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## Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department

September 3, 2021

Elevator Contractors-

Re: Standardized Fire Service Key requirements per A17.3, 2015 Edition.

MABCD Jurisdiction including The City of Wichita,

Beginning January 1, 2018. We began enforcement of the newly adopted A17.3 – Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators 2015 Edition. Prior to the enforcement date we sent copies of the timeline for enforcement to every elevator contractor. All items not listed in the timeline were required to be addressed immediately.

All existing passenger elevators will be required to have the “Standardized Fire Service Keys” in place by the 2023 safety test due date. This will allow all elevator contractors enough time to gather the components necessary to install the Standardized Key. The requirements of Section 3.11.3 of the 2015, A17.3 - Existing Elevator Safety Code, which refers to the 1987 Rules 211.3 through 211.8, shall be enforced at the time of our 2023 safety test.

Rule 211.3d allows the local authorities to specify a uniform key or key security for their jurisdiction. In cooperation with the local Fire Departments during the review of this Code for the 2018 adoption, it was determined that since all new elevators require the FEOK1 key, that using this same key for all existing elevators would accomplish the requirement to standardize all keys for phase 1 and phase 2 fire service. This allows a more consistent method of access to our first responders.

If you have any questions concerning this requirement, Please feel free to contact me at 660-1736.

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