

**ORDINANCE NO. 20140410-011**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 25-12 TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS IN THE BUILDING CODE, RESIDENTIAL CODE, PLUMBING CODE, AND MECHANICAL CODE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** City Code Section 25-12-153 (*Local Amendments to the Plumbing Code*) is amended to amend Sections 403.4, 723.0, and 804.1 to read as follows:

**Section 403.4 Metered Faucets.** Self-closing or self-closing metering faucets shall be installed on lavatories intended to serve the [~~transient~~] public, such as those in, Group A, B, and M type occupancies as listed in the Building Code. Metered faucets shall deliver a maximum of 0.25 [~~0.26~~] gallons (1.0 liter) of water per use.

**Section 723.0 Building Sewer Testing [~~Texting~~] Requirements.** Building sewers shall be tested by plugging the end of the building sewer at its points of connection with the public sewer or private sewage disposal system and completely filling the building sewer with water from the lowest to the highest point thereof, or by approved equivalent low-pressure air test. The building sewer shall be water tight at all points.

**804.1 Standpipe Receptors.** Plumbing fixtures or other receptors receiving the discharge of indirect waste pipes shall be approved for the use proposed and shall be of such shape and capacity as to prevent splashing or flooding and shall be located where they are readily accessible for inspection and cleaning. No standpipe receptor for any clothes washer shall extend more than thirty (30) inches (762 mm), or not less than eighteen (18) inches (457 mm) above its trap. No trap for any clothes washer standpipe receptor shall be installed below the floor, but shall be roughed in not less than six (6) inches (152 mm) and not more [~~less~~] than eighteen (18) inches (457 mm) above the floor. No indirect waste receptor shall be installed in any toilet room, closet, cupboard, or storeroom, nor in any other portion of a building not in general use by the occupants thereof; except standpipes for clothes washers shall be permitted to be installed in toilet and bathroom areas when the clothes washer is installed in the same room.

**PART 2.** City Code Section 25-12-3 (*Local Amendments to the Building Code*) is amended to amend Section 713.13.1 to read as follows:

**713.14.1 Elevator lobby.** An enclosed elevator lobby shall be provided at each floor where an elevator shaft enclosure connects more than three stories. The lobby enclosure shall separate the elevator shaft enclosure doors from each floor by fire partitions. In addition to the requirements in Section 708 (*Fire Partitions*) for fire partitions, doors protecting openings in the elevator lobby enclosure walls shall also comply with Section

716.5.3 (*Door assemblies in corridors and smoke barriers*) as required for corridor walls and penetrations of the elevator lobby enclosure by ducts and air transfer openings shall be protected as required for corridors in accordance with Section 717.5.4.1 (*Corridors*). Elevator lobbies shall have at least one means of egress complying with Chapter 10 (*Means of Egress*) and other provisions within this code.

**Exceptions:**

1. Enclosed elevator lobbies are not required at the level(s) of exit discharge, provided the level(s) of exit discharge is equipped with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 (*NFPA 13 sprinkler systems*).
2. Elevators not required to be located in a shaft in accordance with Section 712.1 (*General*) [~~708.2 (*Shaft enclosure required*)~~] are not required to have enclosed elevator lobbies.
3. Enclosed elevator lobbies are not required where additional doors are provided at the hoistway opening in accordance with Section 3002.6 (*Prohibited doors*). Such doors shall comply with the smoke and draft control door assembly requirements in Section 716.5.3.1 (*Smoke and draft control*), when tested in accordance with UL 1784 without an artificial bottom seal.
4. Enclosed elevator lobbies are not required where the building is protected by an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 (*NFPA 13 sprinkler systems*) or 903.3.1.2 (*NFPA 13R sprinkler systems*). This exception shall not apply to the following:
  - 4.1. Group I-2 occupancies;
  - 4.2. Group I-3 occupancies; and
  - 4.3. Elevators serving floor levels over 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the lowest level of fire department access in high-rise buildings.

**Exception:** Elevator lobbies shall be required for Occupant Evacuation Elevators.

5. Smoke partitions shall be permitted in lieu of fire partitions to separate the elevator lobby at each floor where the building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 (*NFPA 13 sprinkler systems*) or 903.3.1.2 (*NFPA 13R sprinkler systems*). In addition to the requirements in Section 710 (*Smoke Partitions*) for smoke partitions, doors protecting openings in the smoke partitions shall also comply with Sections 10.5.2.2 [~~711.5.2.2~~] (*Smoke and draft control doors*), 10.5.2.3 [~~711.5.2.3~~] (*Self- or automatic-closing doors*), and 716.5.9 [~~715.5.9~~] (*Door closing*) and duct

penetrations of the smoke partitions shall be protected as required for corridors in accordance with Section 717.5.4.1 (*Corridors*).

**Exception:** Elevator lobbies shall be required for Occupant Evacuation Elevators and Fire Service Access Elevators.

6. Enclosed elevator lobbies are not required where the elevator hoist-way is pressurized in accordance with Section 909.21 (*Elevator hoistway pressurization alternative*).

**Exception:** Elevator lobbies shall be required for Occupant Evacuation Elevators and Fire Service Access Elevators.

7. Enclosed elevator lobbies are not required where the elevator serves only open parking garages in accordance with Section 406.5 (*Open parking garages*).

**PART 3.** City Code Section 25-12-241 (*Residential Code*) is amended to add Section R302.1 to the list of deleted sections set forth in Subsection (B).

**PART 4.** City Code Section 25-12-243 (*Local Amendments to the Residential Code*) is amended to amend Sections R103.1 and R1007.2 to read as follows and to add a new Section R302.1 to read as follows:

**Section R103.1 Residential Combination Inspector Supervisor.**

1. A Residential Combination Inspection Supervisor must:
  - a. Be an employee of the City;
  - b. Maintain a current plumbing inspector license issued by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners;
  - c. Maintain a current certification as a Residential Mechanical Inspector under the certification program established by the International Code Council or International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials;
  - d. Maintain a current certification as a an Residential Energy Inspector under the certification program established by the International Code Council;
  - e. Maintain a current certification as a Residential Building Inspector under the certification program established by the International Code Council; and
  - f. Have at least four [~~ten~~] years of inspection experience [~~as a Texas Licensed Plumber~~], at least one year [~~three years~~] of which must be in a responsible supervisory capacity.

~~[2. Five years of inspection experience may be substituted for five years of craft experience required in Subsection 1(f), above.]~~

**Section R1007.2 Outdoor Swimming Pools.** All outdoor aquatic vessels and indoor swimming pools shall be surrounded by a barrier that complies with Sections 1007.2.1 ~~[305.2.4]~~ through 1007.7 ~~[305.7]~~.

**R302.1 Exterior walls.** Construction, projections, openings and penetrations of exterior walls of dwellings and accessory buildings shall comply with Table R302.1(1); or dwellings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section P2904 shall comply with Table R302.1(2).

**Exceptions:**

1. Walls, projections, openings or penetrations in walls perpendicular to the line used to determine the fire separation distance.

~~[2. Walls of dwellings and accessory structures located on the same lot.]~~

2.[3.] Detached tool sheds and storage sheds, playhouses and similar structures exempted from permits are not required to provide wall protection based on location on the lot. Projections beyond the exterior wall shall not extend over the lot line.

3.[4.] Detached garages accessory to a dwelling located within 2 feet (610 mm) of a lot line are permitted to have roof eave projections not exceeding 4 inches (102 mm).

4.[5.] Foundation vents installed in compliance with this code are permitted.

**PART 5.** City Code Section 25-12-131 (*Mechanical Code*) is amended to add Section 401.1 to the list of deleted sections set forth in Subsection (B).

**PART 6.** City Code Section 25-12-133 (*Local Amendments to the Mechanical Code*) is amended to amend Section 111.5 to read as follows and to add a new Section 401.1 to read as follows:

**Section 111.5 Homestead Permit.** A person who is not licensed to perform mechanical work may perform mechanical work within a residence owned by the person if the requirements of this section are met.

- (1) The residence is the person's homestead.
- (2) The work does not include mechanical work that involves reclaiming and charging ~~[a ducted heating and air conditioning]~~ of a system containing refrigerant.

- (3) The residence is the person's principal residence.
- (4) The person has not secured a homestead permit for another residence within the prior 12 month period.
- (5) The person must have owned and occupied the property as of January 1 of the tax year in which the person applies for a homestead permit.
- (6) A person must obtain a homestead permit and pay required permit fees before beginning any mechanical work. A person must apply for a homestead permit in person and must file an affidavit stating that the location at which the work is to be done is the person's homestead.
- (7) A person who has obtained a homestead permit may not allow or cause any other person to perform mechanical work under the permit.
- (8) A person may not transfer a permit to another person.
- (9) A person performing mechanical work under a homestead permit shall present a picture identification to verify that the person is authorized to perform work under the homestead permit, when requested by the building official or his designee.
- (10) A homestead permit shall not be issued for mechanical work on a mobile, modular or manufactured home unless the homeowner owns the land on which the mobile, modular, or manufactured home is located. A homestead permit shall not be issued if the mobile, modular, or manufactured home is located in a mobile home park, mobile home community, or other commercial premises.

**Section 401.1 Applicability.** This chapter contains requirements for ventilation air supply, exhaust, and makeup air requirements for occupiable spaces within a building.

**Exception:** Ventilation (outdoor) air for occupants may be designed in accordance with the current ASHRAE 62.1 standard.

**PART 7.** This ordinance takes effect on April 21, 2014.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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