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General Contractor Licenses expire at midnight on December 31st

ONCE A LICENSE HAS EXPIRED, CONTRACTORS CANNOT SUBMIT PERMIT APPLICATIONS OR REQUEST INSPECTIONS UNTIL THE LICENSE IS RENEWED. TO AVOID INTERRUPTIONS TO PERMITTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES, ALL REQUIRED RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST.

ITEMS TO SUBMIT – BRING OR UPLOAD THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1. Application

- Complete the front and back of the contractor license application.
- Make sure everyone signs the application. (Qualified person AND Owner/Sole proprietor / all Partners / Officer of Corporation/LLC)
- NOTE: If you are a sole proprietor, all forms must be filled out "*applicant name dba company name*". Example - Julie Jones dba Best Builder Company.

2. Certificate of Liability insurance (at least \$300,000 in General Liability) showing MABCD as the certificate holder. Certificate Holder MUST read:

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- Insurer must be accepted by the State of Kansas (include valid NAIC number).
- Name of insured MUST MATCH the company name on application. In the case of a sole proprietor, insurance is for "*applicant name dba company name*."
- Address of the insured matches address of applicant's local/business office.

3. Worker's Compensation certificate of insurance or updated waiver.

4. Auto certificate of insurance or updated waiver.

5. Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of the State of Kansas. This is *not required* for Sole Proprietors.

6. State of Kansas Roofer Registration Certificate – for Roofing and Roofing and Siding Contractors only.

7. Pay fees.

8. **Waivers must be signed and notarized**

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September's Important Dates

7th – Labor Day/Offices closed

3rd – Mechanical Board Mtg

14th – BCSA Meeting

15th - Electrical Board Mtg

23rd – Plumbing Board Mtg



Building Division

2018 (IRC) International Residential Code

IRC R802.10.3 - Bracing

As a reminder to all contractors and framers, web bracing is required and must be installed. MABCD enforces the 2018 IRC which requires roof trusses to be installed in accordance with the approved truss designed drawings. Those drawings identify the location of any required permanent web member bracing. That bracing is an integral part of the engineered truss system and not an optional field addition.

Before requesting a framing inspection, please verify that:

- All permanent web bracing shown on the truss design drawings has been installed
- Bracing is installed in the location and manner specified by the truss engineer or manufacturer
- Truss modifications or omitted bracing have not been made without written approval from the truss design engineer
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Missing or improperly installed web bracing can reduce the structural performance of the roof system and can create safety concerns.

Please review the truss placement diagram and individual truss design drawings before installation to ensure all required permanent bracing is in place. Proper installation helps ensure a safe, code compliant structure and a smoother inspection process.

Mechanical Division

2018 (IRC) International Residential Code

IRC 303.5.1 - Intake Openings

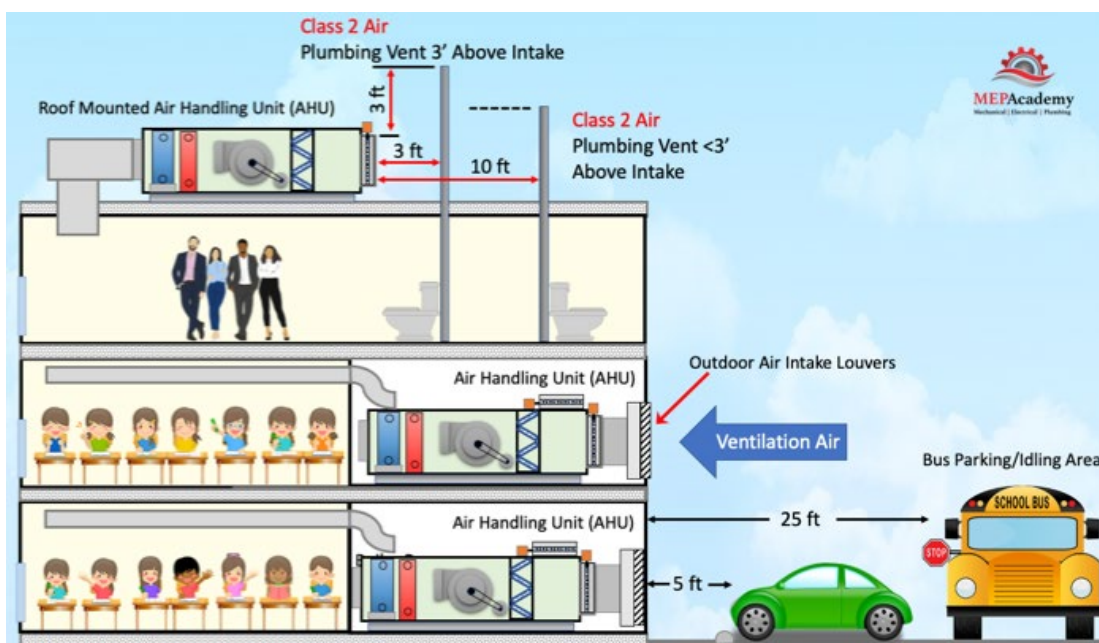
Mechanical and gravity outdoor air intake openings shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from any hazardous or noxious contaminate, such as vents, chimneys, plumbing vents, streets, alleys, parking lots and loading docks.

For the purpose of this section, the exhaust from dwelling unit toilet rooms, bathrooms, and kitchens shall not be considered as hazardous or noxious.

Exceptions:

1. The 10-foot (3048mm) separation is not required where the intake opening is located 3 feet (914mm) or greater below the contaminate source.
2. Vents and chimneys serving fuel burning appliances shall be terminated in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 18 and 24.
3. Clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall be terminated in accordance with Section M1502.3

*In the context of this section, intake openings include windows, doors, gravity air intakes, soffit vents, combustion air intake openings, outside air intakes for air handlers, makeup air intakes and similar openings that naturally or mechanically draw in air from the building exterior. This section identifies specific locations that are known to generate or omit noxious contaminants, and requires that both mechanical and gravity air intake openings be located a minimum of 10 feet (3048 mm) from such hazards to avoid introducing contaminants into the building. As an alternative, Exception 1 allows mechanical and gravity air intakes to be located within 10 feet (3048mm) of such sources of contamination if the intakes are located at least 3 feet (914mm) vertical separation distance will allow the noxious gases and contaminants to disperse into the atmosphere before they can be drawn into an air intake opening. Placing the source of contamination above an air intake takes advantage of the fact that normally encountered sources of contamination are lighter (less dense) than the surrounding air and, therefore, will rise above the vicinity of an air intake located below.

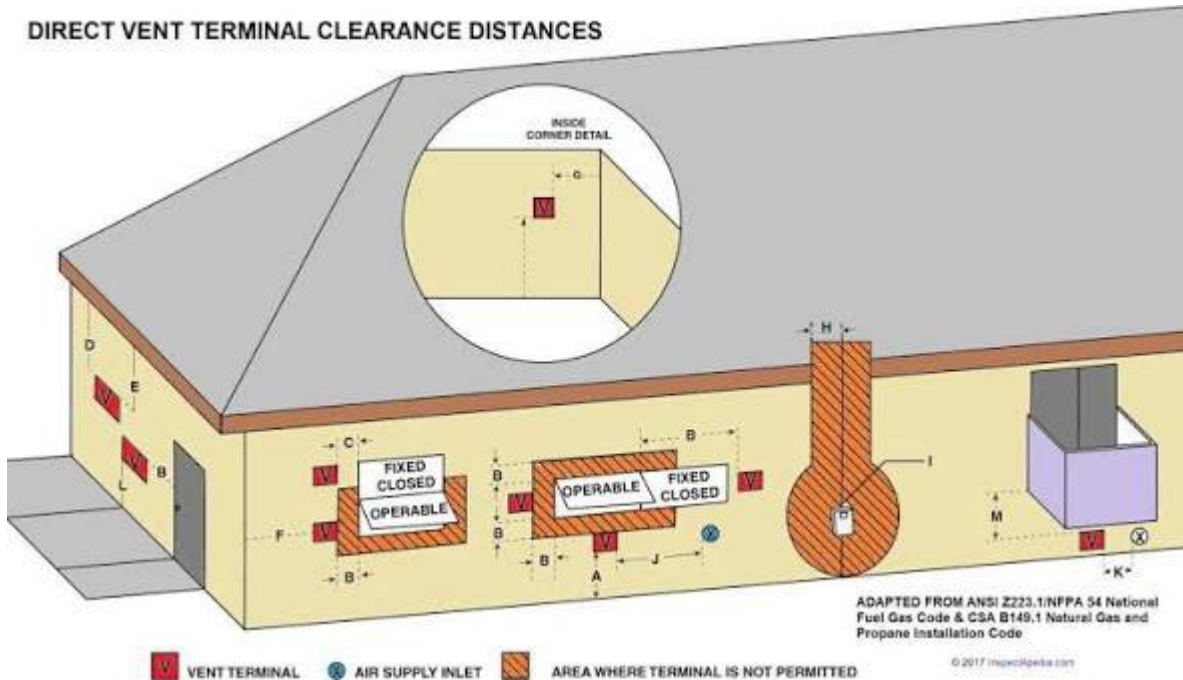


** Particular types of exhaust may have more specific restrictions on their location that would supersede this section. Therefore Exception 2 references Chapters 18 and 24 for the termination of vents and chimneys serving fuel-burning appliance and Exception 3 references Section M1504.3 for the termination of clothes dryer exhaust ducts.

IRC M1804.2.5 Direct Vent Terminations

Vent terminals for direct-vent appliances shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

* Direct-vent appliances include appliances that have a closed combustion chamber and a conduit for bringing all combustion air directly from the outdoors. Direct-vent appliances are often referred to as "sealed combustion" or "separated combustion" appliance. The code does not provide prescriptive termination requirements for these appliances and relies on the manufacturer's installation instructions. Below is just an example of one manufacturer's clearances for their particular Direct Vent appliance, be sure to go by the installation instructions provided with the appliance you are installing.



Plumbing Division

MABCD has an open commercial plumbing inspector position. To view the job description and submit an application please visit the Sedgwick County Careers web page.

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