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Page 1; 101.1: Insert The City of Pittsburgh

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the *Mechanical Code* of [~~NAME OF JURISDICTION~~], hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

Page 1; 101.2 Add a new exception, to comply with Title 34 Scope.

101.2 Scope. This code shall regulate the design, installation, maintenance, alteration and inspection of mechanical systems that are permanently installed and utilized to provide control of environmental conditions and related processes within buildings. This code shall also regulate those mechanical systems, system components, equipment and appliances specifically addressed herein. The installation of fuel gas distribution piping and equipment, fuel gas-fired appliances and fuel gas-fired appliance venting systems shall be regulated by the *International Fuel Gas Code*.

Exceptions:

The provisions of this code do not apply to the items stipulated in PA Title 34, 403.1.

Page 2; 103.1 Delete and insert: The Bureau of Building Inspection (also referred to as BBI).

103.1 General. ~~The department of mechanical inspection~~ is hereby created and the executive official in charge thereof shall be known as the code official.

Page3; 106.1 Add new text beneath this section.

106.1 When required. An owner, authorized agent or contractor who desires to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace a mechanical system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause such work to be done, shall first make application to the code official and obtain the required permit for the work.

Exception: Where equipment and appliance replacements or repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day of the department of mechanical inspection.

Note: this requirement supercedes the provisions of Title 34, 403.42(b).

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**Page 3; Add new section:106.1.1:**

106.1.1 Types of permits required. The following, is a list of required permits issued by BBI, and the scope of work covered under said permit:

Building Permit; For work covered under the scope of “The International Building Code”, “The International Energy Conservation Code”, “The International Existing Building Code”, and “The International Residential Code”.

Electrical Permit; For work covered under the scope of “The International Electrical Code” and “The International Residential Code” Part VIII.

Mechanical Permit; For work covered under the scope of “The International Mechanical Code”, “The International Fuel Gas Code”, and “The International Residential Code” Part V and Part VI.

Commercial Cooking Hood Permit; For work covered under the applicable sections of “The International Mechanical Code” and “The International Fuel Gas Code”.

Sign Permit; For work covered under the scope of the scope of “The International Building Code” Appendix H.

Fire Suppression System and Standpipe Permit; For work covered under the scope of “The International Building Code” Chapter 9, “NFPA 13”, and “NFPA 14”.

Fire Alarm Permit; For work covered under the scope of “The International Building Code” Chapter 9, The International Electrical Code”, and “NFPA 72”.

**Page 3; Add new section;106,1.2.**

106.1.2 Required permits not issued by BBI. The following is a list of required permits, which are not issued by BBI, and the enforcement entity responsible for issuing them:

Plumbing Permits; For work covered under the scope of “The International Plumbing Code” and “The International Residential Code” Part VII; The Allegheny County Health Department.

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Page 3; 106.3 Delete the text indicated and replace with; All applicants for permits, issued by The Bureau of Building Inspection, shall comply with the applicable licensing provisions contained in Title 7, Article V: Trade Occupations, of The Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances. The applicant shall complete the appropriate permit application in its entirety, and sign said document.

All permit applications for Health Care Facilities, as defined by Title 34, must be accompanied by an approval certificate from The Pennsylvania Department of Health. Applications will not be accepted without this approval.

All permit applications for Child Day Care Facilities, as defined by Title 34, must be accompanied by approved documentation from The Pennsylvania Department of Welfare. Applications will not be accepted without this documentation.

**106.3 Application for permit.** ~~Each application for a permit, with the required fee, shall be filed with the code official on a form furnished for that purpose and shall contain a general description of the proposed work and its location. The application shall be signed by the owner or an authorized agent. The permit application shall indicate the proposed occupancy of all parts of the building and of that portion of the site or lot, if any, not covered by the building or structure and shall contain such other information required by the code official.~~

Page 3; 106.3.1 Delete the text indicated and insert: “A licensed architect or licensed professional engineer shall prepare the construction documents under the Architects Licensure Law (63 P. S. §§ 34.1--34.22), or the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law (63 P. S. §§ 148--158.2).”

**106.3.1 Construction documents.** Construction documents, engineering calculations, diagrams and other data shall be submitted in two or more sets with each application for a permit. Where special conditions exist, the code official is authorized to require additional construction documents to be prepared by a ~~registered design professional.~~ Construction documents shall be drawn to scale and shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that the work conforms to the provisions of this code. Construction documents for buildings more than two stories in height shall indicate where penetrations will be made for mechanical systems, and the materials and methods for maintaining required structural safety, fire-resistance rating and fireblocking.

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Page 3; Add new section 106.3.1.1: 106.3.1.1 Health Care Facilities. The construction documents for all Health Care Facilities, as defined by PA Title 34, must bear the original stamp of approval from The Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Page 3; 106.4 Delete the text indicated and insert: within 30 business days from the date that the application is accepted as complete.

**106.4 Permit issuance.** The application, construction documents and other data filed by an applicant for a permit shall be reviewed by the code official. If the code official finds that the proposed work conforms to the requirements of this code and all laws and ordinances applicable thereto, and that the fees specified in Section 106.5 have been paid, a permit shall be issued ~~to the applicant.~~

Page 5, section 108.4 Delete the indicated text and replace with: Any person who shall violate a provision of this Code or shall fail to comply with any requirement thereof or who shall erect, construct, alter or repair a building or structure in violation of an approved plan or directive of the Code official, or of permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this Code shall be penalized as provided for under section 903 of Act 45 (35 P. S. § 7210.903).

**108.4 Violation penalties.** ~~Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair mechanical work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a [SPECIFY OFFENSE], punishable by a fine of not more than [AMOUNT] dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding NUMBER OF DAYS], or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.~~

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Page 6, section 108.5 Delete the indicated text and replace with: Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition shall be subject to the provisions of section 903 of Act 45 (35 P. S. § 7210.903).

108.5 Stop work orders. Upon notice from the code official that mechanical work is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner, such work shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. ~~Any person who shall continue any work on the system after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable for a fine of not less than [AMOUNT] dollars or more than [AMOUNT] dollars.~~

Page 6; Delete sections 109.1 through 109.7, inclusive, and replace with: 109.1 General. Refer to Appendix B, of The International Building Code, for the provisions pertaining to The Board of Appeals.

### SECTION 109 MEANS OF APPEAL