating to this code and related provisions of other codes and make recommendations to the code official and to the City Council for changes in this code. The committee will be called on as needed by the Construction Codes Advisory Board.

SECTION 113

PERMITS

113.1 Permits required. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this code, a permit shall be obtained from the code official prior to each installation, alteration, repair, replacement or remodel of any equipment or mechanical system regulated by this code. A separate mechanical permit is required for each separate building or structure.

113.2 Work exempt from permit.

113.2.1 Mechanical. A mechanical permit is not required for the work listed below.

1. Portable heating appliances, portable ventilating equipment, and portable cooling units, if the total capacity of these portable appliances does not exceed 40 percent of the cumulative heating, cooling or ventilating requirements of a building or dwelling unit and does not exceed 3 kW or 10,000 Btu input.

2. Any closed system of steam, hot or chilled water piping within heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.

3. Minor work or the replacement of any component part of a mechanical system that does not alter its original approval and complies with other applicable requirements of this code.

113.2.2 Refrigeration. A mechanical permit is not required for the following refrigerant equipment:

1. Any self-contained refrigerating equipment for which an operating permit is not required.

2. Any self-contained refrigeration system that does not exceed three horsepower rating.

113.3 Compliance required. All work shall comply with this code, even where no permit is required.

113.4 Flood hazard areas. In addition to the permit required by this section, all work to be performed in areas of special flood hazard as defined in Chapter 25.06 of the Seattle Municipal Code, subject to additional standards and requirements set forth in Chapter 25.06, the Seattle Floodplain Development Ordinance.

113.5 Emergency repairs. In the case of an emergency, the installation, alteration or repair of any refrigeration system or equipment may be made without a permit, provided that application for a permit is made within the later of 24 hours or one working day from the time when the emergency work was started.

SECTION 114

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

114.1 Application. To obtain a permit, the applicant shall first file an application in a format determined by the code official. Every such application shall:

1. Identify and describe the work to be covered by the permit for which application is made.
2. Describe the land on which the proposed work is to be done by legal description, property address or similar description that will readily identify and definitely locate the proposed building or work.
3. Provide the contractor's business name, address, phone number and current contractor registration number (required if contractor has been selected). To obtain a permit for work on a refrigeration system, the applicant shall also provide the number of the refrigeration contractor license issued by the City.
4. Be accompanied by construction documents, including plans, diagrams, computations and specifications, equipment schedules and other data as required in Sections 116.2 and 116.3.
5. State the valuation of the mechanical work to be done. The valuation of the mechanical work is the estimated current value of all labor and material, whether actually paid for or not, for which the permit is sought.
6. Be signed by the owner of the property or building, or the owner's authorized agent, who may be required to submit evidence to indicate such authority.
7. Give such other data and information as may be required by the code official.
8. State the name of the owner and the name, address and phone number of a contact person.

9. Substantially conform with applicable law in effect on the date described in Section R101.3, as modified by any exception.

114.2 Construction documents. Construction documents shall be submitted in one or more sets with each application for a permit, or shall be submitted in electronic format determined by the code official. The code official may require plans, computations and specifications to be prepared and designed by an engineer or architect licensed by the state to practice as such. Projects having a total mechanical valuation of $50,000 or larger shall have a mechanical engineering stamp and signature on each sheet.

Exception: A mechanical engineer's stamp or submission of construction documents is not required if the code official finds that the nature of the work applied for is such that review of construction documents is not necessary to obtain compliance with this code.

114.3 Information on construction documents.

114.3.1 Clarity of plans. Plans shall be drawn to a clearly indicated and commonly accepted scale in a format determined by the code official.

114.3.2 Fire-resistive notes. The code official may require that plans for buildings more than two stories in height of other than Group R-3 and Group U occupancies indicate how required structural and fire-resistive integrity will be maintained where a penetration will be made for electrical, mechanical, plumbing and communication conduits, pipes and similar systems.

114.3.3 Information required on plans. The plans or specifications shall show the following:

1. Layout for each floor with dimensions of all working spaces and a legend of all symbols used.

2. Location, size and material of all piping.
3. Location, size and materials of all air ducts, air inlets and air outlets.
4. Location of all fans, warm-air furnaces, boilers, absorption units, refrigerant compressors and condensers and the weight of all pieces of such equipment weighing 200 pounds or more.
5. Rated capacity or horsepower and efficiency rating of all boilers, warm-air furnaces, heat exchangers, blower fans, refrigerant compressors and absorption units. See also the *International Energy Conservation Code*.
6. Location, size and material of all combustion products vents and chimneys.
7. Location and area of all ventilation and combustion air openings and ducts.
8. Location of all air dampers and fire shutters.
9. The first sheet of each set of plans and specifications shall show the address of the proposed work and the name and address of the owner or lessee of the premises.
10. Architectural drawings, typical envelope cross sections and other drawings or data may be required to support system sizing calculations or other thermal requirements of this code or the *International Energy Conservation Code*.

SECTION 115

APPLICATION REVIEW AND PERMIT ISSUANCE

115.1 Issuance. The application and construction documents shall be reviewed by the code official. The construction documents may be reviewed by other departments of the City to check compliance with the laws and ordinances under their jurisdiction.

115.1.1 Issuance of permit. The code official shall issue a permit to the applicant if the code official finds the following:

1. The work described in the construction documents substantially conforms to the requirements of this code and other pertinent laws and ordinances;
2. The fees specified in the Seattle Municipal Code, Title 22, Subtitle IX, Permit Fees have been paid; and
3. The applicant has complied with all requirements to be performed prior to issuance of a permit for the work under other pertinent laws, ordinances or regulations or included in a master use permit, or otherwise imposed by the building official.

When the permit is issued, the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent becomes the permit holder.

115.1.2 Compliance with approved construction documents. When the code official issues a permit, the code official shall endorse the permit in writing or in electronic format and stamp the plans "APPROVED." Such approved plans and permit shall not be changed, modified or altered without authorization from the code official, and all work shall be done in accordance with the approved construction documents and permit except as authorized by the code official during a field inspection to correct errors or omissions, or as authorized by Section 115.2.

115.2 Revisions to the permit. When changes to the approved work are made during construction, approval of the code official shall be obtained prior to execution. The building or mechanical inspector may approve minor changes for work not reducing the structural strength or fire and life safety of the structure. The building or mechanical inspector shall determine if it is necessary to revise the approved construction documents. If revised plans are required, changes shall be submitted to and approved by the code official, accompanied by fees specified in the Seattle Municipal Code, Title 22, Subtitle IX, Permit Fees prior to occupancy. All changes

shall conform to the requirements of this code and other pertinent laws and ordinances and other issued permits.

Minor changes shall not incur additional fees if these changes do not (1) add to the general scope of work; (2) change the basic design concept; (3) involve major relocation of equipment, ducts, or pipes; (4) substantially alter approved equipment size; or (5) require extensive re-review of the plans and specifications.

115.3 Cancellation of permit applications. Applications may be cancelled if no permit is issued by the earlier of the following: (1) twelve months following the date of application; or (2) sixty days after the date of written notice that the permit is ready to be issued. After cancellation, construction documents may be returned to the applicant or destroyed by the code official.

The code official shall notify the applicant in writing at least 30 days before the application is cancelled. The notice shall specify a date by which a request for extension must be submitted in order to avoid cancellation. The date shall be at least two weeks prior to the date on which the application will be cancelled.

115.4 Extensions prior to permit issuance. At the discretion of the code official, applications for projects that require more than 12 months to review and approve may be extended for a period that provides reasonable time to complete the review and approval, but in no case longer than 24 months from the date of the original application. No application may be extended more than once. After cancellation, the applicant shall submit a new application and pay a new fee to restart the permit process.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this code, applications may be extended where issuance of the permit is delayed by litigation, preparation of environmental impact statements, appeals,

strikes or other causes related to the application that are beyond the applicant's control, or while the applicant is making progress toward issuance of a master use permit.

115.5 Retention of plans. One set of approved plans, which may be on microfilm or in electronic format, shall be retained by the code official. One set of approved plans shall be returned to the applicant and shall be kept at the site of the building or work for use by the inspection personnel at all times when the work authorized is in progress.

115.6 Validity of permit. The issuance or granting of a permit or approval of construction documents shall:

1. Not be construed to be a permit for, or an approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of this code or other pertinent laws and ordinances.
2. Not prevent the code official from requiring the correction of errors in the construction documents, or from preventing building operations being carried on thereunder when in violation of this code or of other pertinent laws and ordinances of the City.
3. Not prevent the code official from requiring correction of conditions found to be in violation of this code or other pertinent laws and ordinances of the City, or
4. Not be construed to extend the period of time for which any such permit is issued or otherwise affect any period of time for compliance specified in any notice or order issued by the code official or other administrative authority requiring the correction of any such conditions.

115.7 Expiration of permits. Authority to do the work authorized by a permit expires 18 months from the date of issuance. An approved renewal extends the life of a permit for an

additional 18 months from the prior expiration date. An approved reestablishment extends the life of the permit for 18 months from the date the permit expired.

Exceptions:

1. Initial permits for major construction projects that require more than 18 months to complete may be issued for a period that provides reasonable time to complete the work, according to an approved construction schedule. The building official may authorize a permit expiration date not to exceed three years from the date of issuance.
2. The code official may issue permits that expire in less than 18 months if the code official determines a shorter period is appropriate to complete the work.

115.8 Renewal of permits. Permits may be renewed and renewed permits may be further renewed by the code official, if the following conditions are met:

1. Application for renewal is made within the 30 day period immediately preceding the date of expiration of the permit; and
2. If the project has had an associated discretionary Land Use review, and the land use approval has not expired; and
3. If an application for renewal is made more than 18 months after the date of mandatory compliance with a new or revised edition of this code, the permit shall not be renewed unless:
   - 3.1 The code official determines that the permit complies, or is modified to comply with the Seattle Mechanical, Fuel Gas and Energy codes in effect on the date of application for renewal; or
   - 3.2 The work authorized by the permit is substantially underway and progressing at a rate approved by the building official. "Substantially underway" means that

normally required inspections have been approved for work such as foundations, framing, mechanical, insulation and finish work is being completed on a continuing basis; or

3.3 Commencement or completion of the work authorized by the permit is delayed by litigation, appeals, strikes or other extraordinary circumstances related to the work authorized by the permit, beyond the permit holder's control, subject to approval by the code official.

115.9 Reestablishment of expired permits. A new permit is required to complete work if a permit has expired and was not renewed.

Exception: A permit that expired less than one year prior to the date of a request for reestablishment may be reestablished upon approval of the code official if it complies with Items 2 and 3 of Section 117.8. Once re-established the permit will not be considered to have expired. The new expiration date of a re-established permit shall be determined in accordance with Section 117.7.

115.10 Revocation of mechanical permits. Whenever the code official determines there are grounds for revoking a permit, the code official may issue a notice of revocation. The notice of revocation shall identify the reason for the proposed revocation, including, but not limited to, the violations, the conditions violated, and any alleged false or misleading information provided.

115.10.1 Standards for revocation. The code official may revoke a permit if:

1. The code or the permit has been or is being violated and issuance of a notice of violation or stop work order has been or would be ineffective to secure compliance because of circumstances related to the violation; or
2. The permit was obtained with false or misleading information.

115.10.2 Service of notice of revocation. The notice of revocation shall be served upon the owner, agent or other responsible person by personal service or regular first class mail addressed to the last known address of such person or if no address is available after reasonable inquiry, the notice may be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises. The notice may also be posted if served by personal service or first class mail.

115.10.3 Effective date of revocation. The code official shall identify in the notice of revocation a date certain on which the revocation will take effect. This date may be stayed pending complete review by the code official pursuant to Section 117.10.4.

115.10.4 Review by the code official for notice of revocation. Any person aggrieved by a notice of revocation may obtain a review by making a request in writing to the code official within three business days of the date of service of the notice of revocation. The review shall occur within five business days after receipt by the building official of the request for review. Any person affected by the notice of revocation may submit additional information to the building official for consideration as part of the review at any time prior to the review.

115.10.4.1 Review procedure. The review will be made by a representative of the code official who will review all additional information received and may also request a site visit. After the review, the code official may:

1. Sustain the notice of revocation and affirm or modify the date the revocation will take effect;
2. Withdraw the notice of revocation;
3. Modify the notice of revocation and affirm or modify the date the revocation will take effect; or
4. Continue the review to a date certain.

115.10.4.2 Order of revocation of permit. The code official shall issue an order containing the decision within ten days after the review is completed and shall cause the same to be sent by regular first class mail to the person or persons requesting the review, any other person on whom the notice of revocation was served, and any other person who requested a copy before issuance of the order. The order of the building official is the final order of the City, and the City and all parties shall be bound by the order.

SECTION 116

INSPECTIONS

116.1 General. All construction or work for which a permit is required is subject to inspection by the code official, and certain types of construction shall have special inspections by registered special inspectors specified in Chapter 17 of the *International Building Code*. In addition to the inspections specified above, the code official may make or require any other inspections of any mechanical work to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this code and other laws and ordinances that are enforced by the code official.

116.2 Inspection requests. The owner of the property or the owner's authorized agent, or the person designated by the owner or agent to do the work authorized by a permit shall notify the code official that work requiring inspection as specified in this section and Section 120 is ready for inspection.

116.3 Access for inspection. The permit holder and the person requesting any inspections required by this code shall provide access to and means for proper inspection of such work, including safety equipment required by the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Agency. The work shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes until approved by the

code official. Neither the code official nor the City shall be liable for expense entailed in the required removal or replacement of any material to allow inspection.

116.4 Inspection record. Work requiring a mechanical permit shall not be commenced until the permit holder or the permit holder's agent has posted an inspection record in a conspicuous place on the premises and in a position that allows the code official to conveniently make the required entries regarding inspection of the work. This record shall be maintained in such a position by the permit holder or the permit holder's agent until final approval has been granted by the code official.

116.5 Approvals required. No work shall be done on any part of the building or structure beyond the point indicated in each successive inspection without first obtaining the written approval of the code official.

116.5.1 Effect of approval. Approval as a result of an inspection is not approval of any violation of the provisions of this code or of other pertinent laws and ordinances of the City. Inspections presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code or of other pertinent laws and ordinances of the City are not valid.

116.6 Final inspection. When the installation of a mechanical system is complete, an additional and final inspection shall be made.

116.7 Operation of mechanical equipment. The requirements of this section do not prohibit the operation of any mechanical systems installed to replace existing equipment or fixtures serving an occupied portion of the building in the event a request for inspection of such equipment or fixture has been filed with the code official not more than 48 hours after such replacement work is completed, and before any portion of such mechanical system is concealed by any permanent portion of the building.

116.8 Testing of equipment and systems. Refrigeration equipment regulated by this code shall be tested and approved as required by Chapter 11 of this code. Fuel-oil piping shall be tested and approved as required by Chapter 13 of this code.

116.9 Special investigation. If work that requires a permit or approval is commenced or performed prior to making formal application and receiving the code official's permission to proceed, the code official may make a special investigation inspection before a permit is issued for the work. If a special investigation is made, a special investigation fee may be assessed in accordance with the Fee Subtitle.

116.10 Reinspections. The code official may require a reinspection if work for which inspection is called is not complete, required corrections are not made, the inspection record is not properly posted on the work site, the approved plans are not readily available to the inspector, access is not provided on the date for which inspection is requested, if deviations from construction documents that require the approval of the code official have been made without proper approval, or as otherwise required by the code official.

116.10.1 Compliance with Section 104.4. For the purpose of determining compliance with Section 104.4, Maintenance, the code official or the fire chief may cause any structure or system to be reinspected.

116.10.2 Reinspection fee. The code official may assess a reinspection fee as set forth in the Seattle Municipal Code, Title 22, Subtitle IX, Permit Fees for any action for which reinspection is required. In instances where reinspection fees have been assessed, no additional inspection of the work will be performed until the required fees have been paid.

SECTION 117

CONNECTION APPROVAL

117.1 Energy connections. No person shall make connections from a source of energy fuel to a mechanical system or equipment regulated by this code for which a permit is required until approved by the code official.

117.2 Temporary connections. The code official may authorize temporary connection of the mechanical equipment to the source of energy fuel for the purpose of testing the equipment, or for use under a temporary certificate of occupancy.

SECTION 118

REFRIGERATION LICENSES

118.1 Refrigeration licenses. No person shall perform any of the services or activities related to refrigeration systems regulated by Chapter 11 without a license required by Chapter 6.82 of the Seattle Municipal Code, or under the direct supervision of a person holding a required license.

SECTION 119

OPERATING PERMITS FOR REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS

119.1 An operating permit issued by the code official is required to operate any refrigeration system meeting any one of the following criteria:

1. Any system over 50 horsepower, or
2. Any system over 50 tons of refrigerant effect, or
3. Any system that contains over 150 pounds of refrigerant, or
4. Any system that includes a refrigerant containing a pressure vessel over six inches in diameter with a capacity of more than 5 cubic feet and a design working pressure under 250 psig, or

5. Any system that includes a refrigerant containing a pressure vessel over six inches in diameter having a capacity of one and one-half cubic feet and a design working pressure over 250 psig.

119.2 The operating permit will not be issued until the system has been inspected and approved by the code official as safe to operate and in compliance with the provisions of this code. The permit is valid for a period of one year, renewable annually. The permit shall be displayed in a conspicuous place adjacent to the refrigeration system.

SECTION 120

FEES

120.1 Fees. A fee for each mechanical permit and for other activities related to the enforcement of this code shall be paid as set forth in the Seattle Municipal Code, Title 22, Subtitle IX, Permit Fees.

Section 3. Chapters 2 through 9 and 11 through 16 of the 2015 edition of the International Mechanical Code are adopted by reference, and are amended by City Council, as set forth in this ordinance.

Section 4. The following sections of Chapter 2 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 2

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 201

GENERAL

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201.3 Terms defined in other codes. Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in the *International Building Code*, *International Fire Code*, Seattle Electrical Code, *International Fuel Gas Code* or the ((~~*International*~~)) Uniform *Plumbing Code*, such terms shall have meanings ascribed to them as in those codes.

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SECTION 202

GENERAL DEFINITIONS

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((~~**AUTOMATIC BOILER.** Any class of boiler that is equipped with the controls and limit devices specified in Chapter 10.~~))

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BOILER. A closed ((~~heating *appliance* intended to supply hot water or steam for space heating, processing or power purposes. Low-pressure boilers operate at pressures less than or equal to 15 pounds per square inch (psi) (103 kPa) for steam and 160 psi (1103 kPa) for water. High-pressure boilers operate at pressures exceeding those pressures~~)) vessel in which water is heated, steam is generated, steam is superheated, or any combination thereof, under pressure or vacuum by the direct application of heat. The term boiler shall also include fired units for heating or vaporizing liquids other than water where these systems are complete within themselves.

BOILER CODE. The *Seattle Boiler* and *Pressure Vessel Code*

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[A] CODE. These regulations, subsequent amendments thereto, or any emergency rule or regulation that ((~~the administrative authority having jurisdiction~~)) has been lawfully adopted.

[A] CODE OFFICIAL. The ((~~officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code~~)) Director of the Department of Construction and Inspections, or a duly authorized representative.

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CONDITIONED SPACE. An area~~,~~ or room ~~or space that is enclosed~~ within ~~the~~ a building ~~thermal envelope and that is directly heated or cooled or that is indirectly~~ being heated or cooled, containing uninsulated ducts, or with a fixed opening directly into an adjacent conditioned space. ((~~Spaces are indirectly heated or cooled where they communicate through openings with conditioned spaces, where they are separated from conditioned spaces by uninsulated walls, floors or ceilings, or where they contain uninsulated ducts, piping or other sources of heating or cooling.~~)) Elevator shafts, stair enclosures, enclosed corridors connecting conditioned spaces, and enclosed spaces, through which conditioned air is transferred at a rate exceeding three air changes per hour are considered conditioned spaces for the purpose of the building thermal envelope requirements.

CONFINED SPACE. A space having a volume less than 50 cubic feet per 1,000 Btu per hour (Btu/h) (4.8 m3/kW) of the aggregate input rating of all appliances installed in that space.

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CONTAINER (REFRIGERANT). A cylinder for the transportation of refrigerant.

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DIRECT REFRIGERATION SYSTEM. A system in which the evaporator or condenser of the refrigerating system is in direct contact with the air or other substances to be cooled or heated. See figure 2-1 for a diagram of a type of direct refrigeration system.

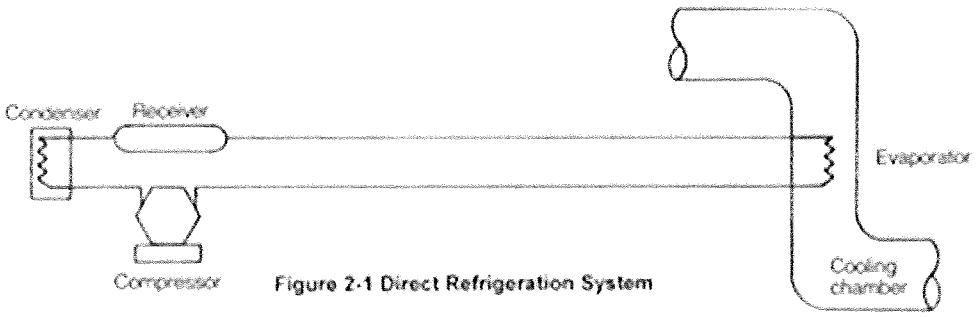

Figure 2-1 Direct Refrigeration System

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ENVIRONMENTAL AIR. Air that is, at temperatures not exceeding 250°F (121°C), conveyed to or from occupied areas through ducts which are not part of the heating or air-conditioning system, such as ventilation for human usage, *relief air*, domestic kitchen range exhaust, bathroom exhaust, domestic clothes dryer exhaust, transformer vault exhaust, elevator exhaust, and parking garage exhaust.

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EXIT PASSAGEWAY. An exit component that provides a protected path of egress travel in a horizontal direction to an exit or to the exit discharge.

Exit Passageway is a definition pulled directly from the 2015 Seattle Building Code

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FIRE AREA. The aggregate floor area enclosed and bounded by *fire walls*, *fire barriers*, *exterior walls* or *horizontal assemblies* of a building. Areas of the building not provided with surrounding walls shall be included in the fire area if such areas are included within the horizontal projection of the roof or floor next above.

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[F] GAS ROOM. A separately ventilated, fully enclosed room in which only compressed gases and associated equipment and supplies are stored or used.

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[B] HIGH-RISE BUILDING. A building with an occupied floor located more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

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HOOD. An air intake device used to capture by entrapment, impingement, adhesion or similar means, grease, moisture, heat and similar contaminants before they enter a duct system.

Type I. A kitchen hood for collecting and removing grease vapors and smoke generated from medium-duty, heavy-duty, extra-heavy-duty, and some light-duty cooking appliances. Such hoods are equipped with a fire suppression system.

Type II. A general kitchen hood for collecting and removing steam, vapor, heat, odors and products of *combustion* generated from some light-duty cooking appliances.

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INDIRECT REFRIGERATION SYSTEM. A system in which a secondary coolant cooled or heated by the refrigerating system is circulated to the air or other substance to be cooled or heated. See Figure 2-2. Indirect systems are distinguished by the following methods of application:

Closed system. A system in which a secondary fluid is either cooled or heated by the refrigerating system and then circulated within a closed circuit in indirect contact with the air or other substance to be cooled or heated.

Double-indirect open-spray system. A system in which the secondary substance for an indirect open-spray system is heated or cooled by an intermediate coolant circulated from a second enclosure.

Open-spray system. A system in which a secondary coolant is cooled or heated by the refrigerating system and then circulated in direct contact with the air or other substance to be cooled or heated.

Vented closed system. A system in which a secondary coolant is cooled or heated by the refrigerating system and then passed through a closed circuit in the air or other substance to be cooled or heated, except that the evaporator or condenser is placed in an open or appropriately vented tank.

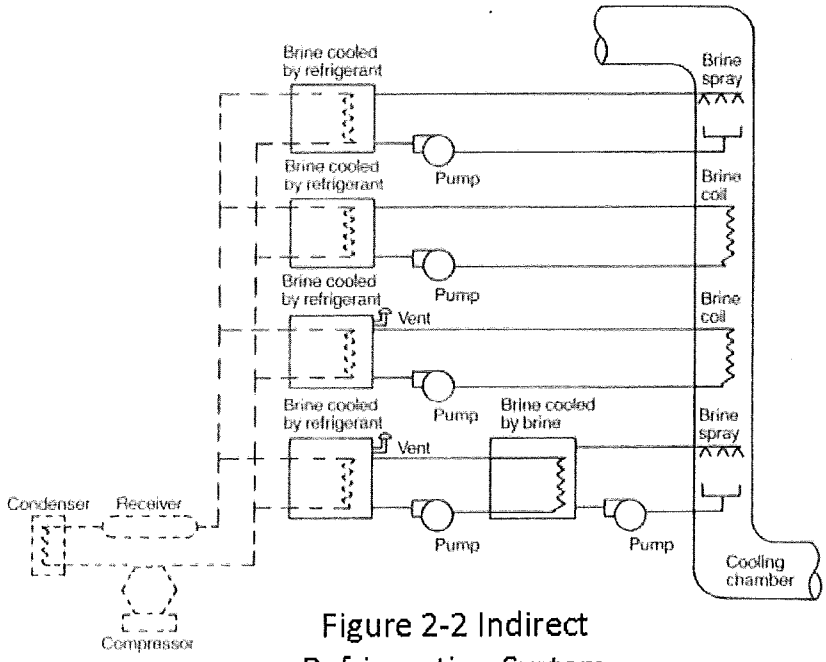

Figure 2-2 Indirect Refrigeration System

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INTERIOR EXIT STAIRWAY. An exit component that serves to meet one or more means of egress design requirements, such as required number of exits or exit access travel distance, and provides for a protected path of egress travel to the exit discharge or public way.

Interior Exit Stairway is a definition pulled directly from the 2015 Seattle Building Code.

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LIGHT-DUTY COOKING APPLIANCE. Light-duty cooking appliances include gas and electric ovens of a maximum 6 kW or 20,000 Btu/h capacity (including standard, bake, roasting, revolving, retherm, convection, combination convection/steamer, countertop conveyorized baking/finishing, deck and pastry), electric and gas steamjacketed kettles, electric and gas pasta cookers, electric and gas compartment steamers (both pressure and atmospheric) and electric and gas cheesemelters.

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[W] LOCAL EXHAUST. An exhaust system that uses one or more fans to exhaust air from a specific room or rooms within a dwelling.

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MEDIUM-DUTY COOKING APPLIANCE. Medium-duty cooking *appliances* include electric discrete element ranges (with or without oven), electric and gas hot-top ranges, electric and gas griddles, electric and gas doublesided griddles, electric and gas fryers (including open deep fat fryers, donut fryers, kettle fryers and pressure fryers), ((~~electric and gas conveyor pizza ovens~~)), electric and gas tilting skillets (braising pans) and electric and gas rotisseries.

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[W] PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION. Construction that if removed would disturb the structural integrity of the building or the fire resistance rating of a building assembly.

PERSON. Any individual, receiver, administrator, executor, assignee, trustee in bankruptcy, trust, estate, firm, partnership, joint venture, club, company, joint stock company, business trust, municipal corporation, political subdivision of the State of Washington, corporation, limited liability company, association, society or any group of individuals acting as a unit, whether mutual, cooperative, fraternal, nonprofit or otherwise, and the United States or any instrumentality thereof.

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((~~**POWER BOILER.** See "Boiler."~~))

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((~~**PRESSURE VESSELS.** Closed containers, tanks or vessels that are designed to contain liquids or gases, or both, under pressure.~~))

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PRODUCT-CONVEYING. Conveying solid particulates, such as refuse, dust, fumes and smoke; liquid particulate matter, such as spray residue, mists and fogs; vapors, such as vapors from flammable or corrosive liquids; noxious and toxic gases; and air at temperatures exceeding 250˚F (121˚C). Examples include, but are not limited to, combustion engine, industrial vacuum system, chemical booth, paint booth, paint enclosure and photo lab exhaust.

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RELIEF AIR. Exhausted return air from a system that provides ventilation for human usage.

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((~~**STEAM-HEATING BOILER.** A boiler operated at pressures not exceeding 15 psi (103 kPa) for steam.~~))

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THIMBLE. A listed fitting designed to be installed in the opening in a masonry chimney through which the chimney connector passes.

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UNCONFINED SPACE. A space having a volume not less than 50 cubic feet per 1,000 Btu/h (4.8m3/kW) of the aggregate input rating of all fuel-burning appliances installed in that space. Rooms communicating directly with the space in which the appliances are installed, through openings not furnished with doors, are considered a part of the unconfined space.

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UNSAFE. Constituting a fire or health hazard or otherwise dangerous to human life, constituting a hazard to safety, health or public welfare.

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WATER HEATER. Any heating *appliance* or *equipment* that heats potable water and supplies such water to the potable hot water distribution system, and includes only those appliances that do not exceed pressure of 160 pounds per square inch (1103 kPa), volume of 120 gallons (454 L) and a heat input of 200,000 Btu/hr (58.6 kW). Appliances and equipment that exceed these values are classified as boilers.

[W] WHOLE HOUSE VENTILATION SYSTEM. A mechanical ventilation system, including fans, controls, and ducts, which replaces, by direct or indirect means, air from the habitable rooms with *outdoor* air.

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Section 5. The following sections of Chapter 3 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 3

GENERAL REGULATIONS

SECTION 301

GENERAL

301.1 Scope. This chapter shall govern the approval and installation of all *equipment* and appliances that comprise parts of the building mechanical systems regulated by this code in accordance with Section ((~~101.2~~)) 103.1.

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301.7 Listed and labeled. Appliances regulated by this code shall be *listed* and *labeled* for the application in which they are installed and used, unless otherwise *approved* in accordance with Section 105 or 106.

Exception: Listing and labeling of *equipment* and appliances used for refrigeration shall be in accordance with Section 1101.2.

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301.10 Electrical. Electrical wiring, controls and connections to *equipment* and appliances regulated by this code shall be in accordance with ((~~NFPA 70~~)) the *Seattle Electrical Code*.

301.11 Plumbing connections. Potable water supply and building drainage system connections to *equipment* and appliances regulated by this code shall be in accordance with the ((~~*International*~~)) *Uniform Plumbing Code*.

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SECTION 303

EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCE LOCATION

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303.7 Pit locations. Appliances installed in pits or excavations shall not come in direct contact with the surrounding soil. The sides of the pit or excavation shall be held back not less than 12 inches (305 mm) from the *appliance*, and a minimum of 30 inches (762 mm) on the control side. Where the depth exceeds 12 inches (305 mm) below adjoining grade, the walls of the pit or excavation shall be lined with concrete or masonry. Such concrete or masonry shall extend not less than 4 inches (102 mm) above adjoining grade and shall have sufficient lateral load-bearing capacity to resist collapse. The *appliance* shall be protected from flooding in an *approved* manner.

[BF] 303.8 ((~~**Elevator shafts.** Mechanical systems shall not be located in an elevator shaft.~~)) **Installation of pipes or ducts conveying gases, vapors or liquids in hoistways, machine rooms, or machinery spaces for elevators.** Pipes and ducts conveying gases, vapors or liquids shall not be installed in elevator hoistways, elevator machine rooms, and elevator machinery spaces.

Exceptions:

1. Only ducts for heating, cooling, ventilating, and venting these spaces are permitted to be installed in the hoistway, machine room, and machinery space.
2. Ducts and electrical conduit may pass through an elevator machine room or machinery space if they are separated from the room or space by construction equal to the rated construction of the room or space and located so that all required clearances are maintained.

   If a vented machine room is not vented directly to the outside of the building, the vent shall be enclosed within a fire barrier with at least a one-hour fire-resistance rating, or as required for a shaft where it passes through occupied floors.

3. Standard sprinkler protection conforming to the requirements of NFPA 13 is permitted to be installed in these spaces, subject to rules promulgated by the code official.

4. Subject to the approval of the code official, pipes that are protected with double containment whose joints are threaded, soldered or welded joints are permitted. Pipes shall not be located less than 7 feet above the floor in machine rooms.

[B] 303.9 Interior exit stairways and exit passageways. Mechanical systems shall not be located in interior exit stairways and ramps and exit passageways. Penetrations into and openings through interior exit stairways and ramps and exit passageways are prohibited except for:

1. Equipment allowed or required by the International Building Code to serve the interior exit stairway and exit passageways such as:

1.1 Ductwork and equipment necessary for independent ventilation or stairway pressurization,

1.2 Sprinkler piping,

1.3 Standpipes,

1.4 Electrical raceway serving the interior exit stairway or ramp terminating in a steel box not exceeding 16 square inches (10 323 mm2) in area, and

1.5 Piping used exclusively for the drainage of rainfall runoff from roof areas provided the roof is not used for a helistop or heliport.

2. Unfired heaters allowed by the *International Building Code* for freeze protection of fire protection equipment may penetrate one protective membrane. The conduit serving the heater may penetrate both protective membranes. Such penetrations shall be protected in accordance with *International Building Code* Section 714. There shall be no penetrations

or communicating openings, whether protected or not, between adjacent interior exit stairways and ramps.

Exception: Membrane penetrations shall be permitted on the outside of the interior exit stairway and ramp. Such penetrations shall be protected in accordance with *International Building Code* Section 714.3.2.

Interpretation: Ducts passing through interior exit stairways shall be separated from the stairway by construction having a fire-resistance rating at least equal to the stairway walls. At least one side of the duct enclosure shall abut the interior exit stairway enclosure.

SECTION 304

INSTALLATION

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304.3.1 Parking garages. Connection of a parking garage with any room in which there is a fuel-fired *appliance* shall be by means of a vestibule providing a two-doorway separation, except that a single door is permitted where the sources of ignition in the *appliance* are elevated in accordance with Section 304.3.

Exception: This section shall not apply to *appliance* installations complying with Section 304.6 or to equipment having an internal combustion engine.

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304.11 Clearances and encroachments in the public right of way. All encroachments of equipment and appliances on, over or under sidewalks, streets, alleys and other public places are subject to approval by the Director of Transportation and the *code official*. Encroachments shall

comply with this code and other codes as determined by the Director of Transportation and the *code official.*

Note: The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) publishes the "Seattle Right-of-Way Improvements Manual" that contains detailed information on clearances and encroachments (Section 4.21 Design Criteria), and required SDOT street use permits (Chapter 2). SDOT discourages encroachments into the public right-of-way by mechanical equipment.

[BE] 304.12 ((~~**304.11**~~)) **Guards.** Guards shall be provided where various components that require service and roof hatch openings are located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of a roof edge or open side of a walking surface and such edge or open side is located more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor, roof, or grade below. The guard shall extend not less than 30 inches (762 mm) beyond each end of components that require service. The top of the guard shall be located not less than 42 inches (1067 mm) above the elevated surface adjacent to the guard. The guard shall be constructed so as to prevent the passage of a 21-inch-diameter (533 mm) sphere and shall comply with the loading requirements for guards specified in the *International Building Code*.

Exception: Guards are not required where permanent fall arrest/restraint anchorage connector devices that comply with ANSI/ASSE Z 359.1 are affixed for use during the entire lifetime of the roof covering. The devices shall be re-evaluated for possible replacement when the entire roof covering is replaced. The devices shall be placed not more than 10 feet (3048 mm) on center along hip and ridge lines and placed not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from roof edges and the open sides of walking surfaces.

304.13 ((~~**304.12**~~)) **Area served.** Appliances serving different areas of a building other than where they are installed shall be permanently marked in an *approved* manner that uniquely identifies the *appliance* and the area it serves.

SECTION 306

ACCESS AND SERVICE SPACE

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306.3.1 Electrical requirements. A luminaire controlled by a switch located at the required passageway opening and a receptacle outlet shall be provided at or near the *appliance* location in accordance with the *Seattle Electrical Code* ((~~NFPA 70~~)).

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306.5 Equipment and appliances on roofs or elevated structures. Where *equipment* or appliances requiring access ((~~or appliances~~)) are located on an elevated structure or the roof of a building such that personnel will have to climb higher than 16 feet (4877 mm) above grade to access such equipment or appliances, an interior or exterior means of access shall be provided. Such access shall not require climbing over obstructions greater than 30 inches (762 mm) in height or walking on roofs having a slope greater than 4 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (33-percent slope). Such access shall not require the use of portable ladders. Where access involves climbing over parapet walls, the height shall be measured to the top of the parapet wall. Permanent ladders installed to provide the required access shall comply with the following minimum design criteria:

[W]1. The side railing shall extend above the parapet or roof edge not less than ((~~30~~)) 42 inches (((~~762~~)) 1067 mm).

[W]2. Ladders shall have rung spacing not to exceed ((~~14~~)) 12 inches (((~~356~~)) 305 mm) on center. The uppermost rung shall be not greater than 24 inches (610 mm) below the upper edge of the roof hatch, roof or parapet, as applicable.

[W]3. Ladders shall have a toe spacing not less than ((~~6~~)) 7 inches (((~~152~~)) 178 mm) deep.

4. There shall be not less than 18 inches (457 mm) between rails.

5. Rungs shall have a diameter not less than 0.75-inch (19 mm) and be capable of withstanding a 300-pound (136.1 kg) load.

6. Ladders over 30 feet (9144 mm) in height shall be provided with offset sections and landings capable of withstanding 100 pounds per square foot (488.2 kg/m2). Landing dimensions shall be not less than 18 inches (457 mm) and not less than the width of the ladder served. A guard rail shall be provided on all open sides of the landing.

7. Climbing clearance. The distance from the centerline of the rungs to the nearest permanent object on the climbing side of the ladder shall be not less than 30 inches (762 mm) measured perpendicular to the rungs. This distance shall be maintained from the point of ladder access to the bottom of the roof hatch. A minimum clear width of 15 inches (381 mm) shall be provided on both sides of the ladder measured from the midpoint of and parallel with the rungs except where cages or wells are installed.

8. Landing required. The ladder shall be provided with a clear and unobstructed bottom landing area having a minimum dimension of 30 inches (762 mm) by 30 inches (762 mm) centered in front of the ladder.

9. Ladders shall be protected against corrosion by *approved* means.

10. Access to ladders shall be provided at all times.

Interpretation: Item 10 allows access to ladders to be restricted to authorized personnel, and prohibits storage that blocks or restricts access to the ladder.

Catwalks installed to provide the required access shall be not less than 24 inches (610 mm) wide and shall have railings as required for service platforms.

Exception: This section shall not apply to Group R-3 occupancies.

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306.5.2 Electrical requirements. A receptacle outlet shall be provided at or near the *equipment* location in accordance with the *Seattle Electrical Code* ((~~NFPA 70~~)).

[W]306.6 Appliances above ceilings. Appliances that are located above the ceiling shall be accessible for inspection, service, and repair without removing *permanent construction.* Appliances shall be accessible from an access panel or removable ceiling tile with minimum nominal dimensions of 24 inches x 24 inches (609mm x 609mm).

The appliance is not required to be removable or replaceable through the access panel or removable ceiling tile. The appliance may be removed or replaced by removing the ceiling or wall assemblies adjacent to the appliances as long as they are not *permanent construction.*

Exception:

1. This section shall not apply to replacement appliances installed in existing compartments and alcoves where the working space clearances are in accordance with the equipment or appliance manufacturer's installation instructions.
2. A smaller access panel or removal ceiling tile shall be permitted when allowed by the equipment or appliance manufacturer installation instructions.

SECTION 307

CONDENSATE DISPOSAL

307.1 Fuel-burning appliances. Liquid *combustion* by-products of condensing appliances shall be collected, pH neutralized and discharged to an *approved* plumbing fixture or disposal area in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Condensate piping shall be of *approved* corrosion-resistant material and shall not be smaller than the drain connection on the appliance. Such piping shall maintain a minimum horizontal slope in the direction of discharge of not less than one eighth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (1-percent slope).

307.2 Evaporators and cooling coils. Condensate drain systems shall be provided for *equipment* and appliances containing evaporators or cooling coils. Condensate drain systems shall be designed, constructed and installed in accordance with Sections 307.2.1 through 307.2.5.

Exception: Evaporators and cooling coils that are designed to operate in sensible cooling only and not support condensation shall not be required to meet the requirements of this section.

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307.2.2 Drain pipe materials and sizes. Components of the condensate disposal system shall be cast iron, galvanized steel, copper, cross-linked polyethylene, polyethylene, ABS, CPVC, PVC, or polypropylene pipe or tubing. Components shall be selected for the pressure and temperature rating of the installation. Joints and connections shall be made in accordance with the applicable provisions of ((~~Chapter 7 of the *International*~~)) the *Uniform Plumbing Code* relative to the material type. Condensate waste and drain line size shall be not less than 3/4-inch (19.1 mm) internal diameter and shall not decrease in size from the drain pan connection to the place of condensate disposal. Where the drain pipes from more than one

unit are manifolded together for condensate drainage, the pipe or tubing shall be sized in accordance with Table 307.2.2.

TABLE 307.2.2
CONDENSATE DRAIN SIZING

EQUIPMENT CAPACITY	MINIMUM CONDENSATE PIPE DIAMETER
Up to 20 tons of refrigeration	3/4 inch
Over 20 tons to 40 tons of refrigeration	1 inch
Over 40 tons to 90 tons of refrigeration	1 1/4 inch
Over 90 tons to 125 tons of refrigeration	1 1/2 inch
Over 125 tons to 250 tons of refrigeration	2 inch

1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 ton = 3.517 kW.

307.2.3 Auxiliary and secondary drain systems. In addition to the requirements of Section 307.2.1, where damage to any building components could occur as a result of overflow from the *equipment* primary condensate removal system, one of the following auxiliary protection methods shall be provided for each cooling coil or fuel-fired *appliance* that produces condensate:

1. An auxiliary drain pan with a separate drain shall be provided under the coils on which condensation will occur. The auxiliary pan drain shall discharge to a conspicuous point of disposal to alert occupants in the event of a stoppage of the primary drain. The pan shall have a minimum depth of 11/2 inches (38 mm), shall be not less than 3 inches (76 mm) larger than the unit, or the coil dimensions in width and length and shall be constructed of corrosion-resistant material. Galvanized sheet steel pans shall have a minimum thickness of not less than 0.0236 inch (0.6010 mm) (No. 24 gage). Nonmetallic pans shall have a minimum thickness of not less than 0.0625 inch (1.6 mm).

2. A separate overflow drain line shall be connected to the drain pan provided with the *equipment*. Such overflow drain shall discharge to a conspicuous point of disposal to alert occupants in the event of a stoppage of the primary drain. The overflow drain line shall connect to the drain pan at a higher level than the primary drain connection.
3. An auxiliary drain pan without a separate drain line shall be provided under the coils on which condensate will occur. Such pan shall be equipped with a water-level detection device conforming to UL 508 that will shut off the *equipment* served prior to overflow of the pan. The auxiliary drain pan shall be constructed in accordance with Item 1 of this section.
4. A water-level detection device conforming to UL 508 shall be provided that will shut off the *equipment* served in the event that the primary drain is blocked. The device shall be installed in the primary drain line, the overflow drain line, or in the equipment-supplied drain pan, located at a point higher than the primary drain line connection and below the overflow rim of such pan.

[W]Exceptions:

1. Fuel-fired appliances that automatically shut down operation in the event of a stoppage in the condensate drainage system.
2. Unducted fan coil units where there is no factory option available for water-level detection devices and which are installed directly within the occupied space.

307.2.3.1 Water-level monitoring devices. On downflow units and all other coils that do not have a secondary drain or provisions to install a secondary or auxiliary drain pan, a water-level monitoring device shall be installed inside the primary drain pan. This device

shall shut off the *equipment* served in the event that the primary drain becomes restricted. Devices installed in the drain line shall not be permitted.

Exception: Water-level monitoring devices are not required for unducted fan coil units where there is no factory option available for water-level detection devices and the units are installed directly within the occupied space.

307.2.4 Traps. Condensate drains shall be trapped as required by the *equipment* or *appliance* manufacturer.

[W]307.2.4.1 Ductless mini-split system traps. Ductless mini-split equipment that produces condensate shall be provided with an inline check valve located in the drain line, ((~~or~~)) a trap, or other means of condensate drainage in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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SECTION 309

TEMPERATURE CONTROL

[BG] 309.1 Space-heating systems. Interior spaces intended for human occupancy shall be provided with active or passive space-heating systems capable of maintaining an average indoor temperature of not less than 68°F (20°C) at a point 3 feet (914 mm) above floor ((~~on the design heating day~~)) when the outside temperature is 24°F. The installation of portable space heaters shall not be used to achieve compliance with this section.

Exceptions:

1. Interior spaces where the primary purpose is not associated with human comfort.
2. Group F, H, S and U occupancies.

SECTION 312

HEATING AND COOLING LOAD CALCULATIONS

312.1 Load calculations. Heating and cooling system design loads for the purpose of sizing systems, appliances and *equipment* shall be determined in accordance with the procedures described in the ((~~ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 183~~)) *International Energy Conservation Code* ((~~Alternatively, design loads shall be determined by an *approved* equivalent computation procedure, using the design parameters specified in Chapter 3 [CE] of the *International Energy Conservation Code*))*.*

Section 6. The following sections of Chapter 4 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 4

VENTILATION

SECTION 401

GENERAL

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[W]401.2 Ventilation required. Every occupied space other than enclosed parking garages, loading docks and motor vehicle repair garages shall be ventilated in accordance with Section 401.2.1, 401.2.2, or 401.2.3. Enclosed parking garages, loading docks and motor vehicle repair garages shall be ventilated by mechanical means in accordance with Sections 403 and 404.

401.2.1 Group R occupancies. Ventilation in Group R occupancies shall be provided in accordance with the Sections 403.4.

401.2.2 Ambulatory care facilities and Group I-2 occupancies. Ambulatory care facilities and Group I-2 occupancies shall be ventilated by mechanical means in accordance with Section 407.

401.2.3 All other occupancies. Ventilation in all other occupancies shall be provided by natural means in accordance with Section 402 or by mechanical means in accordance with Sections ((~~403~~)) 403.1 to 403.7((~~Where the air infiltration rate in a dwelling unit is less than 5 air changes per hour when tested with a blower door at a pressure of 0.2 inch water column (50 Pa) in accordance with Section R402.4.1.2 of the International Energy Conservation Code, the dwelling unit shall be ventilated by mechanical means in accordance with Section 403. Ambulatory care facilities and Group I-2 occupancies shall be ventilated by mechanical means in accordance with Section 407~~)).

[W]401.3 When required. Group R occupancies shall be vented continuously or intermittently in accordance with Section 403.4. Ventilation in all other occupancies shall be provided during the periods that the room or space is occupied.

401.4 Intake opening location. Air intake openings shall comply with all of the following:

1. Intake openings shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from lot lines or buildings on the same lot. Where openings front on a street or public way, the distance shall be measured from the opposite side of the street or public way.
2. Mechanical and gravity *outdoor air* intake openings shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from any hazardous or noxious contaminant source, such as vents, streets, alleys, parking lots and loading docks, except as specified in Item 3 or Section 501.3.1. *Outdoor air* intake openings shall be permitted to be located less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from streets, alleys, parking lots and loading docks provided that

the openings are located not less than 25 feet (7620 mm) vertically above such locations. Where openings front on a street or public way, the distance shall be measured from the closest edge of the street or public way. The exhaust from a bathroom, clothes dryer or kitchen in a dwelling shall not be considered to be a hazardous or noxious contaminant.

Exception: Enclosed parking garage and repair garage intakes are permitted to be located less than 10 feet horizontally of the street, alley, parking lots and loading docks.

3. Intake openings shall be located not less than 3 feet (914 mm) below contaminant sources where such sources are located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of the opening.

4. Intake openings on structures in flood hazard areas shall be at or above the elevation required by Section 1612 of the *International Building Code* for utilities and attendant equipment.

5. Intake openings shall not be located:

5.1. In a crawl space;

5.2. Less than one foot (305 mm) above a roof, adjacent grade, or other surface directly below the intake; or

5.3. Under a deck having a surface height less than three feet above grade or other surface directly below the intake.

Interpretation: For purposes of this section, lot line includes any property line separating one lot from another lot, but does not include any property line separating a lot from a public street or alley right-of-way.

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401.7 Compliance and commissioning. Compliance with Sections 402 and 403.1 through 403.4 shall be demonstrated through engineering calculations. Documentation of calculations shall be

submitted on the permit plan sets. Testing and commissioning shall be performed and documented in accordance with the *International Energy Conservation Code.*

SECTION 402

NATURAL VENTILATION

[BG] 402.1 Natural ventilation. *Natural ventilation* of an occupied space shall be through windows, doors, louvers or other openings to the outdoors. The operating mechanism for such openings shall be provided with ready access so that the openings are readily controllable by the building occupants.

Exception: Automatically controlled natural ventilation systems do not require ready access and control by building occupants.

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SECTION 403

MECHANICAL VENTILATION

[W] 403.1 Ventilation system. Mechanical ventilation shall be provided by a method of supply air and return or *exhaust air* ((~~except that mechanical ventilation air requirements for Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 occupancies three stories and less in height above grade plane shall be provided by an exhaust system, supply system or combination thereof~~)). The amount of supply air shall be approximately equal to the amount of return and *exhaust air*. The system shall not be prohibited from producing negative or positive pressure. The system to convey *ventilation air* shall be designed and installed in accordance with Chapter 6.

[W] 403.2 Outdoor air required. The minimum outdoor ((~~air~~)) flow rate shall be determined in accordance with Section 403.3.

[W] Exceptions:

1. Where the *registered design professional* demonstrates that an engineered ventilation system design will prevent the maximum concentration of contaminants from exceeding that obtainable by the rate of *outdoor air* ventilation determined in accordance with Section 403.3, the minimum required rate of *outdoor air* shall be reduced in accordance with such engineered system design.

2. Alternate systems designed in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 62.1 Section 6.2, Ventilation Rate Procedure, shall be permitted.

[W]403.2.1 Recirculation of air. The ((~~outdoor~~)) air required by Section 403.3 shall not be recirculated. Air in excess of that required by Section 403.3 shall not be prohibited from being recirculated as a component of supply air to building spaces, except that:

1. Ventilation air shall not be recirculated from one *dwelling* to another or to dissimilar occupancies.
2. Supply air to a swimming pool and associated deck areas shall not be recirculated unless such air is dehumidified to maintain the relative humidity of the area at 60 percent or less. Air from this area shall not be recirculated to other spaces where ((~~more than~~)) 10 percent or more of the resulting supply airstream consists of air recirculated from these spaces.
3. Where mechanical exhaust is required by Note b in Table 403.3.1.1, recirculation of air from such spaces shall be prohibited. ((~~Recirculation of air that is contained completely within such spaces shall not be prohibited. Where recirculation of air is prohibited, a~~)) All air supplied to such spaces shall be exhausted, including any air in excess of that required by Table 403.3.1.1.

4. Air used as transfer for heat removal may be recirculated.((~~Where mechanical exhaust is required by Note g in Table 403.3.1.1, mechanical exhaust is required and recirculation from such spaces is prohibited where more than 10 percent of the resulting supply airstream consists of air recirculated from these spaces.~~)) Recirculation of air that is contained completely within such spaces shall not be prohibited.

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403.2.3 Outdoor air delivery. The *outdoor air* shall be ducted in a fully enclosed path directly to every air-handling unit in each zone not provided with sufficient operable opening area for natural ventilation to occur.

Exception: Ducts may terminate within 12 inches of the intake to an HVAC unit if they are physically fastened so that the *outdoor air* duct is directed into the unit intake.

W] **403.3 Outdoor air and local exhaust airflow rates.** Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 occupancies three stories and less in height above grade plane shall be provided with *outdoor air* and local exhaust in accordance with Section 403.4 ((~~403.3.2~~)). All other buildings intended to be occupied shall be provided with *outdoor air* and local exhaust in accordance with Section 403.3.1.

403.3.1 Other buildings intended to be occupied. The design of local exhaust systems and ventilation systems for *outdoor air* for occupancies other than Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 three stories and less above grade plane shall comply with Sections 403.3.1.1 through 403.3.1.5.

403.3.1.1 Outdoor airflow rate. Ventilation systems shall be designed to have the capacity to supply the minimum outdoor airflow rate, determined in accordance with this section. In each occupiable space, the ventilation system shall be designed to deliver the

required rate of outdoor airflow to the *breathing zone*. The occupant load utilized for design of the ventilation system shall be not less than the number determined from the estimated maximum occupant load rate indicated in Table 403.3.1.1. Ventilation rates for occupancies not represented in Table 403.3.1.1 shall be those for a listed *occupancy* classification that is most similar in terms of occupant density, activities and building construction; or shall be determined by an *approved* engineering analysis. The ventilation system shall be designed to supply the required rate of *ventilation air* continuously during the period the building is occupied, except as otherwise stated in other provisions of the code.

With the exception of smoking lounges, the ventilation rates in Table 403.3.1.1 are based on the absence of smoking in occupiable spaces. Where smoking is anticipated in a space other than a smoking lounge, the ventilation system serving the space shall be designed to provide ventilation over and above that required by Table 403.3.1.1 in accordance with accepted engineering practice.

[W] Exception: ((~~The occupant load is not required to be determined based on the estimated maximum occupant load rate indicated in Table 403.3.1.1 where *approved* statistical data document the accuracy of an alternate anticipated occupant density.~~)) Where occupancy density is known and documented in the plans, the outside air rate may be based on the design occupant density. Under no circumstance shall the occupancies used result in outside air less than one-half that resulting from application of Table 403.3.1.1 estimated maximum occupancy rates.

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[W] TABLE 403.3.1.1

MINIMUM VENTILATION RATES

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION	OCCUPANT DENSITY #/1000 FT^2 [a]	PEOPLE OUTDOOR AIRFLOW RATE IN BREATHING ZONE, R_p CFM/PERSON	AREA OUTDOOR AIRFLOW RATE IN BREATHING ZONE, R_a CFM/FT^2 [a]	EXHAUST AIRFLOW RATE CFM/FT^2 [a]
Correctional facilities				
Booking/waiting	50	7.5	0.06	—
Cells without plumbing fixtures	25	5	0.12	—
with plumbing fixtures[g, k]	25	5	0.12	1.0
Day room	30	5	0.06	—
Dining halls (see food and beverage service)	—	—	—	—
Guard stations	15	5	0.06	—
Dry cleaners, laundries				
Coin-operated dry cleaner	20	15	—	—
Coin-operated laundries	20	7.5	0.06	—
Commercial dry cleaner	30	30	—	—
Commercial laundry	10	25	—	—
Storage, pick up	30	7.5	0.12	—
Education				
Art classroom[g]	20	10	0.18	0.7
Auditoriums	150	5	0.06	—
Classrooms (ages 5-8)	25	10	0.12	—
Classrooms (age 9 plus)	35	10	0.12	—
Computer lab	25	10	0.12	—
Corridors (see public spaces)	—	—	—	—
Day care (through age 4)	25	10	0.18	—
Lecture classroom	65	7.5	0.06	—

Lecture hall (fixed seats)	150	7.5	0.06	—
Locker/dressing rooms [g, k]	—	—	—	0.25
Media Center	25	10	0.12	—
Multiuse assembly	100	7.5	0.06	—
Music/theater/dance	35	10	0.06	—
Science laboratories[g, k]	25	10	0.18	1.0
((~~Smoking lounges~~[b]	~~70~~	~~60~~		—))
Sports locker rooms[g, k]	—	—	—	0.5
Wood/metal shops[g, k]	20	10	0.18	0.5
Food and beverage service				
Bars, cocktail lounges	100	7.5	0.18	—
Cafeteria, fast food	100	7.5	0.18	—
Dining rooms	70	7.5	0.18	—
Kitchens (cooking)[b]	—	—	—	0.7
Hotels, motels, resorts and dormitories				
Multipurpose assembly	120	5	0.06	—
Bathrooms/toilet–private[g, k]	—	—	—	25/50[f]
Bedroom/living room	10	5	0.06	—
Conference/meeting	50	5	0.06	—
Dormitory sleeping areas	20	5	0.06	—
Gambling casinos	120	7.5	0.18	—
Lobbies/prefunction	30	7.5	0.06	—
Multipurpose assembly		5	0.06	—
Offices				
Conference rooms	50	5	0.06	—
[W] Kitchenettes[m]	—	—	—	0.30
Main entry lobbies	10	5	0.06	
Office spaces	5	5	0.06	—
Reception areas	30	5	0.06	—
Telephone/data entry	60	5	0.06	—
Private dwellings, single and multiple				
Garages, common for multiple units[b]	—	—	—	0.75

Kitchens[b]	—	—	—	25/100[f]
[W]Living areas[c]	Based upon number of bedrooms. First bedroom, 2; each additional bedroom, 1	((~~0.35 ACH but not less than 15 cfm/person~~)) See Tables 403.4.1 & 403.4.5.1	—	—
[W]Toilet rooms, ((~~and~~)) bathrooms[k] and laundry areas[g, i]	—	—	—	20/50[f]
Public spaces				
[W] Corridors, serving other than Group R occupancies	—	—	0.06	—
[W]Corridors, serving Group R dwelling or sleeping units with whole house exhaust system	=	=	0.12	=
[W]Corridors, serving Group R dwelling or sleeping units with other than whole house exhaust system	=	=	0.06	=
Elevator car	—	—	—	1.0
[W] Elevator lobbies in parking garages[o]	=	=	1.0[o]	=
Shower room (per shower head)[g, k]	—	—	—	50/20[f]
((~~Smoking lounges~~[b]	~~70~~	~~60~~	—	—))
Toilet rooms — public[g, k]	—	—	—	50/70[e]
Places of religious worship	120	5	0.06	—
Courtrooms	70	5	0.06	—
Legislative chambers	50	5	0.06	—
Libraries	10	5	0.12	—
Museums (children's)	40	7.5	0.12	—
Museums/galleries	40	7.5	0.06	—
Retail stores, sales floors and showroom floors				
Dressing rooms	—	—	—	0.25

Mall common areas	40	7.5	0.06	—
Sales	15	7.5	0.12	—
Shipping and receiving	—	—	0.12	—
((~~Smoking lounges~~[b]	~~70~~	~~60~~	—	—))
Storage rooms	—	—	0.12	—
Warehouses (see storage)	—	—	—	—
Specialty shops				
Automotive motor-fuel dispensing stations[b]	—	—	—	1.5
Barber	25	((~~7.5~~)) 20	0.06	0.5
Beauty salons[b]	25	20	0.12	0.6
Nail salons[b,h]	25	20	0.12	0.6
Embalming room[b]	—	—	—	2.0
Pet shops (animal areas)[b]	10	7.5	0.18	0.9
Supermarkets	8	7.5	0.06	—
Sports and amusement				
Bowling alleys (seating areas)	40	10	0.12	—
Disco/dance floors	100	20	0.06	—
Game arcades	20	7.5	0.18	—
[W]Gym, stadium, arena (play area)[j]	—	—	0.30	—
Health club/aerobics room	40	20	0.06	—
Health club/weight room	10	20	0.06	
Ice arenas without combustion engines	—	—	0.30	0.5
Spectator areas	150	7.5	0.06	—
Swimming pools (pool and deck area)	—	—	0.48	—
Storage				
[W] Janitor closets, trash rooms, recycling rooms	—	—	—	1.0
Repair garages[d] ((~~, enclosed parking garages~~[b,d]))	—	—	—	0.75

Enclosed loading docks[d]	—	—	—	1.5
	—	—	—	0.75
Enclosed parking garages[b, d]	60	—	—	—
Ticket booths (within enclosed parking garages)[l]	—	—	—	1.5
[W] Storage rooms, chemical				
Warehouses	—	—	0.06	—
Non-retail storage spaces >100 sf[k]	—	—	0.06	—
Theaters				
Auditoriums (see education)	—	—	—	—
Lobbies	150	5	0.06	—
Stages, studios	70	10	0.06	—
Ticket booths	60	5	0.06	—
Transportation				
Platforms	100	7.5	0.06	—
Transportation waiting	100	7.5	0.06	—
Workrooms				
Bank vaults/safe deposit	5	5	0.06	—
Computer (without printing)	4	5	0.06	—
Copy, printing rooms	4	5	0.06	—
Darkrooms	—	—	—	1.0
[W] Freezer and refrigerated spaces (<50°F)	0	10	0	0
Meat processing[c]	10	15	—	—
Pharmacy (prep. area)	10	5	0.18	—
Photo studios	10	5	0.12	—

For SI: 1 cubic foot per minute = 0.0004719 m^3/s, 1 ton = 908 kg, 1 cubic foot per minute per square foot = 0.00508 $m^3/(s \bullet m^2)$, °C = [(°F) -32]/1.8, 1 square foot = 0.0929 m^2.

a. Based upon *net occupiable floor area.*

b. Mechanical exhaust required and the recirculation of air from such spaces is prohibited. Recirculation of air that is contained completely within such spaces shall not be prohibited (see Section 403.2.1, Item 3).

c. Spaces unheated or maintained below 50°F are not covered by these requirements unless the occupancy is continuous.

d. Ventilation systems ((~~in enclosed parking garages~~)) shall comply with Section 404.

e. Rates are per water closet or urinal. The higher rate shall be provided where the exhaust system is designed to operate intermittently. The lower rate shall be permitted only where the exhaust system is designed to operate continuously while occupied.

f. Rates are per room unless otherwise indicated. The higher rate shall be provided where the exhaust system is designed to operate intermittently. The lower rate shall be permitted only where the exhaust system is designed to operate continuously while occupied.

[W] g. Mechanical exhaust is required and recirculation from such spaces is prohibited ((~~except that recirculation shall be permitted where the resulting supply airstream consists of not more than 10 percent air recirculated from these spaces. Recirculation of air that is contained completely within such spaces shall not be prohibited (see Section 403.2.1, Items 2 and 4).~~))

h. For nail salons, each manicure and pedicure station shall be provided with a *source capture system* capable of exhausting not less than 50 cfm per station. Exhaust inlets shall be located in accordance with Section 502.20. Where one or more required source capture systems operate continuously during occupancy, the exhaust rate from such systems shall be permitted to be applied to the exhaust flow rate required by Table 403.3.1.1 for the nail salon.

[W] i. A laundry area within a kitchen or bathroom is not required to have local exhaust. For the laundry area to qualify as being within the kitchen, the laundry room door must open directly into the kitchen and not into an adjacent corridor. Where there are doors that separate the laundry area from the kitchen or bathroom the door shall be louvered.

[W] j. When combustion equipment is intended to be used on the playing surface, additional dilution ventilation and/or source control shall be provided.

k. Transfer air permitted in accordance with Section 403.2.2. For non-retail storage areas, transfer air is also permitted from an adjacent open parking garage, or an enclosed parking garage or loading dock that is mechanically ventilated in accordance with Section 404.

l. This space shall be maintained at a positive pressure. See Section 404.3.

[W] m. Kitchenettes require exhaust when they contain a domestic cooking appliance range or oven that is installed in accordance with Table 507.1.2. Kitchenettes that only contain a microwave oven are not required to have mechanical exhaust. A kitchenette may not contain commercial cooking appliances that require Type I or Type II exhaust as these occupancies are required to be exhausted to the kitchen category in Table 403.3.1.1.

n. For occupied freezer and refrigerated spaces utilize proposed occupant density for outdoor airflow rates.

o. The required outdoor airflow rate shall be introduced directly into such spaces or into the occupied spaces from which the air is transferred or a combination of both.

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403.3.1.4 Variable air volume system control. Variable air volume air distribution systems, other than those designed to supply only 100-percent *outdoor air*, shall be provided with controls to regulate the flow of *outdoor air.* Such control system shall be

designed to maintain the flow rate of *outdoor air* at a rate of not less than that required by Section 403.3 over the entire range of supply air operating rates. Calculations and a description of controls operation shall be submitted with the permit drawings.

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[W]403.3.2 Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 occupancies, three stories and less.((~~The design of local exhaust systems and ventilation systems for outdoor air in Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 occupancies three stories and less in height above grade plane shall comply with Sections 403.3.2.1 through 403.3.2.3.~~)) This section is not adopted. See Section 403.4.

((~~**403.3.2.1 Outdoor air for dwelling units.** An outdoor air ventilation system consisting of a mechanical exhaust system, supply system or combination thereof shall be installed for each dwelling unit. Local exhaust or supply systems, including outdoor air ducts connected to the return side of an air handler, are permitted to serve as such a system. The outdoor air ventilation system shall be designed to provide the required rate of outdoor air continuously during the period that the building is occupied. The minimum continuous outdoor airflow rate shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-9.~~

~~**(Equation 4-9)**~~

~~where:~~

~~*QOA* = outdoor airflow rate, cfm~~

~~*Afloor* = floor area, ft2~~

~~*Nbr* = number of bedrooms; not to be less than one~~

~~**Exception:** The outdoor air ventilation system is not required to operate continuously where the system has controls that enable operation for not less than 1 hour of each 4-~~

~~hour period. The average outdoor air flow rate over the 4-hour period shall be not less than that prescribed by Equation 4-9.~~

~~**403.3.2.2 Outdoor air for other spaces.** Corridors and other common areas within the conditioned space shall be provided with outdoor air at a rate of not less than 0.06 cfm per square foot of floor area.~~

~~**403.3.2.3 Local exhaust.** Local exhaust systems shall be provided in kitchens, bathrooms and toilet rooms and shall have the capacity to exhaust the minimum airflow rate determined in accordance with Table 403.3.2.3.~~))

[W]((~~**TABLE 403.3.2.3**~~

~~**MINIMUM REQUIRED LOCAL EXHAUST RATES**~~

~~**FOR GROUP R-2, R-3, AND R-4 OCCUPANCIES**~~

~~**AREA TO BE EXHAUSTED**~~	~~**EXHAUST RATE CAPACITY**~~
~~Kitchens~~	~~100 cfm intermittent or 25 cfm continuous~~
~~Bathrooms and toilet rooms~~	~~50 cfm intermittent or 20 cfm continuous~~

~~For SI: 1 cubic foot per minute = 0.0004719 m3/s.~~))

[W] 403.4 Ventilation systems for Group R occupancies. Each dwelling unit or sleeping unit shall be equipped with local exhaust and whole house ventilation systems and shall comply with Sections 403.4.1 through 403.4.11. All occupied spaces, including public corridors, other than the Group R dwelling and sleeping unit, that support the Group R occupancy shall meet the ventilation requirements of Section 402 or Sections 403.1 to 403.7.

403.4.1 Minimum ventilation performance. Ventilation systems shall be designed and installed to satisfy the ventilation requirements of Table 403.3.1.1 or Table 403.4.1. Breathing zone ventilation rates from Table 403.3.1.1 shall be calculated per Section

403.3.1.1 and corrected per zone air distribution effectiveness requirements per Section 403.3.1.2.

Table 403.4.1

Ventilation Rates for All Group R Private Dwellings, Single and Multiple

(Continuously Operating Systems)

Floor Area	Bedrooms[1]				
(ft2)	0-1	2-3	4-5	6-7	≥5
<500	30	40	45	55	60
500 - 1000	45	55	60	70	75
1001 - 1500	60	70	75	85	90
1501 - 2000	75	85	90	100	105
2001 - 2500	90	100	105	115	120
2501 - 3000	105	115	120	130	135
3001 - 3500	120	130	135	145	150
>3500	135	145	150	160	165

[1]Ventilation rates in table are minimum outdoor airflow rates measured in cfm.

403.4.2 Control and operation. Controls for and operation of ventilation systems shall comply with this section.

Exception: Engineered central ventilation systems serving dwelling units or sleeping units are not required to have individual controls for each dwelling unit or sleeping unit when designed for continuous operation and approved by the code official.

1. Location of controls. Controls for all ventilation systems shall be readily accessible by the occupant.

2. Instructions. Operating instructions for whole house ventilation systems shall be provided to the occupant by the installer of the system.

3. Local exhaust ventilation systems. Local exhaust ventilation systems shall be controlled by manual switches, dehumidistats, timers, or other approved means.

4. Continuous whole house ventilation systems. Continuous whole house ventilation systems shall operate continuously and be equipped with an override control. A "fan on" switch shall be permitted as an override control. Controls shall be capable of operating the ventilation system without energizing other energy-consuming appliances. A clearly visible label shall be affixed to the controls that reads "Whole House Ventilation (see operating instructions)."

5. Intermittent whole house ventilation systems. Intermittent whole house ventilation systems shall comply with the following:

5.1 They shall be capable of operating intermittently and continuously.

5.2 They shall have controls capable of operating the exhaust fans, forced-air system fans, or supply fans without energizing other energy-consuming appliances.

5.3 The ventilation rate shall be adjusted according to the exception in Section 403.4.5.1.

5.4 The system shall be designed so that it can operate automatically based on the type of control timer installed.

5.5 The intermittent mechanical ventilation system shall operate at least one hour out of every four.

5.6 The system shall have a manual control and automatic control, such as a 24-hour clock timer.

5.7 At the time of final inspection, the automatic control shall be set to operate the whole house fan according to the schedule used to calculate the whole house fan sizing.

5.8 A label shall be affixed to the control that reads "Whole House Ventilation (see operating instructions)."

Exception: Engineered central ventilation systems serving dwelling units or sleeping units are not required to have individual controls for each dwelling unit or sleeping unit when designed for continuous operation and approved by the *code official*.

403.4.3 Outdoor air intake locations. *Outdoor air* intakes shall be classified as either operable openings or mechanical air intakes and shall be located per the following criteria. The intake locations for operable openings and mechanical air intakes shall comply with the following:

1. Openings for mechanical air intakes shall comply with Section 401.4. Operable openings shall comply with Section 401.4 items 2 and 4 only.
2. Intake openings shall not be located closer than 10 feet from an appliance vent outlet unless such vent outlet is 3 feet above the *outdoor air* inlet. The vent shall be permitted to be closer if specifically allowed by Chapter 8 or by the International Fuel Gas Code.
3. Intake openings shall be located where they will not pick up objectionable odors, fumes, or flammable vapors.
4. Intake openings shall be located where they will not take air from a hazardous or unsanitary location.
5. Intake openings shall be located where they will not take air from a room or space having a fuel-burning appliance.
6. Intake openings shall not be located closer than 10 feet from a vent opening of a plumbing drainage system unless the vent opening is at least 3 feet above the air inlet.
7. Intake openings shall not be located where they will take air from an attic, crawl space, or garage.

8. Intake openings shall not be located on asphalt roofs unless it is shown that no other location is permissible. In such cases, the inlet opening shall be located a minimum of 2 feet from the nearest surface of the asphalt roofing measured from the intake opening.

403.4.4 Local exhaust ventilation requirements. Local exhaust ventilation systems shall exhaust at least the volume of air required for exhaust in Table 403.3.1.1 Exhaust shall be provided in each kitchen, bathroom, water closet, laundry area, indoor swimming pool, spa, and other rooms where water vapor or cooking odor is produced. Local exhaust ventilation ducts shall terminate outdoors.

403.4.4.1 Local exhaust systems. Exhaust systems shall be designed and installed to meet all of the criteria below:

1. Local exhaust shall be discharged outdoors.

2. Exhaust outlets shall comply with Section 501.3.

3. Pressure equalization shall comply with Section 501.4.

4. Exhaust ducts in systems which are designed to operate intermittently shall be equipped with backdraft dampers.

5. All exhaust ducts in unconditioned spaces shall be insulated to a minimum of R-4.

6. Terminal outlet elements shall have at least the equivalent net free area of the ductwork.

7. Terminal outlet elements shall be screened or otherwise protected as required by Section 501.3.2.

8. Exhaust fans in separate dwelling units or sleeping units shall not share common exhaust ducts unless the system is engineered for this operation.

9. Where permitted by Chapter 5, multiple local exhaust ducts may be combined. If more than one of the exhaust fans in a dwelling unit or sleeping unit shares a common exhaust duct then each exhaust fan shall be equipped with a backdraft damper to prevent the recirculation of exhaust air from one room to another room via the exhaust ducting system.

403.4.4.2 Local exhaust fans. Exhaust fan construction and sizing shall meet the following criteria:

1. Exhaust fans shall be tested and rated in accordance with the airflow and sound rating procedures of the Home Ventilating Institute (HVI 915, HVI Loudness Testing and Rating Procedure; HVI 916, Airflow Test Procedure; and HVI 920, Product Performance Certification Procedure

Exception: Where a range hood or down-draft exhaust fan used for local exhaust for kitchens, the device is not required to be rated per these standards.

2. Fan airflow rating and duct systems shall be designed and installed to deliver at least the exhaust airflow required.

3. Fan airflow rating and duct systems shall be designed and installed to deliver at least the exhaust airflow required by Table 403.3.1.1 The airflows required refer to the delivered airflow of the system as installed and tested using a flow hood, flow grid, or other airflow measurement device.

Exceptions:

1. An exhaust airflow rating at a pressure of 0.25 in. w.g. may be used, provided the duct sizing meets the prescriptive requirements of Table 403.4.4.2.

2. Where a range hood or down-draft exhaust fan is used to satisfy the local exhaust requirements for kitchens, the range hood or down draft exhaust shall not be less than 100 cfm at 0.10 in. w.g.

Table 403.4.4.2

Prescriptive Exhaust Duct Sizing

Fan Tested cfm at 0.25 inches w.g.	Minimum Flex Diameter	Maximum Length in Feet	Minimum Smooth Diameter	Maximum Length in Feet	Maximum Elbows[1]
50	4 inches	25	4 inches	70	3
50	5 inches	90	5 inches	100	3
50	6 inches	No Limit	6 inches	No Limit	3
80	4 inches[2]	NA	4 inches	20	3
80	5 inches	15	5 inches	100	3
80	6 inches	90	6 inches	No Limit	3
100	5 inches[2]	NA	5 inches	50	3
100	6 inches	45	6 inches	No Limit	3
125	6 inches	15	6 inches	No Limit	3
125	7 inches	70	7 inches	No Limit	3

1. For each additional elbow, subtract 10 feet from length.

2. Flex ducts of this diameter are not permitted with fans of this size.

403.4.5 Whole house ventilation requirements. Each dwelling unit or sleeping unit shall be equipped with one of the following four types of mechanical whole house ventilation systems: A system using exhaust fans (see Section 403.4.6); A system integrated with forced-air systems (see Section 403.4.7); A system using supply fans (see Section 403.4.8); or a heat or energy recovery ventilation system (see Section 403.4.9). The whole house exhaust system is permitted to be one of the local exhaust systems required by Section 403.4.4 as long as the requirements of this section, in addition to the requirements of Section 403.4.4, are met.

Exception: Additions, alterations, renovations or repairs to a mechanical system that is part of a building addition with less than 500 square feet of conditioned floor area are exempt from the requirements for whole house ventilation systems.

403.4.5.1 Outdoor air. *Outdoor air* shall be distributed to each habitable space.

Where *outdoor air* supply intakes are separated from exhaust vents by doors, means shall be provided to ensure airflow to all separated habitable spaces by installing distribution ducts, installed grilles, transoms, doors undercut to a minimum of 1/2-inch above the surface of the finish floor covering, or other similar means where permitted by the *International Building Code*.

The mechanical system shall operate continuously to supply at least the volume of *outdoor air* required in Table 403.3.1.1 or Table 403.4.1.

Exception: Intermittently operating ventilation systems: The whole house mechanical ventilation system is permitted to operate intermittently where the system has controls that enable operation for not less than 25 percent of each 4-hour segment and the ventilation rate prescribed in Table 403.3.1.1 or Table 403.4.1 is multiplied by the factor determined in accordance with Table 403.4.5.1.

The intermittent mechanical ventilation system shall operate at least one hour out of every four. A minimum of six cycles are required per day.

Table 403.4.5.1

Intermittent Whole House Mechanical Ventilation Rate Factors [a, b]

Run-Time Percentage in Each 4-Hour Segment	25%	33%	50%	66%	75%	100%
Factor [a]	4	3	2	1.5	1.3	1.0

[a] For ventilation system run-time values between those given, the factors are permitted to be determined by interpolation.

[b] Extrapolation beyond the table is prohibited.

Intermittent Mechanical Ventilation Airflow Calculation Examples:

Example #1: Calculating fan airflow based on Table 403.4.5.1 values:

An intermittently operated whole house fan that serves a dwelling unit with a continuous ventilation requirement of 30 CFM (from Table 403.3.1.1 or 403.4.1) is controlled to operate with an on-time of 3 hours and off-time of 1 hours throughout the day.

The minimum intermittent ventilation rate is calculated as follows:

Ventilation rate Q_r = 30 CFM (from Table 403.3.1.1 or 403.4.1)

Cycle time = 4 hours

(where: cycle time is equal to the on-time plus the off-time)

Run-time percentage = 3 / 4 = 75%

(where: f is equal to the on-time divided by the cycle time)

Ventilation rate factor (F_v) 1.3 (from Table 403.4.5.1)

Final ventilation rate $Q_f = Q_r \times F_v$ = 30 CFM x 1.3 = 39

Example #2: Calculating fan airflow based on footnote a to Table 403.4.5.1:

An intermittently operated whole house fan that serves a dwelling unit with a continuous ventilation requirement of 30 CFM (from Table 403.3.1.1 or 403.4.1) is controlled to operate with an on-time of 1 hours and off-time of 3 hour throughout the day.

The minimum intermittent ventilation rate is calculated as follows:

Ventilation rate Qr = 30 CFM (from Table 403.3.1.1 or 403.4.1)

Cycle time = 4 hours

(where: cycle time is equal to the on-time plus the off-time)

Run-time percentage = 1/4 = 25% (this is greater than 50%)

(where: f is equal to the on-time divided by the cycle time)

Ventilation rate factor F_v = 4 (per footnote a of Table 403.4.5.1)

Final ventilation rate $Q_f = Q_r \times F_v = 30$ CFM x 4 = 120 CFM

See ASHRAE 62.2 Appendix B for further explanation and examples.

403.4.5.2 Whole house supply system general requirements. Whole house ventilation systems integrated with a forced-air system, systems using supply fans and systems using a heat or energy recovery ventilation system shall comply with the following:

1. *Outdoor air* louvers shall be adequately sized for the required airflow and shall comply with Section 401.5. *Outdoor air* intake locations shall comply with mechanical air intake requirements of Section 403.4.3.
2. *Outdoor air* ducts for dedicated or central supply systems and exhaust ducts for heat or energy recovery systems shall be provided with a means for balancing the system to the required airflow via balance dampers or other devices.
3. *Outdoor air* ducts for dedicated or central systems shall be provided with motorized dampers.

Exceptions:

1. *Outdoor air* ducts at heat or energy recovery ventilation systems are not required to have motorized dampers.
2. *Outdoor air* ducts at continuous ventilation systems are not required to have motorized dampers.

4. *Outdoor air* ducts in the conditioned space shall be insulated to a minimum of R-4. In heat or energy recovery ventilation systems, ducts upstream of the heat exchanger shall also be insulated to at least R-4.

Note: See *Seattle Energy Code* for additional insulation requirements.

5. All *outdoor air* ducts shall be designed and installed to deliver at least the outdoor airflow required by Section 403.4.5.1. The airflows required refer to the delivered airflow of the system as installed and tested using a flow hood, flow grid, or other airflow measurement device.

Exception: The *outdoor air* duct for supply fan systems and heat or energy recovery systems may be prescriptively sized per Table 403.4.5.2 for dedicated *outdoor air* ducts upstream of the supply fan. Supply fans shall have the capacity to provide the amount of *outdoor air* required by Section 403.4.5.1 at 0.40 in. w.g. as per HVI 916 (April 1995), When prescriptively sized the system shall be tested and balanced using a flow hood, flow-grid, or other airflow measurement device.

6. Whole house ventilation controls for intermittent operation shall allow concurrent operation of the forced-air fan and the associated *outdoor air* motorized damper.

7. Whole house ventilation controls for continuous operation shall be provided at the forced-air fan.

Exception:

Engineered central ventilation systems serving dwelling units or sleeping units are not required to have individual controls for each dwelling or sleeping unit when designed for continuous operation and approved by the code official.

Table 403.4.5.2

Prescriptive Supply Fan Duct Sizing

Supply Fan Tested cfm at 0.40" w.g.		
Specified Volume from Table 408.1	**Minimum Smooth Duct Diameter**	**Minimum Flexible Duct Diameter**
50 - 90 cfm	4 inch	5 inch

90 - 150 cfm	5 inch	6 inch
150 - 250 cfm	6 inch	7 inch
250 – 400 cfm	7 inch	8 inch

403.4.6 Whole house ventilation with exhaust fan systems. This section establishes minimum requirements for mechanical whole house ventilation systems using exhaust fans.

403.4.6.1 Outdoor air. Exhaust fan only ventilation systems shall provide *outdoor air* to each occupiable space through one of the following methods:

1. *Outdoor air* may be drawn through air inlets installed in exterior walls or windows. The air inlets shall comply with all of the following:

1.1. Inlets shall have controllable, secure openings and shall be designed to not compromise the thermal properties of the building envelope.

1.2. Inlets shall be accessible to occupants, including compliance with Section 1109.13 of the *International Building Code* for designated Accessible units, Type A units and Type B units.

1.3. Inlets shall be screened or otherwise protected from entry by insects, leaves, or other material.

1.4. Inlets shall provide not less than 4 square inches of net free area of opening for each 10 cfm of *outdoor air* required in Table 403.3.1.1 or Table 403.4.1.

1.5. Any inlet or combination of inlets which provide 10 cfm at 10 pascals as determined by the Home Ventilation Institute Air Flow Test Standard (HVI 901 (November 1996) are deemed equivalent to 4 square inches of net free area.

1.6. Each occupiable space shall have a minimum of one air inlet that has a minimum of 4 square inches of net free area.

[W]2. *Outdoor air* may be drawn in through operable openings to the outdoors. Each habitable space shall be provided with operable openings with an openable area of not less than 4 square inches of net free area of opening for each 10 cfm of *outdoor air* required by Table 403.3.1.1 or Table 403.4.1. Doors exiting to a corridor, court or public way shall not be used to provide *outdoor air*. The operable openings shall comply with the following:

2.1. Openings shall be controllable, securable, and shall be designed to not compromise the thermal properties of the building envelope.

2.2. Openings shall be accessible to occupants, including compliance with Section 1109.13 of the *International Building Code* for designated Accessible units, Type A units and Type B units.

2.3. Openings shall be screened or otherwise protected from entry by leaves or other material.

3. For interior adjoining spaces without *outdoor air* openings, one of the following two options shall be used to ventilate the interior adjoining space:

3.1. Provide a whole house transfer fan at the interior adjoining space sized to provide a minimum of the ventilation rate required per Section 403.4.5.1. The transfer fan shall circulate air between the interior room or space and the adjacent habitable space. The transfer fan may operate continuously or intermittently using controls per Section 403.4.2.

3.2. Provide a permanent opening to the interior adjoining space. Opening shall be unobstructed and shall have an area of not less than 8 percent of the floor area of the interior adjoining space, but not less than 25 square feet.

403.4.6.2 Outside air intake locations. All *outside air* intake opening types described in Section 403.4.6.1 shall be classified operable openings and shall not be classified as mechanical air intakes. The intake locations shall comply with Section 403.4.3.

403.4.6.3 Whole house exhaust system. Whole house exhaust system shall be designed and installed to meet all of the applicable criteria below:

1. Whole house ventilation exhaust shall be discharged outdoors.
2. Exhaust outlets shall comply with Section 501.3.2.
3. Exhaust ducts in systems which are designed to operate intermittently shall be equipped with backdraft dampers.
4. All exhaust ducts in unconditioned spaces shall be insulated to a minimum of R-4.5. Terminal outlet elements shall have at least the equivalent net free area of the ductwork.
5. Terminal outlet elements shall be screened or otherwise protected as required by Section 501.3.2.
6. One of the required local exhaust fans for the laundry room or bathroom may be designated as the whole house exhaust fan.
7. Exhaust fans in separate dwelling units or sleeping units shall not share common exhaust ducts unless the system is engineered for this operation.
8. Where permitted by Chapter 5, whole house exhaust ducts may be combined with other local exhaust ducts. If more than one of the exhaust fans in a dwelling unit or sleeping unit shares a common exhaust duct then each exhaust fan shall be equipped with a backdraft damper to prevent the recirculation of exhaust air from one room to another room via the exhaust ducting system.

403.4.6.4 Whole house exhaust and transfer fans. Exhaust fan construction and sizing shall meet the following criteria:

1. Exhaust and transfer fans shall be tested and rated in accordance with the airflow and sound rating procedures of the Home Ventilating Institute (HVI 915, HVI Loudness Testing and Rating Procedure; HVI 916, Airflow Test Procedure; and HVI 920, Product Performance Certification Procedure).

2. Installation of system or equipment shall be carried out in accordance with manufacturers' design requirements and installation instructions.

3. Fan airflow rating and duct system shall be designed and installed to deliver at least the outdoor airflow required by Table 403.3.1.1 or Table 403.4.1. The airflows required refer to the delivered airflow of the system as installed and tested using a flow hood, flow grid, or other airflow measurement device.

Exception: An airflow rating at a pressure of 0.25 in. w.g. may be used, provided the duct sizing meets the prescriptive requirements of Table 403.4.5.2.

403.4.6.5 Fan noise. Whole house exhaust and transfer fans located 4 feet or less from the interior grille shall have a sone rating of 1.0 or less measured at 0.10 inches water gauge. Manufacturer's noise ratings shall be determined in accordance with HVI 915. Remotely mounted fans shall be acoustically isolated from the structural elements of the building and from attached ductwork using insulated flexible duct or other approved material.

403.4.7 Whole house ventilation integrated with forced-air systems. This section establishes minimum requirements for mechanical whole house ventilation systems using forced-air system fans.

403.4.7.1 Outdoor air. Forced-air system fan ventilation systems shall provide *outdoor air* through one of the following methods:

1. A dedicated *outdoor air* louver and *outdoor air* duct for each dwelling unit or sleeping unit shall supply *outdoor air* to the return side of the forced-air system fan; or

2. A central *outdoor air* delivery system that supplies multiple dwelling units or sleeping units shall supply *outdoor air* to the return side of the forced air system fan.

[W]3. For interior adjoining spaces without *outdoor air* openings, one of the following two options shall be used to ventilate the interior adjoining space:

3.1. Provide a whole house transfer fan at the interior adjoining space sized to provide a minimum of the ventilation rate required per Section 403.4.5.1. The transfer fan shall circulate air between the interior room or space and the adjacent habitable space. The transfer fan may operate continuously or intermittently using controls per Section 403.4.2.

3.2. Provide a permanent opening to the interior adjoining space. Opening shall be unobstructed and shall have an area of not less than 8 percent of the floor area of the interior adjoining space, but not less than 25 square feet.

403.4.7.2 Whole house forced-air system. Where *outdoor air* is provided to each habitable dwelling unit or sleeping unit by a forced air system, the *outdoor air* duct shall be connected to the return air stream at a point within 4 feet upstream of the forced-air unit. It shall not be connected directly to the forced-air unit cabinet in order to prevent thermal shock to the heat exchanger. At a minimum, filtration of the *outdoor air* shall be

provided at the forced-air unit. The filter shall be accessible for regular maintenance and replacement. The filter shall have a Minimum Efficiency Rating Value (MERV) of at least 6.

Each Habitable space in the dwelling or sleeping unit shall be served by a forced air system with *outdoor air* connection.

403.4.8 Whole house ventilation with supply fan systems. This section establishes minimum requirements for mechanical whole house ventilation systems using supply fan systems.

403.4.8.1 Outdoor air. Supply fan ventilation systems shall provide *outdoor air* through one of the following methods:

1. A dedicated *outdoor air* louver and *outdoor air* duct for each dwelling unit or sleeping unit shall supply *outdoor air* to a supply fan; or

2. A central *outdoor air* supply fan system shall distribute unconditioned or conditioned air to multiple dwelling units or sleeping units.

[W]3. For interior adjoining spaces without *outdoor air* openings, one of the following two options shall be used to ventilate the interior adjoining space:

3.1. Provide a whole house transfer fan at the interior adjoining space sized to provide a minimum of the ventilation rate required per Section 403.4.5.1. The transfer fan shall circulate air between the interior room or space and the adjacent habitable space. The transfer fan may operate continuously or intermittently using controls per Section 403.4.2.

3.2. Provide a permanent opening to the interior adjoining space. Opening shall be unobstructed and shall have an area of not less than 8 percent of the floor area of the interior adjoining space, but not less than 25 square feet.

403.4.8.2 Whole house supply system. Where *outdoor air* is provided to each habitable dwelling unit or sleeping unit by supply fan systems the *outdoor air* shall be filtered.

The system filter may be located at the intake device or in line with the fan. The filter shall be accessible for regular maintenance and replacement. The filter shall have a Minimum Efficiency Rating Value (MERV) of at least 6.

403.4.9 Whole house ventilation with heat recovery or energy recovery ventilation systems. This section establishes minimum requirements for mechanical whole house ventilation systems using heat recovery or energy recovery ventilation systems.

403.4.9.1 Outdoor air. Heat recovery or energy recovery ventilation systems shall provide *outdoor air* through one of the following methods:

1. A dedicated *outdoor air* louver and *outdoor air* duct for each dwelling unit or sleeping unit shall supply *outdoor air* to the heat recovery or energy recovery ventilator; or

2. A central *outdoor air* heat recovery or energy recovery unit shall distribute conditioned air to multiple dwelling units or sleeping units.

[W]3. For interior adjoining spaces without *outdoor air* openings, one of the following two options shall be used to ventilate the interior adjoining space:

3.1. Provide a whole house transfer fan at the interior adjoining space sized to provide a minimum of the ventilation rate required per Section 403.4.5.1. The transfer fan shall circulate air between the interior room or space and the

adjacent habitable space. The transfer fan may operate continuously or intermittently using controls per Section 403.4.2.

3.2. Provide a permanent opening to the interior adjoining space. Opening shall be unobstructed and shall have an area of not less than 8 percent of the floor area of the interior adjoining space, but not less than 25 square feet.

403.4.9.2 Whole house heat recovery ventilator system. Where *outdoor air* is provided to each habitable dwelling unit or sleeping unit by heat recovery or energy recovery ventilator the *outdoor air* shall be filtered. The filter shall be located on the upstream side of the heat exchanger in both the intake and exhaust airstreams with a Minimum Efficiency Rating Value (MERV) of at least 6. The system filter may be located at the intake device or in line with the fan. The filter shall be accessible for regular maintenance and replacement.

Each Habitable space in the dwelling or sleeping unit shall be served by a forced air system with *outdoor air* connection.

403.4.10 Local exhaust ventilation and whole house ventilation alternate performance or design requirements. In lieu of complying with Sections 403.4.4 or 403.4.5 compliance with the section shall be demonstrated through engineering calculations by an engineer licensed to practice in the state of Washington or by performance testing. Documentation of calculations or performance test results shall be submitted to and approved by the code official. Performance testing shall be conducted in accordance with approved test methods.

403.4.11 Alternate systems. When approved by the *code official*, systems designed in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 62.2 shall be permitted.

SECTION 404

VENTILATION OF ENCLOSED MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANCIES

((~~ENCLOSED PARKING GARAGES~~))

404.1 Enclosed parking garage((s)), loading dock, and motor vehicle repair garage exhaust ventilation systems. Where mechanical ventilation systems for enclosed parking garages, loading docks, and motor vehicle repair garages operate intermittently, such operation shall be automatic by means of carbon monoxide detectors applied in conjunction with nitrogen dioxide detectors. Such detectors shall be installed in accordance with their manufacturers' recommendations. Failure of contamination sensing devices shall cause the exhaust fans to operate continuously at design airflow.

404.1.1 Ventilation makeup air. Ventilation makeup air shall be mechanically supplied to levels of enclosed loading docks and parking garages more than 3 stories above or below the nearest garage or loading dock entrance or exit.

404.1.2 Exhaust termination point. Exhaust termination points shall comply with Section 501.3.

404.2 Minimum ventilation.

404.2.1 Enclosed parking garages and motor vehicle repair garages. In enclosed parking garages and motor vehicle repair garages, ((A))automatic operation of the system shall not reduce the ventilation airflow rate below 0.05 cfm per square foot (0.00025 m3/s • m2) of the floor area and the ventilation system shall be capable of producing a ventilation airflow rate of 0.75 cfm per square foot (0.0038 m3/s • m2) of floor area.

Exception: Ventilation systems located in areas with automated parking systems where the engines of the motor vehicles are not operating shall provide a continuous ventilation

airflow rate of 50 cfm per parking stall. This exception does not apply to the vehicle drop off area.

404.2.2 Enclosed loading docks. In enclosed loading docks automatic operation of the system shall not reduce the ventilation airflow rate below 1.0 cfm per square foot (0.00507 $m^3/s \cdot m^2$) of the floor area and the ventilation systems shall be capable of producing a ventilation airflow rate of 1.5 cfm per square foot (0.0076 $m^3/s \bullet m^2$) of floor area.

404.3 Occupied spaces accessory to public garages and motor vehicle repair garages. Connecting offices, waiting rooms, ticket booths, elevator lobbies, and similar uses that are accessory to a public garage or motor vehicle repair garage shall be maintained at a positive pressure relative to the garage and shall be provided with ventilation in accordance with Section 403.3.

404.4 Motor vehicle repair garages. In buildings used for the repair of motor vehicles, each repair stall or stand shall be equipped with an exhaust capture system that connects directly to the repair engine exhaust source and prevents the escape of fumes. The exhaust system shall exhaust to the outdoor atmosphere. See Section 502.15 for additional requirements. Ventilation shall be provided for the motor vehicle repair garage in accordance with Section 404.

SECTION 405

SYSTEMS CONTROL

405.1 General. Mechanical ventilation systems shall be provided with manual or automatic controls that will operate such systems whenever the spaces are occupied. Air-conditioning systems that supply required *ventilation air* shall be provided with controls designed to automatically maintain the required *outdoor air* supply rate during occupancy. Additional

mechanical system control requirements are contained in the *International Energy Conservation Code.*

SECTION 406

VENTILATION OF UNINHABITED SPACES

406.1 General. ((~~Uninhabited spaces, such as crawl~~)) Crawl spaces and ((~~A~~))attics((~~,~~)) shall be provided with *natural ventilation* openings as required by the *International Building Code* or shall be provided with a mechanical exhaust and supply air system. The mechanical exhaust rate shall be not less than 0.02 cfm per square foot (0.00001 m3/s • m2) of horizontal area and shall be automatically controlled to operate when the relative humidity in the space served exceeds 60 percent.

SECTION 407

AMBULATORY CARE FACILITIES AND GROUP I-2 OCCUPANCIES

[W]407.1 General. Mechanical ventilation for healthcare facilities licensed by Washington state shall be designed and installed in accordance with this code and the following provisions of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC):

1. Mechanical ventilation in ambulatory care facilities shall comply with chapter 246-330 WAC.
2. Mechanical ventilation for acute care hospitals shall comply with chapter 246-320 WAC.
3. Mechanical ventilation for nursing homes shall comply with chapter 388-97 WAC.

Mechanical ventilation for unlicensed ambulatory care facilities ((~~and Group I-2 occupancies~~)) shall be designed and installed in accordance with this code and ASHRAE 170.

Section 7. The following sections of Chapter 5 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 5

EXHAUST SYSTEMS

SECTION 501

GENERAL

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501.3 Exhaust discharge. The air removed by every mechanical exhaust system shall be discharged outdoors at a point where it will not cause a public nuisance and not less than the distances specified in Section 501.3.1. The air shall be discharged to a location from which it cannot again be readily drawn in by a ventilating system. Air shall not be exhausted into an attic, crawl space, or be directed onto walkways.

Exceptions:

1. Whole-house ventilation-type attic fans shall be permitted to discharge into the attic space of *dwelling units* having private attics.
2. Commercial cooking recirculating systems are not required to discharge outdoors if the kitchen area has an exhaust system that is vented to the outside. Ventilation shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 4.
3. Where installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and where mechanical or *natural ventilation* is otherwise provided in accordance with Chapter 4, *listed* and *labeled* domestic ductless range hoods shall not be required to discharge to the outdoors.

501.3.1 Location of exhaust outlets. The termination point of exhaust outlets and ducts discharging to the outdoors shall be located with the following minimum distances:

1. For ducts conveying explosive or flammable vapors, fumes or dusts: 30 feet (9144 mm) from property lines; 10 feet (3048 mm) from operable openings into buildings; 6 feet (1829 mm) from exterior walls and roofs; 30 feet (9144 mm) from combustible walls and operable openings into buildings which are in the direction of the exhaust discharge; 10 feet (3048 mm) above adjoining grade.

Interpretation: Item 1 includes carpentry shop exhaust, industrial chemical lab, paint shop and sandblasting exhaust systems. For clearances and encroachments in the public right of way, see Section 304.11.

2. For other product-conveying outlets: 10 feet (3048 mm) from the property lines; 3 feet (914 mm) from exterior walls and roofs; 10 feet (3048 mm) from operable openings into buildings; 10 feet (3048 mm) above adjoining grade.

Interpretation: Item 2 includes central vacuum systems, dry cleaner, photo lab, school chemical lab, nail salon, dryer exhaust over 250° source capture system exhaust and combustion engine exhaust.

[W]3. For all *environmental air* exhaust other than enclosed parking garage and transformer vault exhaust: 3 feet (914 mm) from property lines; 3 feet (914 mm) from operable openings into buildings for all occupancies other than Group U, and 10 feet (3048 mm) from mechanical air intakes. Such exhaust shall not be considered hazardous or noxious.

Exceptions:

1. The separation between an air intake and exhaust outlet on a single listed package HVAC unit.

2. Exhaust from environmental air systems other than garages may be discharged into an open parking garage.

3. Except for Group I occupancies, where ventilation system design circumstances require building HVAC air to be relieved, such as during economizer operation, such air may be relieved into an open or enclosed parking garage within the same building.

4. Exhaust outlets serving structures in flood hazard areas shall be installed at or above the elevation required by Section 1612 of the *International Building Code* for utilities and attendant equipment.

5. For enclosed parking garage, loading dock, and motor vehicle repair garage exhaust outlets: Exhaust ventilation openings and duct terminations shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from property lines, operable openings into buildings, and mechanical air intakes; and 10 feet (3048 mm) above adjoining finished walking surfaces other than alleys. Exhaust outlets extending to the roof shall extend 3 feet (914 mm) above the roof surface.

[W] 6. For elevator machinery rooms in enclosed or open parking garages: Exhaust outlets may discharge air directly into the parking garage.

7. For transformer vault exhaust systems: Exhaust ventilation openings and duct terminations shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from fire escapes, required means of egress at the exterior of the building, elements

of the exit discharge, combustible exterior wall coverings, unprotected openings, operable openings and property lines other than a public way. Exhaust outlets shall be located on the exterior of the building. See *Seattle Building Code* Section 428 for additional requirements.

((~~5~~)) 8. For specific systems see the following sections:

((~~5.1~~)) 8.1. Clothes dryer exhaust, Section 504.4.

((~~5.2~~)) 8.2. Kitchen hoods and other kitchen exhaust *equipment*, Sections 506.3.13, 506.4 and 506.5.

((~~5.3~~)) 8.3. Dust stock and refuse conveying systems, Section 511.2.

((~~5.4~~)) 8.4. Subslab soil exhaust systems, Section 512.4.

((~~5.5~~)) 8.5. Smoke control systems, Section 513.10.3.

((~~5.6~~)) 8.6. Refrigerant discharge, Section 1105.7.

((~~5.7~~)) 8.7. Machinery room discharge, Section 1105.6.1.

Note: Seattle Land Use Code (Municipal Code Title 23) requires that the venting of odors, vapors, smoke, cinders, dust, gas and fumes shall be at least 10 feet (3048 mm) above finished sidewalk grade, and directed away as much as possible from residential uses within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of the vent in some locations.

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501.4 Pressure equalization. Mechanical exhaust systems shall be sized to remove the quantity of air required by this chapter to be exhausted. The system shall operate when air is required to be exhausted. Where mechanical exhaust is required in a room or space ((~~in other than occupancies in R-3 and *dwelling units* in R-2~~)), such space shall be maintained with a neutral or negative pressure. If a greater quantity of air is supplied by a mechanical ventilating supply

system than is removed by a mechanical exhaust for a room, adequate means shall be provided for the natural or mechanical exhaust of the excess air supplied. If only a mechanical exhaust system is installed for a room or if a greater quantity of air is removed by a mechanical exhaust system than is supplied by a mechanical ventilating supply system for a room, adequate *makeup air* shall be provided to satisfy the deficiency.

Exception: R-3 occupancies and dwelling units in R-2 occupancies are excluded from the pressure equalization requirement unless required by Section 504.5 or Section 505.2.

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SECTION 502

REQUIRED SYSTEMS

502.1 General. An exhaust system shall be provided, maintained and operated as specifically required by this section and for all occupied areas where machines, vats, tanks, furnaces, forges, salamanders and other *appliances, equipment* and processes in such areas produce or throw off dust or particles sufficiently light to float in the air, or which emit heat, odors, fumes, spray, gas or smoke, in such quantities so as to be irritating or injurious to health or safety. These exhaust systems are considered product-conveying systems.

502.1.1 Exhaust inlet location. The inlet to an exhaust system shall be located in the area of heaviest concentration of contaminants.

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[F] 502.4 Stationary storage battery systems. Stationary storage battery systems having a liquid capacity of more than 50 gallons, as regulated by Section 608 of the *International Fire Code*, shall be provided with ventilation in accordance with this chapter and Sections 502.4.1 ((~~or~~)) and 502.4.2.

Exception: Lithium-ion and lithium metal polymer batteries shall not require additional ventilation beyond that which would normally be required for human occupancy of the space.

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[F] 502.7 Application of flammable finishes. Mechanical exhaust as required by this section shall be provided for operations involving the application of flammable finishes. Spray finishing operations conducted in Group A, E, I or R occupancies shall be located in a spray room protected with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with *International Building Code* Section 903.3.1.1 and separated vertically and horizontally from other areas in accordance with the *International Building Code*. In other occupancies, spray-finishing operations shall be conducted in a spray room, spray booth or limited spraying area approved for such use.

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[F] 502.7.2 Limited spraying spaces. Positive mechanical ventilation that provides not less than six complete air changes per hour shall be installed in limited spraying spaces. Such system shall meet the requirements of the *International Fire Code* for handling flammable vapors. Explosion venting is not required.

Exception: Negative mechanical ventilation, providing a minimum of six complete air changes per hour, is allowed in lieu of positive mechanical ventilation if a fan rated for Class I, Division 2 hazardous locations in accordance with the *Seattle Electrical Code* is installed.

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502.14 Motor vehicle operation. In areas where motor vehicles operate, mechanical ventilation shall be provided in accordance with Section 403. Additionally, areas in which stationary motor

vehicles are operated shall be provided with a *source capture system* that connects directly to the motor vehicle exhaust systems. When the source capture system extends more than 10 feet from the tailpipe connection to the outdoors, the system shall exhaust at a rate of 600 cfm for heavy-duty diesel vehicles and at a rate of 300 cfm for all other vehicles. Such system shall be engineered by a registered design professional ((~~or shall be factory-built equipment designed and sized for the purpose~~)).

Exceptions:

1. This section shall not apply where the motor vehicles being operated or repaired are electrically owered.
2. This section shall not apply to one- and two-family dwellings.
3. This section shall not apply to motor vehicle service areas where engines are operated inside the building only for the duration necessary to move the motor vehicles in and out of the building.

[F] 502.15 Repair garages and other spaces. Where Class I liquids or LP-gas are stored or used within a building having a basement or pit wherein flammable vapors could accumulate, the basement or pit shall be provided with ventilation designed to prevent the accumulation of flammable vapors therein.

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502.18 Specific rooms. Specific rooms, including bathrooms, locker rooms, smoking lounges and toilet rooms, shall be exhausted in accordance with the ventilation requirements of Chapter 4.

Informative Note: RCW 70.160.030 states: "No person may smoke in a public place or in any place of employment." A public place is defined in RCW 70.160.020 in part as: "...A public

place does not include a private residence unless the private residence is used to provide licensed child care, foster care, adult care, or other similar social service care on the premises. This chapter is not intended to restrict smoking in private facilities which are occasionally open to the public except upon the occasions when the facility is open to the public."

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SECTION 504

CLOTHES DRYER EXHAUST

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504.2.1 Protection required. Protective shield plates shall be placed where nails or screws from finish or other work are likely to penetrate the clothes dryer exhaust duct. Shield plates shall be placed on the finished face of all framing members where there is less than 1-1/4 inches (32 mm) between the duct and the finished face of the framing member. Protective shield plates shall be constructed of steel, have a thickness of 0.062 inch (1.6 mm) and extend a minimum of 2 inches (51 mm) above sole plates and below top plates.

504.3 Cleanout. Each vertical riser shall be provided with a means for cleanout.

[W]504.4 Exhaust installation. Dryer exhaust ducts for clothes dryers shall terminate on the outside of the building and shall be equipped with a backdraft damper located where the duct terminates. Dryer exhaust ducts may terminate at exterior wall louvers with openings spaced not less than ½" in any direction.

Screens shall not be installed at the duct termination. Ducts shall not be connected or installed with sheet metal screws or other fasteners that will obstruct the exhaust flow. Clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall not be connected to a vent connector, vent or *chimney*. Clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall not extend into or through ducts or plenums.

Domestic dryer exhaust ducts may terminate at a common exhaust location where each duct has an independent back-draft damper.

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((**~~504.7 Protection required.~~** ~~Protective shield plates shall be placed where nails or screws from finish or other work are likely to penetrate the clothes dryer exhaust duct. Shield plates shall be placed on the finished face of all framing members where there is less than 11/4 inches (32 mm) between the duct and the finished face of the framing member. Protective shield plates shall be constructed of steel, have a thickness of 0.062 inch (1.6 mm) and extend not less than 2 inches (51 mm) above sole plates and below top plates.~~))

((**~~504.8~~**)) **504.7 Domestic clothes dryer ducts.** Exhaust ducts for domestic clothes dryers shall conform to the requirements of Sections ((~~504.8.1~~)) 504.7.1 through ((~~504.8.6~~)) 504.7.6 and Section 504.2.1.

((**~~504.8.1~~**)) **504.7.1 Material and size.** Exhaust ducts shall have a smooth interior finish and shall be constructed of metal a minimum 0.016 inch (0.4 mm) thick. The exhaust duct size shall be 4 inches (102 mm) nominal in diameter.

((**~~504.8.2~~**)) **504.7.2 Duct installation.** Exhaust ducts shall be supported at 4-foot (1219 mm) intervals and secured in place.

The insert end of the duct shall extend into the adjoining duct or fitting in the direction of airflow. Ducts shall not be joined with screws or similar fasteners that protrude more than 1/8 inch (3.2 mm) into the inside of the duct.

((**~~504.8.3~~**)) **504.7.3 Transition ducts.** Transition ducts used to connect the dryer to the exhaust duct system shall be a single length that is *listed* and *labeled* in accordance with UL

2158A. Transition ducts shall be not greater than 8 feet (2438 mm) in length and shall not be concealed within construction.

((~~504.8.4~~)) **504.7.4 Duct length.** The maximum allowable exhaust duct length shall be determined by one of the methods specified in Sections ((~~504.8.4.1 through 504.8.4.3~~)) 504.7.4.1 and 504.7.4.2.

[W] ((~~**504.8.4.1 Specified length.** The maximum length of the exhaust duct shall be 35 feet (10 668 mm) from the connection to the transition duct from the dryer to the outlet terminal. Where fittings are used, the maximum length of the exhaust duct shall be reduced in accordance with Table 504.8.4.1.~~))

TABLE ((~~504.8.4.1~~)) 504.7.4.1

DRYER EXHAUST DUCT FITTING EQUIVALENT LENGTH

DRYER EXHAUST DUCT FITTING TYPE	EQUIVALENT LENGTH
4″ radius mitered 45-degree elbow	2 feet 6 inches
4″ radius mitered 90-degree elbow	5 feet
6″ radius smooth 45-degree elbow	1 foot
6″ radius smooth 90-degree elbow	1 foot 9 inches
8″ radius smooth 45-degree elbow	1 foot
8″ radius smooth 90-degree elbow	1 foot 7 inches
10″ radius smooth 45-degree elbow	9 inches
10″ radius smooth 90-degree elbow	1 foot 6 inches

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 degree = 0.0175 rad.

((~~504.8.4.2~~)) **504.7.4.1 Manufacturer's instructions.** The maximum length of the exhaust duct shall be determined by the dryer manufacturer's installation instructions. The code official shall be provided with a copy of the installation instructions for the make and model of the dryer.

Where the exhaust duct is to be concealed, the installation instructions shall be provided to the code official prior to the concealment inspection. In the absence of fitting equivalent length calculations from the clothes dryer manufacturer, Table ((~~504.8.4.1~~)) 5047.4.1 shall be used.

((~~504.8.4.3~~)) **504.7.4.2 Dryer exhaust duct power ventilator length.** The maximum length of the exhaust duct shall be determined by the dryer exhaust duct power ventilator manufacturer's installation instructions.

((~~504.8.5~~)) **504.7.5 Length identification.** Where the exhaust duct equivalent length exceeds 35 feet (10 668 mm), the equivalent length of the exhaust duct shall be identified on a permanent label or tag. The label or tag shall be located within 6 feet (1829 mm) of the exhaust duct connection.

((~~504.8.6~~)) **504.7.6 Exhaust duct required.** Where space for a clothes dryer is provided, an exhaust duct system shall be installed. Where the clothes dryer is not installed at the time of occupancy, the exhaust duct shall be capped at the location of the future dryer.

Exception: Where a *listed* condensing clothes dryer is installed prior to occupancy of structure.

((~~504.9~~)) **504.8 Commercial clothes dryers.** The installation of dryer exhaust ducts serving commercial clothes dryers shall comply with the *appliance* manufacturer's installation instructions. Exhaust fan motors installed in exhaust systems shall be located outside of the airstream. In multiple installations, the fan shall operate continuously or be interlocked to operate when any individual unit is operating. Ducts shall have a minimum *clearance* of 6 inches (152 mm) to combustible materials. Clothes dryer transition ducts used to connect the *appliance* to the exhaust duct system shall be limited to single lengths not to exceed 8 feet (2438 mm) in length and shall be *listed* and *labeled* for the application. Transition ducts shall not be concealed within construction.

((~~504.10~~)) **504.9 Common exhaust systems for clothes dryers located in multistory structures.** Where a common multistory duct system is designed and installed to convey exhaust

from multiple clothes dryers, the construction of the system shall be in accordance with all of the following:

1. The shaft in which the duct is installed shall be constructed and fire-resistance rated as required by the *International Building Code*.
2. Dampers shall be prohibited in the exhaust duct. Penetrations of the shaft and ductwork shall be protected in accordance with Section 607.5.5, Exception 2.
3. Rigid metal ductwork shall be installed within the shaft to convey the exhaust. The ductwork shall be constructed of sheet steel having a minimum thickness of 0.0187 inch (0.4712 mm) (No. 26 gage) and in accordance with SMACNA *Duct Construction Standards*.
4. The ductwork within the shaft shall be designed and installed without offsets.
5. The exhaust fan motor design shall be in accordance with Section 503.2.
6. The exhaust fan motor shall be located outside of the airstream.
7. The exhaust fan shall run continuously, and shall be connected to a legally required standby power source.
8. Exhaust fan operation shall be monitored in an *approved* location and shall initiate an audible or visual signal when the fan is not in operation.

[W]9. Makeup air shall be provided for the exhaust system to maintain the minimum flow for the exhaust fan when the dryers are not operating. Additionally, makeup air shall be provided when required by Section 504.5.

10. A cleanout opening shall be located at the base of the shaft to provide *access* to the duct to allow for cleaning and inspection. The finished opening shall be not less than 12 inches by 12 inches (305 mm by 305 mm).

11. Screens shall not be installed at the termination.

12. The common multistory duct system shall serve only clothes dryers and shall be independent of other exhaust systems.

SECTION 505

DOMESTIC KITCHEN EXHAUST EQUIPMENT

[W]505.1 Domestic systems. Where domestic range hoods and domestic appliances equipped with downdraft exhaust are provided, such hoods and appliances shall discharge to the outdoors through sheet metal ducts constructed of galvanized steel, stainless steel, aluminum or copper. Such ducts shall have smooth inner walls, shall be air tight, shall be equipped with a backdraft damper, and shall be independent of all other exhaust systems.

Domestic kitchen exhaust ducts may terminate with other domestic dryer exhaust and residential local exhaust ducts at a common location where each duct has an independent back-draft damper.

Listed and labeled exhaust booster fans shall be permitted when installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Exceptions:

1. In other than Group I-1 and I-2, where installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and where mechanical ((~~or natural~~)) ventilation is otherwise provided in accordance with Chapter 4, listed and labeled ductless range hoods shall not be required to discharge to the outdoors.

Interpretation: Chapter 4 requires separate local exhaust systems in kitchens, including where ductless range hoods (also known as recirculating hoods) are used. Ductless range hoods are permitted in dwelling units where exhaust systems in the kitchen meet the requirements for local exhaust. In no case is natural ventilation, such as an operable window, allowed to substitute for the required kitchen local exhaust system.

2. Ducts for domestic kitchen cooking appliances equipped with downdraft exhaust systems shall be permitted to be constructed of Schedule 40 PVC pipe and fittings provided that the installation complies with all of the following:

2.1. The duct shall be installed under a concrete slab poured on grade.

2.2. The underfloor trench in which the duct is installed shall be completely backfilled with sand or gravel.

2.3. The PVC duct shall extend not more than 1 inch (25 mm) above the indoor concrete floor surface.

2.4. The PVC duct shall extend not more than 1 inch (25 mm) above grade outside of the building.

2.5. The PVC ducts shall be solvent cemented.

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SECTION 506

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN HOOD VENTILATION SYSTEM DUCTS AND EXHAUST EQUIPMENT

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506.3.2.4 Vibration isolation. A vibration isolation connector for connecting a duct to a fan shall consist of noncombustible packing in a metal sleeve joint of *approved* design or

shall be a coated-fabric flexible duct connector ((~~*listed* and *labeled* for the application~~)) rated for continuous duty at temperature of not less than 1500° F (816° C). Vibration isolation connectors shall be installed only at the connection of a duct to a fan inlet or outlet.

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506.3.5 Separation of grease duct system. A separate grease duct system shall be provided for each Type I hood. ((~~A separate grease duct system is not required~~)) Multiple Type I hoods are permitted to be combined where all of the following conditions are met:

1. All interconnected hoods are located within the same story.
2. All interconnected hoods are located within the same room or in adjoining rooms.
3. Interconnecting ducts do not penetrate assemblies required to be fire-resistance rated.
4. The grease duct system does not serve solid-fuelfired appliances.

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[W]506.3.9 Grease duct cleanout location, spacing and installation.

506.3.9.1 Grease duct horizontal cleanouts. Cleanouts serving horizontal sections of grease ducts shall:

1. Be spaced not more than 20 feet (6096 mm) apart.
2. Be located not more than 10 feet (3048 mm) from changes in direction that are greater than 45 degrees (0.79 rad).
3. Be located on the bottom only where other locations are not available and shall be provided with internal damming of the opening such that grease will flow past the opening without pooling. Bottom cleanouts and openings shall be approved for the application and installed liquid-tight.

4. Not be closer than 1 inch (25 mm) from the edges of the duct.

5. Have opening dimensions of not less than 12 inches by 12 inches (305 mm by 305 mm). Where such dimensions preclude installation, the openings shall be not less than 12 inches (305 mm) on one side and shall be large enough to provide access for cleaning and maintenance.

6. Shall be located at grease reservoirs.

506.3.9.2 Grease duct vertical cleanouts. Where ducts pass vertically through floors, cleanouts shall be provided. A minimum of one cleanout shall be provided on each floor. Cleanout openings shall be not less than 1-1/2 inches (38 mm) from all outside edges of the duct or welded seams. The opening minimum dimensions shall be 12 inches (305 mm) on each side.

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[W]506.3.11 Grease duct enclosures. A commercial kitchen grease duct serving a Type I hood that penetrates a ceiling, wall, floor or any concealed spaces shall be enclosed from the point of penetration to the outlet terminal. In-line exhaust fans not located outdoors shall be enclosed as required for grease ducts. A duct shall penetrate exterior walls only at locations where unprotected openings are permitted by the *International Building Code*. The duct enclosure shall serve a single grease duct and shall not contain other ducts, piping or wiring systems. Duct enclosures shall be a shaft enclosure in accordance with Section 506.3.11.1, a field-applied enclosure assembly in accordance with Section 506.3.11.2 or a factory-built enclosure assembly in accordance with Section 506.3.11.3. Duct enclosures shall have a fire-resistance rating of not less than that of the assembly penetrated ((~~and not less than 1 hour~~)).

The duct enclosure need not exceed 2 hours but shall not be less than 1 hour. Fire dampers and smoke dampers shall not be installed in grease ducts.

Exception:

1. A duct enclosure shall not be required for a grease duct that penetrates only a non fire-resistance rated roof/ceiling assembly.

2. In buildings that are designed in accordance with *International Building Code* Section 510.2, grease duct enclosures that penetrate the 3-hour horizontal assembly are permitted to be protected in accordance with the exception to Section 510.2 Item 3.

506.3.11.1 Shaft enclosure. Grease ducts constructed in accordance with Section 506.3.1 shall be permitted to be enclosed in accordance with the *International Building Code* requirements for shaft construction. Such grease duct systems and exhaust *equipment* shall have a *clearance* to combustible construction of not less than 18 inches (457 mm), and shall have a *clearance* to noncombustible construction and gypsum wallboard attached to noncombustible structures of not less than 6 inches (76 mm). Duct enclosures shall be sealed around the duct at the point of penetration and vented to the outside of the building through the use of weather protected openings.

Interpretation: Gypsum wallboard installed on a combustible substrate or on wood studs does not cause the wall to be considered as a noncombustible assembly, and the 18 inch minimum clearance still applies. The classification of combustible and noncombustible materials is not changed by the use of fire-retardant-treated wood products or fire rated (Type "X") gypsum wallboard.

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506.3.13.2 Termination through an exterior wall. Exhaust outlets shall be permitted to terminate through exterior walls where the smoke, grease, gases, vapors and odors in the discharge from such terminations do not create a public nuisance or a fire hazard. Such terminations shall not be located where protected openings are required by the *International Building Code*. Other exterior openings shall not be located within ((~~3~~)) 10 feet (((~~914~~)) 3048 mm) of such terminations.

Note: See Director's Rule 8-2014.

506.3.13.3 Termination location. Exhaust outlets shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from parts of the same or contiguous buildings, adjacent buildings, adjacent property lines and shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) above the adjoining grade level, and shall not create a public nuisance or a fire hazard . Exhaust outlets shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from or not less than 3 feet (914 mm) above air intake openings into any building.

Exception: Exhaust outlets shall terminate not less than 5 feet (1524 mm) horizontally from parts of the same or contiguous building, an adjacent building, adjacent property line and air intake openings into a building where air from the exhaust outlet discharges away from such locations.

Interpretation: For purposes of this section, property line includes any property line separating one lot from another lot, but does not include any property line separating a lot from a public street or alley right-of-way.

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506.4.1 Ducts. Ducts and plenums serving Type II hoods shall be constructed of rigid metallic materials. Duct construction, installation, bracing and supports shall comply with

Chapter 6. A duct serving a Type II hood that penetrates a fire-resistance-rated ceiling, floor or wall shall be in a rated enclosure from the point of penetration to the outlet with a rating equal to the fire-resistance rating of the assembly being penetrated. Ducts subject to positive pressure and ducts conveying moisture-laden or waste-heat-laden air shall be constructed, joined and sealed in an *approved* manner.

506.4.2 Type II terminations. Exhaust outlets serving Type II hoods shall terminate in accordance with the hood manufacturer's installation instructions and shall comply with all of the following:

1. Exhaust outlets shall terminate not less than 3 feet (914 mm) in any direction from openings into the building.
2. Outlets shall terminate not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from property lines or buildings on the same lot.
3. Outlets shall terminate not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) above grade.
4. Outlets that terminate above a roof shall terminate not less than 30 inches (762 mm) above the roof surface.
5. Vertical ((~~O~~))outlets on roofs shall terminate not less than 30 inches (762 mm) from exterior vertical walls
6. Outlets shall be protected against local weather conditions.
7. Outlets shall not be directed onto walkways.
8. Outlets shall meet the provisions for exterior wall opening protectives in accordance with the *International Building Code.*

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SECTION 507

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN HOODS

507.1 General. Commercial kitchen exhaust hoods shall comply with the requirements of this section. Hoods shall be Type I or II and shall be designed to capture and confine cooking vapors and residues. A Type I or Type II hood shall be installed at or above all *commercial cooking appliances* in accordance with Sections 507.2 and 507.3. Where any cooking *appliance* under a single hood requires a Type I hood, a

Type I hood shall be installed. Where a Type II hood is required, a Type I or Type II hood shall be installed. Where a Type I hood is installed, the installation of the entire system, including the hood, ducts, exhaust equipment and makeup air system shall comply with the requirements of Sections 506, 507, 508 and 509.

Exceptions:

1. Factory-built commercial exhaust hoods that are listed and labeled in accordance with UL 710, and installed in accordance with Section 304.1, shall not be required to comply with Sections 507.1.5, 507.2.3, 507.2.5, 507.2.8, 507.3.1, 507.3.3, 507.4 and 507.5.
2. Factory-built commercial cooking recirculating systems that are listed and labeled in accordance with UL 710B, and installed in accordance with Section 304.1, shall not be required to comply with Sections 507.1.5, 507.2.3, 507.2.5, 507.2.8, 507.3.1, 507.3.3, 507.4 and 507.5. Spaces in which such systems are located shall be considered to be kitchens and shall be ventilated in accordance with Table 403.3.1.1. <u>The kitchen exhaust system shall discharge in accordance with Section 501.3.1, item 3.</u> For the

purpose of determining the floor area required to be ventilated, each individual *appliance* shall be considered as occupying not less than 100 square feet (9.3 m2).

3. Where cooking appliances are equipped with integral down-draft exhaust systems and such appliances and exhaust systems are listed and labeled for the application in accordance with NFPA 96, a hood shall not be required at or above them.

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[W] Table 507.2.1 Type of Hood Required for Commercial Cooking Appliances

TYPE OF APPLIANCE[1]	TYPE OF HOOD REQUIRED[2]		
	TYPE I[3]	TYPE II	NONE[6]
Baking oven	Solid fuel	> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Charbroiler	All sizes		
Coffee maker		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Coffee roaster[4]		All sizes	
Convection ovens (electric)		> 6 kW	< 6 kW
Deep-fat fryer	All sizes		
Dishwasher		> 140°F	≤ 140°F
Grill	All sizes		
Hot dog display heater		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Microwave oven			All sizes
Pastry oven		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Pizza oven	Solid fuel	> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Popcorn maker		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Roasting oven[5]	> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW	
Roll warmer		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Solid-fuel burning appliances	All sizes & all food products		
Soup warmer, soup preparation cooking unit		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Steam reconstitution device		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Steam table		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Steamer		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Toaster		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW
Warming oven		> 6 kW	≤ 6 kW

[1] The code official shall determine hood requirements for appliances not listed in the table.
[2] Section 507.2 describes Type I and Type II kitchen hoods.
[3] The definition of extra-heavy-duty cooking appliance includes all appliances utilizing solid fuel.
[4] Puget Sound pollution control requires an after-burner for particulates.

[5] Roasting ovens are used to cook raw or partially cooked food.
[6] Where no hood is required, general kitchen exhaust shall be required per Section 507.3

Table 507.1.2 Type of Hood Required for Domestic Cooking Appliances [1,2]		
Type of Space[3]	**Type of cooking**	**Type of hood**
Church	1) Boiling, steaming and warming precooked food	Type II
	2) Roasting, pan frying and deep frying	Type I
Community or party room in apartment and condominium	1) Boiling, steaming and warming precooked food	Residential hood[4] or Type II [5]
	2) Roasting, pan frying and deep frying	Type I
Day care	1) Boiling, steaming and warming precooked food	Residential hood[4] or Type II [5]
	2) Roasting, pan frying and deep frying	Type I
Dormitory, boarding home, nursing home	1) Boiling, steaming and warming precooked food	Type II
	2) Roasting, pan frying and deep frying	Type I
Office lunch room	1) Boiling, steaming and warming precooked food	Residential hood[4] or Type II [5]
	2) Roasting, pan frying and deep frying	Type I

[1] Commercial cooking appliances shall comply with Section 507.2

[2] Requirements in this table apply to electric or gas fuel appliances only. Solid fuel appliances or charbroilers require Type I hoods.

[3] The *code official* shall determine hood requirements for other types of spaces.

[4] Residential hood shall vent to outside.

[5] Type II hood required when more than one appliance over 6kW total is used.

[W]507.1.2 Domestic cooking appliances used for commercial purposes. Domestic cooking appliances utilized for commercial purposes shall be provided with Type I, ((~~or~~)) Type II or residential hoods ((~~as required for the type of appliances and processes~~)) in accordance with Sections 507.2 and 507.3 and Table 507.1.2.

Domestic cooking appliances utilized for domestic purposes shall comply with Section 505.

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507.2 Type I hoods. Type I hoods shall be installed where cooking *appliances* produce grease or smoke as a result of the cooking process. Type I hoods shall be installed over *medium-duty*, *heavy-duty* and *extra-heavy-duty cooking appliances*.

Exception:

1. A Type I hood shall not be required for an electric cooking appliance where an approved testing agency provides documentation that the appliance effluent contains 5 mg/m3 or less of grease when tested at an exhaust flow rate of 500 cfm (0.236 m3/s) in accordance with UL 710B.

[W]2. A Type I hood shall not be required in an R-2 an occupancy with not more than 16 residents.

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507.2.6 Clearances for Type I hood. A Type I hood shall be installed with a *clearance* to combustibles of not less than 18 inches (457 mm).

Exception: *Clearance* shall not be required from gypsum wallboard or 1/2-inch (12.7 mm) or thicker cementitious wallboard attached to noncombustible structures provided that a smooth, cleanable, nonabsorbent and noncombustible material is installed between the hood and the gypsum or cementitious wallboard over an area extending not less than 18 inches (457 mm) in all directions from the hood.

Interpretation: Gypsum wallboard installed on a combustible substrate or on wood studs does not cause the wall to be considered a noncombustible assembly, and the 18 inch minimum clearance still applies. The classification of combustible and noncombustible materials is not changed by the use of fire-retardant-treated wood products or fire rated (Type "X") gypsum wallboard.

507.2.7 Type I hoods penetrating a ceiling. Type I hoods or portions thereof penetrating a ceiling, wall or furred space shall comply with Section 506.3.11. Field-applied grease duct enclosure systems, as addressed in Section 506.3.11.2, shall not be utilized to satisfy the requirements of this section.

Exception:

1. The exhaust hood may penetrate the plane of the adjacent ceiling without a rated enclosure when the ceiling is a minimum of 18" from the hood and the area above the ceiling is separated from a plenum.

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507.3 Type II hoods. Type II hoods shall be installed for collecting and removing steam, vapor, heat or odors from ((~~above~~)) dishwashers and appliances that produce heat or moisture and do not produce grease or smoke as a result of the cooking process, except where the heat and moisture loads from such appliances are incorporated into the HVAC system design or into the design of a separate removal system. Type II hoods shall be installed for collecting and removing steam, vapor, heat or odors from ((~~above~~)) all appliances that produce products of combustion and do not produce grease or smoke as a result of the cooking process. Spaces containing cooking appliances that do not require Type II hoods shall be provided with exhaust at a rate of 0.70 cfm per square foot (0.00033 m3/s).

For the purpose of determining the floor area required to be exhausted, each individual appliance that is not required to be installed under a Type II hood shall be considered as occupying not less than 100 square feet (9.3 m2). Such additional square footage shall be provided with exhaust at a rate of 0.70 cfm per square foot [.00356 m3/(s × m2)].

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507.5.1 Extra-heavy-duty (solid fuel) cooking appliances. The minimum net airflow for hoods, as determined by Section 507.1, used for *extra-heavy-duty cooking appliances* shall be determined as follows:

Type of Hood	CFM per linear foot of hood
Backshelf/pass-over	Not allowed
Double island canopy (per side)	550
Eyebrow	Not allowed
Single island canopy	700
Wall-mounted canopy	550

For SI: 1 cfm per linear foot = 1.55 L/s per linear meter.

SECTION 508

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN MAKEUP AIR

508.1 Makeup air. *Makeup air* shall be supplied during the operation of commercial kitchen exhaust systems that are provided for *commercial cooking appliances*. ((~~The amount of *makeup air* supplied to the building from all sources shall be approximately equal to the amount of *exhaust air* for all exhaust systems for the building~~))A separate makeup air system for the kitchen shall supply not less than 90 percent of the air to be exhausted. The *makeup air* shall not reduce the effectiveness of the exhaust system. *Makeup air* shall be provided by gravity or mechanical means or both. Mechanical *makeup air* systems shall be automatically controlled to start and operate simultaneously with the exhaust system. Exterior windows and doors shall not be used to provide commercial kitchen makeup air. *Makeup air* intake opening locations shall comply with Section 401.4.

Exceptions:

1. Where the total airflow for the exhaust system is less than 400 cfm, makeup air is not required; or

2. In atriums, food courts, and similar areas, occupant ventilation air that would otherwise exfiltrate or be exhausted by other mechanical exhaust systems may be used to provide all makeup air, or a portion of makeup air when a direct path through permanent openings exists for occupant ventilation air to transfer to the kitchen hood area. That portion of air not supplied by occupant ventilation air shall be provided by a separate makeup air system. The combined air quantity provided by a separate makeup air system and occupant ventilation air shall provide 100 percent of the air to be exhausted.

508.1.1 Makeup air temperature. The temperature differential between *makeup air* and the air in the conditioned space shall not exceed 10°F (6°C) if the amount of makeup air supply exceeds 2,500 cfm (1180 L/s) per space except where the added heating and cooling loads of the *makeup air* do not exceed the capacity of the HVAC system.

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SECTION 510

HAZARDOUS EXHAUST SYSTEMS

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510.2 Where required. A hazardous exhaust system shall be required wherever operations involving the handling or processing of hazardous materials, in the absence of such exhaust systems and under normal operating conditions, have the potential to create one of the following conditions:

1. A flammable vapor, gas, fume, mist or dust is present in concentrations exceeding 25 percent of the lower flammability limit of the substance for the expected room temperature.

2. A vapor, gas, fume, mist or dust with a health-hazard rating of 4 is present in any concentration.

3. A vapor, gas, fume, mist or dust with a health-hazard rating of 1, 2 or 3 is present in concentrations exceeding 1 percent of the median lethal concentration of the substance for acute inhalation toxicity.

((~~**Exception:** Laboratories, as defined in Section 510.1, except where the concentrations listed in Item 1 are exceeded or a vapor, gas, fume, mist or dust with a health hazard rating of 1, 2, 3 or 4 is present in concentrations exceeding 1 percent of the median lethal concentration of the substance for acute inhalation toxicity.~~))

In lieu of complying with this section, research and educational laboratories are permitted to comply with rules adopted by the Director for laboratory exhaust systems for hazardous materials.

Note: See Director's Rule 30-2005 for provisions on ventilation systems in research and educational laboratories.

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510.2.3 Model shops and other intermittent use facilities. Equipment or machinery located inside buildings that emit dust but are used on an intermittent basis, such as in model shops, research and development facilities, hobby, and other non-production uses, shall be provided with a local, point of use dust collection system. The dust collector is permitted to be a portable type with high efficiency filters to allow exhaust air to be discharged back into the space. Such collectors are not required to be provided with an approved explosion-control

system. Such systems shall be limited to an aggregate airflow of no more than 1,500 cfm per room.

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510.8 Suppression required.

510.8.1 Ducts. Ducts shall be protected with an *approved* automatic fire suppression system installed in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

Exceptions:

1. An approved automatic fire suppression system shall not be required in ducts conveying materials, fumes, mists and vapors that are nonflammable and noncombustible under all conditions and at any concentrations.
2. Automatic fire suppression systems shall not be required in metallic and noncombustible, nonmetallic exhaust ducts in semiconductor fabrication facilities.
3. An *approved* automatic fire suppression system shall not be required in ducts where the largest cross-sectional diameter of the duct is less than 10 inches (254 mm).
4. For laboratories, as defined in Section 510.1, automatic fire protection systems shall not be required for metallic ducts that serve ((~~in~~)) laboratory hoods or exhaust systems
5. An *approved* automatic fire suppression system is not required in metallic ducts serving fume hoods if all fume hoods served by the duct are equipped with an approved fire suppression system.

510.8.2 Fume hoods. Approved automatic fire suppression shall be installed in fume hoods within which operations are conducted involving hazardous materials that have the potential

to create a flammable vapor, gas, fume, mist, or dust in concentrations exceeding 25 percent of the lower flammability limit of the substance or mixture for the expected room temperature in the absence of the fume hood and under normal operating conditions.

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SECTION 511

DUST, STOCK AND REFUSE CONVEYING SYSTEMS

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511.1.1 Collectors and separators. Collectors and separators involving such systems as centrifugal separators, bag filter systems and similar devices, and associated supports shall be constructed of noncombustible materials and shall be located on the exterior of the building or structure.

A collector or separator shall not be located nearer than 10 feet (3048 mm) to combustible construction or to an unprotected wall or floor opening, unless the collector is provided with a metal vent pipe that extends above the highest part of any roof with a distance of 30 feet (9144 mm).

Exceptions:

1. Collectors such as "Point of Use" collectors, close extraction weld fume collectors, spray finishing booths, stationary grinding tables, sanding booths, and integrated or machine-mounted collectors shall be permitted to be installed indoors provided the installation is in accordance with the *International Fire Code* and NFPA 70.
2. Collectors in independent exhaust systems handling combustible dusts shall be permitted to be installed indoors provided that such collectors are installed in

compliance with the *International Fire Code* and ((~~NFPA 70~~)) the *Seattle Electrical Code*.

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SECTION 512

SUBSLAB SOIL EXHAUST SYSTEMS

512.1 General. Where a subslab soil exhaust system is provided, the duct shall conform to the requirements of this section.

512.2 Materials. Subslab soil exhaust system duct material shall be air duct material *listed* and *labeled* to the requirements of UL 181 for Class 0 air ducts, or any of the following piping materials that comply with the ((~~*International*~~)) *Uniform Plumbing Code* as building sanitary drainage and vent pipe: cast iron; galvanized steel; brass or copper pipe; copper tube of a weight not less than that of copper drainage tube, Type DWV; and plastic piping.

SECTION 513

SMOKE CONTROL SYSTEMS

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[F] 513.3 Special inspection and test requirements. In addition to the ordinary inspection and test requirements that buildings, structures and parts thereof are required to undergo, smoke control systems subject to the provisions of Section 909 of the *International Building Code* shall undergo special inspections and tests sufficient to verify the proper commissioning of the smoke control design in its final installed condition. The design submission accompanying the *construction documents* shall clearly detail procedures and methods to be used and the items subject to such inspections and tests. Such commissioning shall be in accordance with generally accepted engineering practice and, where possible, based on published standards for the

particular testing involved. The special inspections and tests required by this section shall be conducted under the same terms as found in Section 1704 of the *International Building Code*.

Note: See Seattle Fire Department (SFD) Administrative Rule 9.02.14.

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[F] 513.5 Smoke barrier construction. Smoke barriers required for ((~~passive~~)) engineered smoke control and a smoke control system using the pressurization method shall comply with Section 709 of the *International Building Code*. The maximum allowable leakage area shall be the aggregate area calculated using the following leakage area ratios:

1. Walls: $A/A\text{w} = 0.00100$
2. Interior exit stairways and ramps and exit passageways: $A/Aw = 0.00035$
3. Enclosed exit access stairways and ramps and all other shafts: $A/Aw = 0.00150$
4. Floors and roofs: $A/AF = 0.00050$

where:

A = Total leakage area, square feet (m2).

AF = Unit floor or roof area of barrier, square feet (m2).

Aw = Unit wall area of barrier, square feet (m2).

The leakage area ratios shown do not include openings created by gaps around doors and operable windows. The total leakage area of the smoke barrier shall be determined in accordance with Section 513.5.1 and tested in accordance with Section 513.5.2.

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[F] 513.11 ((~~**Standby**~~))**Emergency power.** The smoke control system shall be supplied with ((~~standby~~))emergency power in accordance with Section 2702 of the *International Building Code*.

[F] 513.11.1 Equipment room. The ((~~standby~~))emergency power source and its transfer switches shall be in a room separate from the normal power transformers and switch gear and ventilated directly to and from the exterior. The room shall be enclosed with not less than 1-hour fire-resistance-rated fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 of the *International Building Code* or horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711 of the *International Building Code*, or both.

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[F]((~~513.11.2~~)) 513.11.3Wiring. In addition to meeting requirements of the *Seattle Electrical Code*, all wiring regardless of voltage, shall have fire-resistance-rated protection of at least two hours or as required in rules promulgated by the *code official*.

Exception: Subject to the approval of the *code official*, fire-resistance-rating is not required for wiring located in a parking garage.

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[F] 513.12.2 Wiring. ((~~In addition to meeting the requirements of NFPA 70, all wiring, regardless of voltage, shall be fully enclosed within continuous raceways.~~)) See Section 513.11.

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[F] 513.12.4 Automatic control. Where complete automatic control is required or used, the automatic control sequences shall be initiated from an appropriately zoned automatic sprinkler system complying with Section 903.3.1.1 of the *International Fire Code*, from manual controls that are readily accessible to the fire department, and any smoke detectors in the building ((~~required by engineering analysis~~)).

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[W]SECTION 515

WASTE OR LINEN CHUTE VENTING

515.1 General. Waste or linen chutes shall be gravity vented per NFPA 82.

Exception: Waste or linen chutes may be mechanically ventilated by an exhaust fan. The exhaust fan shall be located outside the building at the top of the chute.

Section 8. The following sections of Chapter 6 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 6

DUCT SYSTEMS

SECTION 601

GENERAL

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[BF] 601.2 Air movement in egress elements. Corridors shall not serve as supply, return, exhaust, relief or v*entilation air* ducts.

Exceptions:

1. Use of a corridor as a source of *makeup air* for exhaust systems in rooms that open directly onto such corridors, including toilet rooms, bathrooms, dressing rooms, ((~~smoking lounges~~)) and janitor closets, shall be permitted, provided that each such corridor is directly supplied with ((~~outdoor~~)) air at a rate greater than the rate of *makeup air* taken from the corridor.
2. Where located within a *dwelling unit*, the use of corridors for conveying return air shall not be prohibited.

3. Where located within tenant spaces of 1,000 square feet (93 m2) or less in area, use of corridors for conveying return air is permitted.

4. Incidental air movement from pressurized rooms within health care facilities, provided that the corridor is not the primary source of supply or return to the room.

[W] 5. Where such air is part of an engineered smoke control system.

[W] 6. Air supplied to corridors serving residential occupancies shall not be considered as providing ventilation air to the dwelling units and sleeping units subject to the following:

6.1 The air supplied to the corridor is one hundred percent outside air; and

6.2 The dwelling units have conforming ventilation air independent of the air supplied to the corridor; and

6.3 For other than high-rise buildings, the supply fan will automatically shut off upon activation of corridor smoke detectors installed in accordance with Section 606.2; or

6.4 For high-rise buildings, the supply fan will automatically shut off upon activation of the smoke detectors required by *Seattle Fire Code* Section 907.2.13.1 or upon receipt of another *approved* fire alarm signal. The supply fan is not required to be automatically shut off when used as part of an *approved* building stairwell or elevator hoistway pressurization system. Corridor smoke detectors shall be installed in accordance with Section 606.2.

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SECTION 602

PLENUMS

[W]**602.1 General.** Supply, return, exhaust, relief and ventilation air plenums shall be limited to uninhabited crawl spaces, areas above a ceiling or below the floor, attic spaces and mechanical

equipment rooms. Plenums shall be limited to one fire area. Air systems that serve multiple fire areas shall be ducted from the boundary of the fire area served directly to the air-handling equipment. Fuel-fired appliances shall not be installed within a plenum.

602.2 Construction. *Plenum* enclosure construction materials that are exposed to the airflow shall comply with the requirements of Section 703.5 of the *International Building Code* or such materials shall have a flame spread index of not more than 25 and a smoke-developed index of not more than 50 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84 or UL 723.

The use of gypsum boards to form plenums shall be limited to systems where the air temperatures do not exceed 125°F (52°C) and the building and mechanical system design conditions are such that the gypsum board surface temperature will be maintained above the airstream dew-point temperature as determined by the *registered design professional*. Air plenums formed by gypsum boards shall not be incorporated in air-handling systems utilizing evaporative coolers.

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602.2.1.1 Wiring. Combustible electrical wires and cables and optical fiber cables exposed within a plenum shall be listed as having a maximum peak optical density of 0.50 or less, an average optical density of 0.15 or less, and a maximum flame spread distance of 5 feet (1524 mm) or less when tested in accordance with NFPA 262 or shall be installed in metal raceways or metal sheathed cable. Combustible optical fiber and communication raceways exposed within a plenum shall be listed as having a maximum peak optical density of 0.5 or less, an average optical density of 0.15 or less, and a maximum flame spread distance of 5 feet (1524 mm) or less when tested in accordance with ANSI/UL 2024. Only plenum-rated wires and cables shall be installed in plenum-

rated raceways. Electrical wires and cables, optical fiber cables and raceways addressed in this section shall be listed and labeled and shall be installed in accordance with the *Seattle Electrical Code* ((~~NFPA 70~~)).

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SECTION 603

DUCT CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION

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603.5.1 Gypsum ducts. The use of gypsum boards to form air shafts (ducts) shall be limited to return air systems where the air temperatures do not exceed 125°F (52°C) and the gypsum board surface temperature is maintained above the airstream dew-point temperature as determined by the registered design professional. Air ducts formed by gypsum boards shall not be incorporated in air-handling systems utilizing evaporative coolers.

Exceptions:

1. Gypsum boards may be used for ducts that are only used for stairway or elevator pressurization supply air. The gypsum duct shall not attach directly to the equipment.

2. Gypsum boards coated on the inside with epoxy paint or foil-facing may be used for ventilation systems serving parking garages.

3. Gypsum boards coated on the inside with epoxy paint or foil-facing may be used for exhaust air ducts.

Note: Gypsum ducts shall be sealed in accordance with *International Energy Conservation Code Section* C403.2.7.

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603.10.1 Seismic loads. Bracing for ducts shall be designed to resist seismic loading, using accepted engineering practices and Chapter 16 of the *International Building Code.*

Interpretation: Duct bracing that complies with the SMACNA guideline "Seismic Restraint Manual Guidelines for Mechanical Systems" is deemed to comply with Section 603.10 and the *International Building Code.*

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603.14 Location. Ducts shall not be installed in or within 4 inches (102 mm) of the earth, except where such ducts comply with Section 603.8. Ducts installed in parking garages shall provide a clear floor height of not less than 6 feet 6 inches at the vehicle and pedestrian traffic areas, except where a minimum vertical clearance of 98 inches must be provided for required van-accessible parking spaces, access aisles serving them, and vehicular routes between the van-accessible parking spaces and the garage entrance and exit.

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SECTION 605

AIR FILTERS

605.1 General. Heating and air-conditioning systems shall be provided with *approved* air filters. Filters shall be installed such that all return air, outdoor air and makeup air is filtered upstream from any heat exchanger or coil. Filters shall be installed in an *approved* convenient location. Liquid adhesive coatings used on filters shall have a flash point not lower than 325°F (163°C).

[W]Exception: Chilled beams that are designed to operate above the space dew point temperature do not require filtration at the terminal device.

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[W] 605.4 Particulate matter removal. Particulate matter filters or air cleaners having a minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) of not less than 6 for ducted air handlers and not less than 4 for ductless mini-split systems shall be provided upstream of all cooling coils or other devices with wetted surfaces through which air is supplied to an occupiable space.

SECTION 606

SMOKE DETECTION SYSTEMS CONTROL

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606.2 Where required. Smoke detectors shall be installed where indicated in Sections 606.2.1 through ((~~606.2.3~~)) 606.2.5.

Exception: Smoke detectors shall not be required where air distribution systems are incapable of spreading smoke beyond the enclosing walls, floors and ceilings of the room or space in which the smoke is generated.

606.2.1 Return air systems. Smoke detectors shall be installed in return air systems with a design capacity greater than 2,000 cfm (0.9 m3/s), in the return air duct or *plenum* upstream of any filters, *exhaust air* connections, outdoor air connections, or decontamination *equipment* and appliances.

[W]Exception:

1. Smoke detectors are not required in the return air system where all portions of the building served by the air distribution system are protected by area smoke detectors connected to a fire alarm system in accordance with the *International Fire Code*. The area smoke detection system shall comply with Section 606.4.

2. Smoke detectors are not required in the air system where all of the air is exhausted and not recirculated back to any portion of the building. Additionally, smoke detectors are not required in the supply system that provide the *makeup air* for the exhaust system.

[W]606.2.2 Common supply and return air systems. Where multiple air-handling systems share common supply or return air ducts or plenums with a combined design capacity greater than 2,000 cfm (0.9 m3/s), the return air system shall be provided with smoke detectors in accordance with Section 606.2.1.

Exception: Individual smoke detectors shall not be required for each fan-powered terminal unit, provided that such units do not have an individual design capacity greater than 2,000 cfm (0.9 m3/s) and will be shut down by activation of one of the following:

1. Smoke detectors required by Sections 601.2, 606.2.1 and 606.2.3.

2. An *approved* area smoke detector system located in the return air *plenum* serving such units.

3. An area smoke detector system as prescribed in the exception to Section 606.2.1.

((~~In all cases, the smoke detectors shall comply with Sections 606.4 and 606.4.1.~~))

The shutdown of fan-powered terminal units may be performed by a building automation system upon activation of smoke detection as described in Section 606.2.2, Exception Items 1, 2, or 3. The building automation system is not required to be listed as a smoke control system and is not required to comply with UL Standard 864: Standard for Control Units and Accessories for Fire Alarm Systems.

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606.2.4 Corridors Serving Group R Occupancies in other than high-rise buildings. Corridors that serve Group R occupancies in other than high-rise buildings and that are

mechanically ventilated with supply air shall be equipped with smoke detectors spaced in accordance with NFPA 72. The supply fan shall automatically shut off upon activation of the corridor smoke detectors.

Exception: Corridor smoke detection is not required when air is returned back to the supply fan from the corridor and return air smoke detectors are installed in the return air duct or plenum upstream of any filters, exhaust air connections, outdoor air connections, or decontamination equipment and appliances designed to automatically shut off the supply fan.

606.2.5 Corridors Serving Group R Occupancies in high-rise buildings. Corridors that serve Group R occupancies in high-rise buildings and that are mechanically ventilated with supply air shall be equipped with smoke detectors that are spaced in accordance with NFPA 72 and air supply inlets to the corridor shall be provided with smoke/fire dampers. The supply inlet smoke/fire dampers shall automatically close upon activation of the corridor smoke detectors.

Exceptions:

1. Corridor smoke detection is not required to close the supply inlet smoke/fire dampers when the smoke/fire dampers are used as part of an *approved* building stairwell or elevator hoistway pressurization smoke control system.
2. Corridor smoke detection is not required when, air is returned back to the supply fan from the corridor and return air smoke detectors are installed in the return air duct or plenum upstream of any filters, exhaust air connections, outdoor air connections, or decontamination equipment and appliances designed to automatically shut off the supply fan.

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[F] 606.4.1 Supervision. The duct smoke detectors shall be connected to the building's fire alarm control unit ((~~a fire alarm system~~)) where a fire alarm system is required by Section 907.2 of the *International Fire Code*. Duct detectors shall not activate a fire alarm signal. The actuation of a duct smoke detector shall activate a visible and audible supervisory signal at a constantly attended location. In facilities that are required to be monitored by a supervising station, duct smoke detectors shall report only as a supervisory signal, not as a fire alarm.

Exceptions:

1. The supervisory signal at a constantly attended location is not required where the duct smoke detector activates the building's alarm-indicating appliances.
2. In occupancies not required to be equipped with a fire alarm system, actuation of a smoke detector shall activate a visible and audible signal in an *approved* location. Duct smoke detector trouble conditions shall activate a visible or audible signal in an *approved* location and shall be identified as air duct detector trouble.

SECTION 607

DUCT AND TRANSFER OPENINGS

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[BF] 607.3.3.1 Fire damper actuation device. The fire damper actuation device shall meet one of the following requirements:

1. The operating temperature shall be approximately 50°F (28°C) above the normal temperature within the duct system, but not less than 160°F (71°C).

2. The operating temperature shall be not more than 350°F (177°C) where located in a smoke control system complying with Section 909 of the *International Building Code.*

Informative Note: Dampers associated with exhaust fans used for hoistway and stairway pressurization are permitted to comply with Section 607.3.3.1, item 2.

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[BF] 607.5.5 Shaft enclosures. Shaft enclosures that are permitted to be penetrated by ducts and air transfer openings shall be protected with *approved* fire and smoke dampers installed in accordance with their listing.

Exceptions:

1. Fire dampers are not required at penetrations of shafts where any of the following apply:

1.1. Steel exhaust subducts extend not less than 22 inches (559 mm) vertically in exhaust shafts provided that there is a continuous airflow upward to the outdoors.

1.2. Penetrations are tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 as part of the fire-resistance-rated assembly.

1.3. Ducts are used as part of an *approved* smoke control system in accordance with Section 909 of the *International Building Code*, and where the fire damper will interfere with the operation of the smoke control system.

1.4. The penetrations are in parking garage exhaust or supply shafts that are separated from other building shafts by not less than 2-hour fire-resistance-rated construction.

2. In Group B and R occupancies equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 of the *International Building Code*, smoke dampers are not required at penetrations of shafts where kitchen, clothes dryer, bathroom, ((~~and~~)) toilet room, accessory storage, and accessory trash room exhaust openings with steel exhaust subducts, having a minimum thickness of 0.0187 inch (0.4712 mm) (No. 26 gage), extend not less than 22 inches (559 mm) vertically and the exhaust fan at the upper terminus is ((~~powered continuously in accordance with the provisions of Section 909.11 of the *International Building Code*~~,)) provided with a legally required standby power system in accordance with Seattle Electrical Code Section 701, and maintains airflow upward to the outdoors.

3. Smoke dampers are not required at penetrations of exhaust or supply shafts in parking garages that are separated from other building shafts by not less than 2-hour fire-resistance-rated construction.

4. Smoke dampers are not required at penetrations of shafts where ducts are used as part of an *approved* mechanical smoke control system designed in accordance with Section 909 of the *International Building Code* and where the smoke damper will interfere with the operation of the smoke control system.

5. Fire dampers and combination fire/smoke dampers are not required in kitchen and clothes dryer exhaust systems ((~~installed in accordance with~~)) where dampers are prohibited by this code.

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Section 9. The following sections of Chapter 7 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 7

COMBUSTION AIR

SECTION 701

GENERAL

701.1 Scope. This chapter shall apply to oil-burning *appliances* and *equipment* to ensure that adequate air for safe combustion is provided. Solid fuel-burning *appliances, fireplaces* and *fireplace stoves* shall be provided with *combustion air* in accordance with the appliance manufacturer's installation instructions and *International Building Code* Section 2111. ((~~Oil-fired *appliances* shall be provided with *combustion air* in accordance with NFPA 31. The methods of providing *combustion air* in this chapter do not apply to fireplaces, fireplace stoves and d~~)) Direct-vent *appliances* shall be provided with combustion air in accordance with the appliance manufacturer's installation instructions. The requirements for combustion and dilution air for gas-fired *appliances* shall be in accordance with the *International Fuel Gas Code*.

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701.3 Oil-burning appliance and equipment installation location. Oil-burning appliances and equipment shall be installed in locations where available ventilation permits satisfactory combustion of oil, proper venting of combustion gases, and maintenance of safe ambient temperatures under normal conditions of use. Appliances shall be located so that they do not interfere with the supply of air within the space.

Note: The provisions of Chapter 7 are based on NFPA 31-2011.

701.4 Tight construction. Where buildings are so tight that normal infiltration does not provide sufficient air for combustion, outside air shall be introduced.

701.5 Combustion air ducts. Combustion air ducts shall:

1. Be of galvanized steel complying with Chapter 6 or of equivalent corrosion-resistant material approved for this application.

Exception: Within dwelling units, unobstructed stud and joist spaces shall not be prohibited from conveying combustion air, provided that not more than one required fireblock is removed.

2. Have a minimum cross-sectional dimension of 3 inches (76 mm).

3. Terminate in an unobstructed space allowing free movement of combustion air to the appliances.

4. Have the same cross-sectional areas as the free area of the openings to which they connect.

5. Serve a single appliance enclosure.

6. Not serve both upper and lower combustion air openings where both such openings are used. The separation between ducts serving upper and lower combustion air openings shall be maintained to the source of combustion air.

7. Not be screened where terminating in an attic space.

8. Not slope downward toward the source of combustion air, where serving the upper required combustion air opening.

701.6 Prohibited sources. Openings and ducts shall not connect appliance enclosures with a space in which the operation of a fan will adversely affect the flow of the combustion air. Combustion air shall not be obtained from a hazardous location, except where the fuel-fired appliances are located within the hazardous location and are installed in accordance with this code. Combustion air shall not be taken from a refrigeration machinery room, except where a refrigerant vapor detector system is installed to automatically shut off the combustion process in

the event of refrigerant leakage. Combustion air shall not be obtained from any location below the design flood elevation.

701.7 Opening location and protection. Combustion air openings to the outdoors shall comply with the location and protection provisions of Sections 401.4 and 401.5 applicable to outdoor air intake openings.

SECTION 702

APPLIANCES LOCATED IN UNCONFINED SPACES

702.1 Unconfined spaces. In unconfined spaces air for combustion and ventilation shall be obtained directly from outdoors or from spaces that freely communicate with outdoors by means of a permanent opening or openings having a total free area of not less than 1 $in.^2$ per 5000 Btu/hr (28 $in.^2$ per gal/hr) (4.4 cm^2 kW), based on the total input rating of all appliances in the space.

Exception: In buildings built prior to the 1986 edition of the *Washington State Energy Code with Seattle Amendments*, air for combustion shall be permitted to be supplied by normal infiltration.

SECTION 703

APPLIANCES LOCATED IN CONFINED SPACES

703.1 Confined spaces. For appliances installed in confined spaces, air for combustion and ventilation shall be provided using one of the methods set forth in this section.

703.2 All air taken from inside the building. Where all combustion air will be taken from inside the building, the confined space shall be provided with two permanent openings as shown in Figure 703.2.1, one near the top of the space and one near the bottom.

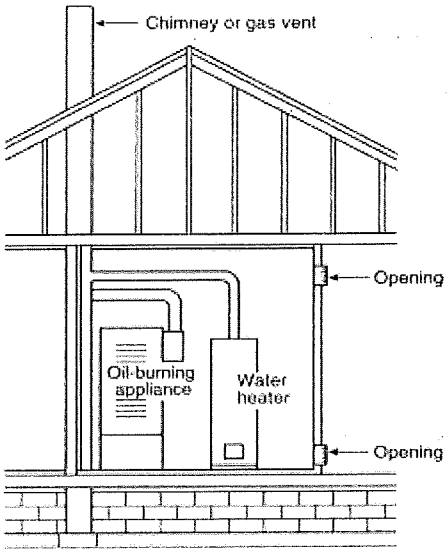


FIGURE 703.2.1 Appliances Located in Confined Spaces – All Air Taken from Inside the Building

703.2.1 Size of openings. Each opening shall have a free area of not less than 1 in.² per 1000 Btu/hr (140in.² per gal/hr) (22 cm²/kW), based on the total input rating of all appliances in the space.

703.2.2 Source of air. Each opening shall freely communicate with interior areas of the building that, in turn, have adequate infiltration from the outside.

703.3 All air taken from outdoors. Where all air will be taken from outdoors, the confined space shall be provided with two permanent openings, one near the top of the space and one in or near the bottom.

703.3.1 Source of air. The openings shall communicate directly or by means of ducts with the outdoors or to spaces such as an attic or crawl space, that themselves freely communicate with the outdoors, as shown in Figure 703.3.2.1, Figure 703.3.2.2, and Figure 703.3.2.3.

703.3.2 Vertical ducts. Where communicating with the outdoors directly or by means of vertical ducts, each opening shall have a free area of not less than 1 inch² per 4000 Btu/hr (35 inch² per gal/hr) (5.5 cm²/kW), based on the total input rating of all appliances in the space.

703.3.3 Horizontal ducts. Where communicating with the outdoors by means of horizontal ducts, each opening shall have a free area of not less than 1 inch² per 2000 Btu/hr (70 inch² per gal/hr) (11 cm²/kW), based on the total input rating of all appliances in the space.

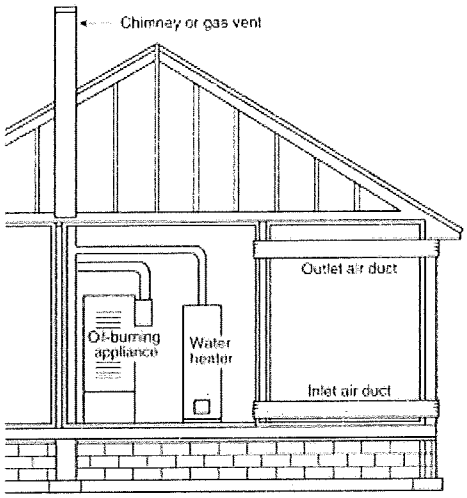


FIGURE 703.3.2.1 Appliances Located in Confined Spaces - All Air from Outdoors

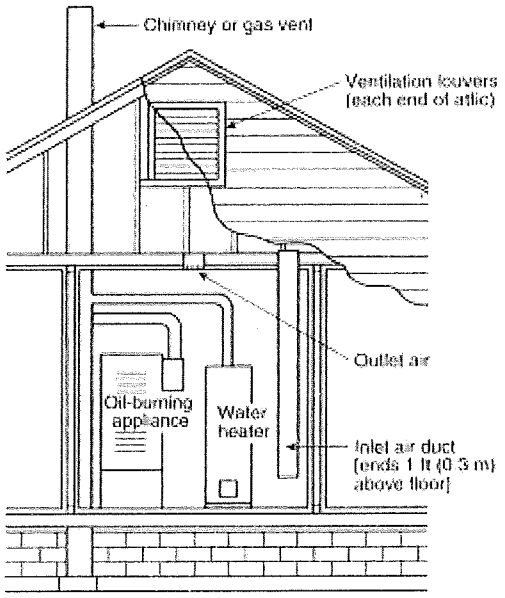
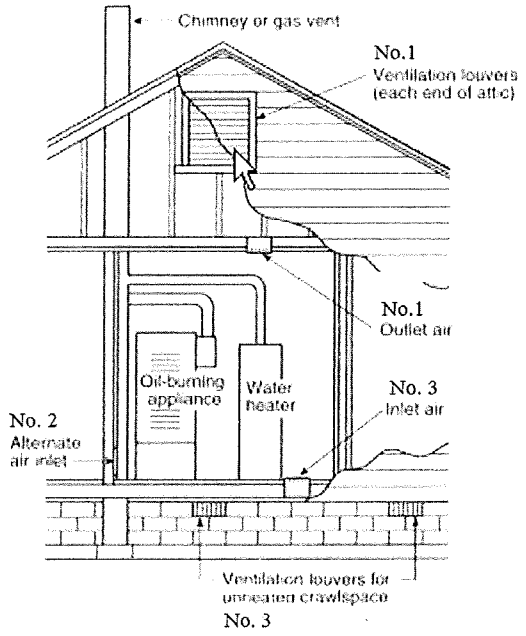


FIGURE 703.3.2.2 Appliances Located in Confined Spaces - All Air from Outdoors Through Ventilated Attic



Notes:

- Ducts used for make-up air can be connected to the cold air return of the heating system only if they connect directly to outdoor air.
- Nos. 1, 2, and 3 mark alternate locations for air from outdoors.
- Provide attic ventilation louvers at each end of attic with alternate air inlet No. 1.
- Provide crawl space ventilation louvers for unheated crawl space with alternate air inlet No. 3.

FIGURE 703.3.2.3 Appliances Located in Confined Spaces, with ventilation air from inside building and combustion air from outside, ventilated attic, or ventilated crawl space.

703.4 Ventilation air taken from inside the building—combustion air taken from outdoors.

Where ventilation air will be taken from inside the building and combustion air will be taken

from outdoors, the confined space shall be provided with two openings for ventilation, located and sized as specified in Section 703.2 and as shown in Figure 703.3.2.3. In addition, there shall be one opening communicating directly with the outdoors or to spaces, such as an attic or crawl space, that freely communicates with the outdoors and has a free area of not less than 1 $in.^2$ per 5000 Btu/hr (28 $in.^2$ per gal/hr) (4.4 cm^2/kW), based on the total input of all appliances in the space.

SECTION 704

COMBUSTION AIR FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS

704.1 General. For commercial and industrial oil-burning equipment, permanent means for supplying an ample amount of outside air shall be provided in accordance with this section.

704.2 Size of openings. For furnace or boiler rooms adjacent to outside walls and where combustion air is provided by natural ventilation from the outside, there shall be a permanent air supply inlet having a total free area of not less than 1 $in.^2$ per 4000 Btu/hr (35 in.2 per gal/hr) (5.5 cm^2/kW), based on the total input rating of the burner or burners, but in no case less than 35 $in.^2$ (0.425 m^2). For furnace or boiler rooms that are not adjacent to outside walls, the combustion air shall be supplied in a manner acceptable to the building official.

SECTION 705

LOUVERS AND GRILLES

705.1 Louvers and grilles. In calculating the free area required by Sections 701, 702, 703 and 704, the blocking effect of louvers, grilles, or screens protecting openings shall be taken into consideration.

705.2 Screens. Screens used in louvers or grilles shall not be smaller than 1/4 in (6.3 mm) mesh and shall be accessible for cleaning.

705.3 Size of openings. If the free area through a particular design of louver or grille is known, it shall be used in calculating the size of the opening needed to provide the free area required. If the free area of the design is not known, it shall be assumed that wood louvers will have 20 percent to 25 percent free area and metal louvers and grilles will have 60 percent to 75 percent free area.

SECTION 706

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

706.1 Special conditions. Where an appliance is installed in a location where the operation of exhaust fans, kitchen ventilation systems, clothes dryers or fireplaces can create conditions of unsatisfactory combustion or venting, special provisions shall be made subject to the approval of the building official.

Section 10. The following sections of Chapter 8 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 8

CHIMNEYS AND VENTS

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SECTION 804

DIRECT-VENT, INTEGRAL VENT AND MECHANICAL DRAFT SYSTEMS

804.3 Mechanical draft systems. Mechanical draft systems of either forced or induced draft design shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 378 and shall comply with Sections 804.3.1 through ((~~804.3.7~~)) 804.3.8.

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804.3.4 Horizontal terminations. Horizontal terminations shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Where located adjacent to walkways, the termination of mechanical draft systems shall be not less than ((~~7~~)) 10 feet (((~~2134~~)) 3048 mm) above the level of the walkway.
2. Vents shall terminate at least 3 feet (914 mm) above any forced air inlet located within 10 feet (3048 mm).
3. The vent system shall terminate at least 4 feet (1219 mm) below, 4 feet (1219 mm) horizontally from or 1 foot (305 mm) above any door, window or gravity air inlet into the building.
4. The vent termination point shall not be located closer than 3 feet (914 mm) to an interior corner formed by two walls perpendicular to each other.
5. The vent termination shall not be mounted directly above or within 3 feet (914 mm) horizontally from an oil tank vent or gas meter.
6. The bottom of the vent termination shall be located at least 12 inches (305 mm) above finished grade.

804.3.5 Vertical terminations. Vertical terminations shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Where located adjacent to walkways, the termination of mechanical draft systems shall be not less than ((~~7~~)) 10 feet (((~~2134~~)) 3048 mm) above the level of the walkway.
2. Vents shall terminate not less than 3 feet (914 mm) above any forced air inlet located within 10 feet (3048 mm) ((~~horizontally~~)).
3. Where the vent termination is located below an adjacent roof structure, the termination point shall be located not less than 3 feet (914 mm) from such structure.

4. The vent shall terminate not less than 4 feet (1219 mm) below, 4 feet (1219 mm) horizontally from or 1 foot (305 mm) above any door, window or gravity air inlet for the building.

5. A vent cap shall be installed to prevent rain from entering the vent system.

6. The vent termination shall be located not less than 3 feet (914 mm) horizontally from any portion of the roof structure.

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Section 10. The following sections of Chapter 9 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 9

SPECIFIC APPLIANCES, FIREPLACES AND SOLID FUEL-BURNING EQUIPMENT

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SECTION 908

COOLING TOWERS, EVAPORATIVE CONDENSERS AND FLUID COOLERS

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908.5 Water supply. Cooling towers, evaporative coolers and fluid coolers shall be provided with an approved water supply, sized for peak demand. The quality of water shall be provided in accordance with the equipment manufacturer's recommendations. The piping system and protection of the potable water supply system shall be installed as required by the ((~~*International*~~)) *Uniform Plumbing Code*.

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SECTION 918

((~~FORCED-~~))AIR HANDLING UNITS ((~~WARM-AIR FURNACES~~))

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SECTION 927

RADIANT HEATING SYSTEMS

927.1 General. Electric radiant heating systems shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall be listed for the application.

927.2 Clearances. Clearances for radiant heating panels or elements to any wiring, outlet boxes and junction boxes used for installing electrical devices or mounting luminaires shall be in accordance with the *International Building Code* and the *Seattle Electrical Code* ((~~NFPA 70~~)).

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[W]((~~SECTION 928~~

~~EVAPORATIVE COOLING EQUIPMENT~~

~~**928.1 General.** Evaporative cooling equipment shall:~~

~~1. Be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.~~

~~2. Be installed on level platforms in accordance with Section 304.10.~~

~~3. Have openings in exterior walls or roofs flashed in accordance with the *International Building Code*.~~

~~4. Be provided with an approved water supply, sized for peak demand. The quality of water shall be provided in accordance with the equipment manufacturer's recommendations. The piping system and protection of the potable water supply system shall be installed as required by the *International Plumbing Code*.~~

~~5. Have air intake opening locations in accordance with Section 401.4.~~))

Section 12. The following sections of Chapter 11 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 11

REFRIGERATION

SECTION 1101

GENERAL

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1101.4 Water connection. Water supply and discharge connections associated with refrigeration systems shall be made in accordance with this code and the ((~~*International*~~)) *Uniform Plumbing Code*.

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SECTION 1104

SYSTEM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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1104.2.2 Industrial occupancies and refrigerated rooms. This section applies only to industrial occupancies and refrigerated rooms for manufacturing, food and beverage preparation, meat cutting, other processes and storage.

Machinery rooms are not required where all of the following conditions are met:

1. The space containing the machinery is separated from other occupancies by tight construction with tight-fitting doors.
2. Access is restricted to authorized personnel.
3. The floor area per occupant is not less than 100 square feet (9.3 m2) where machinery is located on floor levels with exits more than 6.6 feet (2012 mm) above the ground.

Where provided with egress directly to the outdoors or into *approved* building exits, the minimum floor area shall not apply.

4. Refrigerant detectors are installed as required for machinery rooms in accordance with Section 1105.3.

5. Surfaces having temperatures exceeding 800°F (427°C) and open flames are not present where any Group A2, B2, A3 or B3 refrigerant is used (see Section 1104.3.4).

6. All electrical *equipment* and appliances conform to Class 1, Division 2, *hazardous location* classification requirements of ((~~NFPA 70~~)) the *Seattle Electrical Code* where the quantity of any Group A2, B2, A3 or B3 refrigerant, other than ammonia, in a single independent circuit would exceed 25 percent of the lower flammability limit (LFL) upon release to the space.

7. All refrigerant-containing parts in systems exceeding 100 horsepower (hp) (74.6 kW) drive power, except evaporators used for refrigeration or dehumidification; condensers used for heating; control and pressure relief valves for either; and connecting piping, shall be located either outdoors or in a *machinery room*.

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1104.4.3 Plenums. Where the space above a suspended ceiling is continuous and part of the supply or return air *plenum* system, this space shall be included in calculating the volume of the enclosed space.

Interpretation: For variable refrigerant flow systems, the total allowable quantity of refrigerant in the system includes the refrigerant in the condensing unit, refrigerant controller, fan coil, and all associated piping.

SECTION 1105

MACHINERY ROOM, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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[F] 1105.3 Refrigerant ((~~detector~~)) detection system. ((~~Refrigerant detectors in machinery rooms shall be provided as required by Section 606.8 of the *International Fire Code*.~~)) Refrigeration machinery rooms shall contain a refrigerant detection system with an audible and visual alarm. The detector, or a sampling tube that draws air to the detector, shall be located in an area where refrigerant from a leak will concentrate. The alarm shall be actuated at a value not greater than the corresponding TLV-TWA values shown in this code for the refrigerant classification. Detectors and alarms shall be placed in approved locations. The detectors shall transmit a signal to an approved location.

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1105.6 Ventilation. Machinery rooms shall have continuous mechanical ventilation ((~~be mechanically ventilated~~)) to the outdoors.

Informative Note: The requirement for continuous mechanical ventilation to the outdoors means that fire dampers are not allowed on machinery room ventilation ducts.

Exception: Where a refrigerating system is located outdoors more than 20 feet (6096 mm) from any building opening and is enclosed by a penthouse, lean-to or other open structure, natural ((~~or mechanical~~)) ventilation shall be ((~~provided~~)) permitted. There shall be no openings to the building. Location of the openings shall be based on the relative density of the refrigerant to air. The free-aperture cross section for the ventilation of the *machinery room* shall be not less than:

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1105.6.3 Ventilation rate other than ammonia systems. For other than ammonia systems, the mechanical ventilation systems shall be capable of exhausting the minimum quantity of air both at normal operating and emergency conditions, as required by Sections 1105.6.3.1 and 1105.6.3.2. ((~~The minimum required ventilation rate for ammonia shall be 30 air changes per hour in accordance with IIAR2~~)). Multiple fans or multispeed fans shall be allowed to produce the emergency ventilation rate and to obtain a reduced airflow for normal ventilation.

1105.6.3.1 Quantity—normal ventilation. During occupied conditions, the mechanical ventilation system shall exhaust the larger of the following:

1. Not less than 0.5 cfm per square foot (0.0025 m3/s • m2) of *machinery room* area ((~~or 20 cfm (0.009 m3/s) per person~~)).
2. A volume required to limit the room temperature rise to 18°F (10°C) taking into account the ambient heating effect of all machinery in the room.
3. Not less than 20 cfm (0.009 m3/s) per person.

1105.6.3.1.1 Quantity—unoccupied condition. During unoccupied conditions, the mechanical ventilation system is permitted to exhaust the larger of the following:

1. Not less than 0.25 cfm per square foot (0.00125 m3/s •□m2) of machinery room area; or
2. A volume required to limit the room temperature rise to 18°F (10°C) taking into account the ambient heating effect of all machinery in the room.

The system shall be provided with controls that increase the ventilation to the rate required for occupied spaces when the space is illuminated.

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1105.6.4 Ventilation rate—ammonia. The minimum required normal and emergency ventilation rates for ammonia shall be in accordance with IIAR2 and Sections 1105.6.4.1 and 1105.6.4.2.

1105.6.4.1 Quantity—normal ventilation. During normal conditions, the mechanical ventilation system shall exhaust the larger of the following:

1. Not less than 2 cfm per square foot (0.01 m3/s •□m2) of machinery room area; or
2. A volume required to limit the room temperature rise to 18°F (10°C) taking into account the ambient heating effect of all machinery in the room; or
3. Not less than 5 air changes per hour.

1105.6.4.2 Quantity—emergency conditions. Upon actuation of the refrigerant detector required in Section 1105.3, the mechanical ventilation system shall exhaust air from the machinery room at a rate of not less than 30 air changes per hour or in accordance with IIAR 2.

[F] 1105.6.5 Standby source of power required. Where *mechanical ventilation*, treatment systems, temperature control, alarm, detection or other electrically operated systems are required, such systems shall be provided with a legally-required standby source of power. See the *International Building Code* Chapter 27 and *Seattle Electrical Code* Article 701.

Exception: Legally required standby power is not required where an approved fail-safe engineered system is installed.

1105.7 Termination of relief devices. Pressure relief devices, fusible plugs and purge systems located within the *machinery room* shall terminate outside of the structure at a location not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) above the adjoining grade level and not less than 20 feet (6096 mm) from any window, ventilation opening or exit.

For additional requirements regarding termination of relief devices for flammable refrigerants, toxic and highly toxic refrigerants, ammonia refrigerant, treatment systems, flaring systems, and ammonia diffusion systems, see Section 606 of the *International Fire Code*.

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SECTION 1106

MACHINERY ROOM, SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

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1106.3 Ammonia room ventilation. Ventilation systems in ammonia machinery rooms shall be operated continuously at the ventilation rate specified in Section 1105.6.3.

Exceptions:

1. Machinery rooms equipped with a vapor detector that will automatically start the ventilation system at the ventilation rate specified in Section 1105.6.3, and that will actuate an alarm at a detection level not to exceed 1,000 ppm.
2. Machinery rooms conforming to the Class 1, Division 2, *hazardous location* classification requirements of ((~~NFPA 70~~)) the *Seattle Electrical Code* are permitted to be ventilated in accordance with Section 1105.

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[F] 1106.7 Alarm activation. Where continuous ventilation is provided, failure of the ventilation system shall automatically activate an audible and visual alarm.

SECTION 1107

REFRIGERANT PIPING

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[W]1107.2 Piping location. Refrigerant piping that crosses an open space that affords passageway in any building shall be not less than 7 feet 3 inches (2210 mm) above the floor unless the piping is located against the ceiling of such space. Refrigerant piping shall not be placed in any of the following:

1. A fire-resistance-rated exit access corridor;

2. An interior exit stairway;

3. An interior exit ramp;

4. An exit passageway.

5. An elevator, dumbwaiter or other shaft containing a moving object ((~~or in any shaft that has openings to living quarters~~)); or

6. A shaft that has one or more openings into ((~~to means of egress. Refrigerant piping shall not be installed in an enclosed public~~)) a fire-resistance-rated exit access corridor, interior exit stairway or ramp, or exit passageway ((~~stairway landing or means of egress~~)).

Exceptions:

1. Refrigerant piping and equipment is permitted to be separated from the corridor, stair, passageway by construction equal to the rated construction of the space and located so that all required clearances are maintained.

2. Refrigerant piping is permitted to pass through corridors if located above a ceiling and the piping has no joints in the corridor.

3. Refrigerant piping is permitted to pass through lobbies that are part of an exit system if the refrigeration system contains not more that the amount of refrigerant allowed by Section 1104.3.

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1107.5.1 Steel pipe. Carbon steel pipe with a wall thickness not less than Schedule 80 shall be used for Group A2, A3, B2 or B3 refrigerant liquid lines for sizes 1.5 inches (38 mm) and smaller. Carbon steel pipe with a wall thickness not less than Schedule 40 shall be used for Group A1 or B1 refrigerant liquid lines 6 inches (152 mm) and smaller, Group A2, A3, B2 or B3 refrigerant liquid lines sizes 2 inches (51 mm) through 6 inches (152 mm) and all refrigerant suction and discharge lines 6 inches (152 mm) and smaller. ((~~Type F steel pipe shall not be used for r~~)) Refrigerant lines having an operating temperature less than -20°F (-29°C) shall be designed to meet the requirements of ASME B31.5 *Refrigeration Piping and Heat Transfer Components.*

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1107.8.1 Liquid receivers. Systems containing 100 pounds (45 kg) or more of a refrigerant, other than systems utilizing nonpositive displacement compressors, shall have stop valves, in addition to those required by Section 1107.8, on each inlet of each liquid receiver. Stop valves shall not be required on the inlet of a receiver in a condensing unit, nor on the inlet of a receiver which is an integral part of the condenser.

Ammonia systems shall be provided with liquid receivers designed for pumpdown that have sufficient capacity to assure that the liquid does not occupy more than 90 percent of the volume of the receiver at 90°F.

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Section 13. The following sections of Chapter 12 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 12

HYDRONIC PIPING

SECTION 1201

GENERAL

1201.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall govern the construction, installation, *alteration* and repair of hydronic piping systems. This chapter shall apply to hydronic piping systems that are part of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems. Such piping systems shall include steam, hot water, chilled water, steam condensate and ground source heat pump loop systems. Potable cold and hot water distribution systems shall be installed in accordance with the ((~~*International*~~)) *Uniform Plumbing Code*.

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SECTION 1206

PIPING INSTALLATION

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1206.2 System drain down. Hydronic piping systems shall be designed and installed to permit the system to be drained. Where the system drains to the plumbing drainage system, the installation shall conform to the requirements of the ((~~*International*~~)) *Uniform Plumbing Code*.

Exception: The buried portions of systems embedded underground or under floors.

1206.3 Protection of potable water. The potable water system shall be protected from backflow in accordance with the ((~~*International*~~)) *Uniform Plumbing Code*.

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SECTION 1209

EMBEDDED PIPING

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[W]1209.5.1 Slab-on-grade installation. Radiant piping utilized in slab-on-grade applications shall be provided with insulating materials installed beneath the piping ((~~having a minimum *R*-value of 5~~))as required by the Washington State Energy Code.

1209.5.2 Suspended floor installation. In suspended floor applications, insulation shall be installed in the joist bay cavity serving the heating space above and shall consist of materials having a minimum *R*-value of 11.

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SECTION 1210

PLASTIC PIPE GROUND-SOURCE HEAT PUMP LOOP SYSTEMS

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1210.6.3 Joint preparation and installation. Where required by Sections 1210.6.4 through ((~~1210.6.6~~)) 1210.6.8, the preparation and installation of mechanical and thermoplastic welded joints shall comply with Sections 1210.6.3.1 and 1210.6.3.2.

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[W]1210.7.6 Expansion tanks. Shutoff valves shall be installed at connections to ((~~nondiaphragm-type~~)) expansion tanks. A method of draining the expansion tank downstream of the shutoff valve shall be provided.

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Section 14. The following sections of Chapter 14 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 14

SOLAR SYSTEMS

SECTION 1401

GENERAL

1401.1 Scope. This chapter shall govern the design, construction, installation, *alteration* and repair of systems, *equipment* and appliances intended to utilize solar energy for space heating or cooling, domestic hot water heating, swimming pool heating or process heating. Photovoltaic solar systems shall be installed in accordance with the *International Building Code* and Article 690 of the *Seattle Electrical Code.* Systems interconnected to the electric grid shall comply with additional requirements of Seattle City Light.

Note: See the Seattle Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code for regulations applicable to boilers and pressure vessels, and the *Uniform Plumbing Code* for regulations applicable to water heaters.

1401.2 Potable water supply. Potable water supplies to solar systems shall be protected against contamination in accordance with the ((~~*International*~~)) *Uniform Plumbing Code*.

Exception: Where all solar system piping is a part of the potable water distribution system, in accordance with the requirements of the ((~~*International*~~)) *Uniform Plumbing Code*, and all components of the piping system are *listed* for potable water use, cross-connection protection measures shall not be required.

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Section 15. The following sections of Chapter 15 of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 15

REFERENCED STANDARDS

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This chapter lists the standards that are referenced in various sections of this document. The standards are listed herein by the promulgating agency of the standard, the standard identification, the effective date and title, and the section or sections of this document that reference the standard. The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in Section ((~~102.8~~)) 103.5.

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ASHRAE

1791 Tullie Circle, NE

Atlanta, GA 30329

Standard reference number	**Title**	**Referenced in code number section**
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62.2—2010	Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings	403.8.11

ASME American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Three Park Avenue

New York, NY 10016-5990

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code number section
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B31.5—2010	Refrigeration Piping and Heat Transfer Components	1107.5.1

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Section 16. Sections 2 through 14 of Ordinance 124275 are repealed.

Section 17. Beginning on the effective date of this ordinance and ending on January 1, 2017, permit applicants who submit a valid and fully complete building permit application during that period may elect to have the application reviewed under the provisions of Ordinance 124275 rather than this ordinance.

Section 18. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person, owner, or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons, owners, or circumstances.

Section 19. Section 16 of this ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2017.

Section 20. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 3rd day of October, 2016, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 3rd day of October, 2016.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 7th day of October, 2016.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 7th day of OCTOBER, 2016.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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