

## MABCD CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER

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#### **Administration-**

#### \*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*

## Trades Certification Renewals Started September 1, 2023

Trade Contractors and Trade Certificate holders will begin renewals on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The first 'Walk-in Thursday'' for certificate renewals will be on Thursday, September  $7^{th}$ , 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Staff will take walk-ins around scheduled appointments and on a 'first come, first served' basis.

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## **Electrical Division-**

Please visit our website for more information: Electrical, Elevator, & Alarm Division

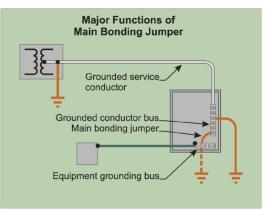
#### Service Bonding Jumper

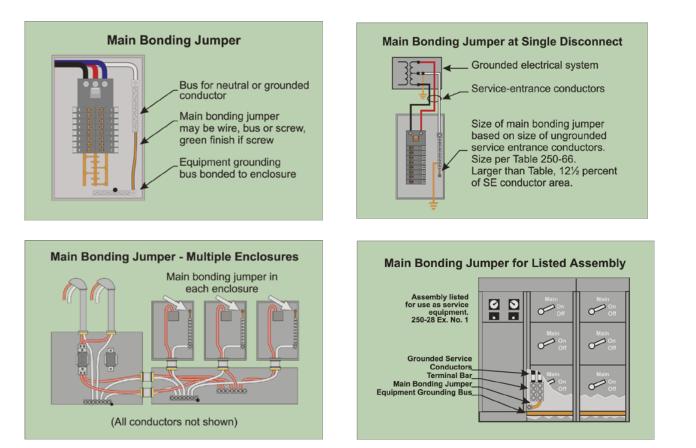
#### Main bonding jumper

The main bonding jumper is one of the most critical elements in the safety grounding system.

This conductor is the link between the grounded service conductor, the equipment grounding conductor and in some cases, the grounding electrode conductor.

The primary purpose of the main bonding jumper is to carry the groundfault current from the service enclosure as well as from the equipment grounding system that is returning to the source. In addition, where the grounding electrode conductor is connected directly to the grounded service conductor bus, the main bonding jumper ensures that the equipment grounding bus is at the same potential as the earth.





## **Plans Examiners Office-**

#### Plan Review Time Schedule—Based on Valuation

The Plan Review Section of the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction is wanting to clarify your plan review times for the projects submitted to us for review. Your plan review times are based on the valuation of the project. We have seven different categories of projects based on the below valuations of the project. The seven different categories are the following:

Priority Category Plan Review is a valuation from \$0 to \$35,000
"A" Category Plan Review is a valuation from \$35,001 to \$100,000
"B" Category Plan Review is a valuation from \$100,001 to \$325,000
"C" Category Plan Review is a valuation from \$325,001 to \$3,000,000
"D" Category Plan Review is a valuation from \$3,000,001 to \$10,000,000
"E" Category Plan Review is a valuation from \$10,000,001 to \$10,000,000

The review times for the above categories are based business days (Monday through Friday) minus any holidays.

**Priority and "A" Category Plan Reviews** are assigned to the plan reviewer for review starting the next day when we receive a "Assign Project Manager Task" e-mail from the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department's Electronic Plan Review System (ePlans). If you do not complete your task in the above system, the above e-mail will not be sent by the above system and the project will not be assigned to a plan reviewer.

"B", "C", "D", and "E" Category Plan Reviews will not be assigned to a plan reviewer until Friday of that week after 5:00 p.m.

If the "Assign Project Manager Task" e-mail is received after 5:00 p.m. on Friday for the above category plan reviews, the project will not be assigned to a plan reviewer until the next Friday.

The below is the review times for the initial review and the revision reviews based on the above categories:

**Priority Category Plan Review** has an initial review time of 5 business days and a revision review time of 3 business days

"A" Category Plan Review has an initial review time of 8 business days and a revision review time of 4 business days

**"B" Category Plan Review** has an initial review time of 13 business days and a revision review time of 7 business days

**"C" Category Plan** Review has an initial review time of 18 business days and a revision review time of 9 business days

"D" Category Plan Review has an initial review time of 25 business days and a revision review time of 13 business days

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## Wichita Fire Department-

## **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

**2018 IFC 906.1 Where required.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in all the following locations: 1. In new and existing Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4 and S occupancies.

#### Exceptions:

1. In Group R-2 occupancies, portable fire extinguishers shall be required only in locations specified in Items 2 through 6 where each dwelling unit is provided with a portable fire extinguisher having a minimum rating of 1- A:10-B:C.

2. In Group E occupancies, portable fire extinguishers shall be required only in locations specified in Items 2 through 6 where each classroom is provided with a portable fire extinguisher having a minimum rating of 2-A:20-B:C.

**906.2 General requirements.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be selected, installed, and maintained in accordance with this section and NFPA 10.

**906.5 Conspicuous location.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be located in conspicuous locations where they will have ready access and be immediately available for use. These locations shall be along normal paths of travel, unless the fire code official determines that the hazard posed indicates the need for placement away from normal paths of travel.

**906.6 Unobstructed and unobscured.** Portable fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. In rooms or areas in which visual obstruction cannot be completely avoided, means shall be provided to indicate the locations of extinguishers.

**906.7 Hangers and brackets.** Hand-held portable fire extinguishers, not housed in cabinets, shall be installed on the hangers or brackets supplied. Hangers or brackets shall be securely anchored to the mounting surface in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**906.9 Extinguisher installation.** The installation of portable fire extinguishers shall be in accordance with Sections 906.9.1 through 906.9.3.

**906.9.1 Extinguishers weighing 40 pounds or less.** Portable fire extinguishers having a gross weight not exceeding 40 pounds (18 kg) shall be installed so that their tops are not more than 5 feet (1524 mm) above the floor.

**906.9.2 Extinguishers weighing more than 40 pounds.** Hand-held portable fire extinguishers having a gross weight exceeding 40 pounds (18 kg) shall be installed so that their tops are not more than 3.5 feet (1067 mm) above the floor. 906.9.3 Floor clearance. The clearance between the floor and the bottom of installed hand-held portable fire extinguishers shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm)







## **MABCD Advisory Boards - Calendar**

- Board of Building Code Standards and Appeals (BCSA)
- Board of Electrical Appeals (BEA)
- Board of Appeals of Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, Warm Air Heating, and Boiler
- Board of Appeals of Plumbers and Gas Fitters

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 MABCD BCSA Board Meeting	3	4	<b>5</b> MABCD Mechanical Board Meeting	6	7
8	9	<b>10</b> MABCD Electrical Board Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 MABCD Plumbing Board Meeting	26	27	28
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## **Directors Desk -**



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