

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER



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General Contractor License Renewal Begins September 1st!

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. Pay fees.

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

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July's Important Dates

2nd – Mechanical Board Mtg

3rd – Offices Closed

6th – BCSA Meeting

14th - Electrical Board Mtg

22nd – Plumbing Board Mtg



Please note: Staff cannot accept or process renewal documents until September 1. Partial renewal documents will not be held.

Building Division

Ice & Water Barrier in Sedgwick County

While roofing contractors regularly install ice and water barriers along eaves and valleys, it is important to note this is a contractor or manufacturer preference rather than a local code requirement.

MABCD has stated that Ice and Water Barriers are generally not required on residential roofs in Sedgwick County due to local climate designation not triggering the ice barrier provisions of the 2018 IRC, Section R905.1.2.

Certain roofing products and enhanced warranty systems may require the installation of ice and water barriers as part of the manufacturer's installation instructions. When manufacturers require this product for specific shingle type or roofing system, the contractors must follow instructions to maintain code compliance and preserve warranty.

A manufacturer's installation requirements are enforceable through the adopted code.



Mechanical Division

2024 (IMC) International Mechanical Code Sections 506.3.13.1 thru 13.3

IMC 506.3.13 Exhaust outlets serving type I hoods

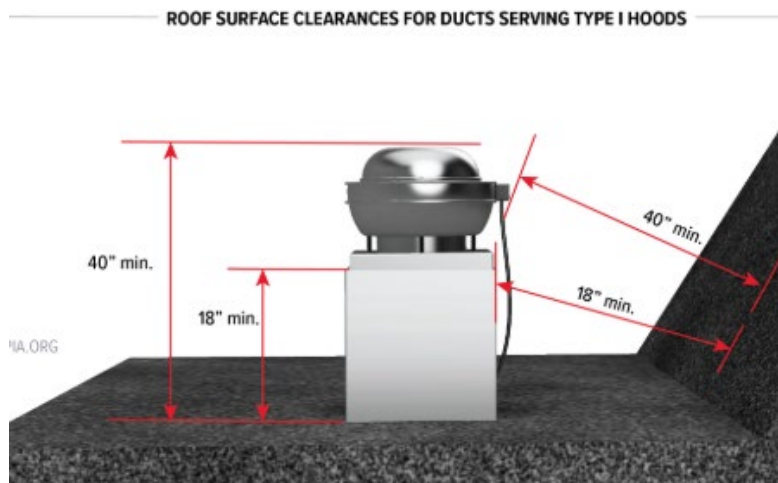
Exhaust outlets for grease ducts serving Type I hoods shall conform to the requirements of Sections 506.3.13.1 through 506.3.13.3.

*This section regulates the termination of grease ducts that serve type I hoods. Section 506.5.5 also refers to this section for exhaust equipment serving a type I hood (e.g., exhaust fans). An example of this would be where an in-line grease fan is installed and only the grease duct outlet extends to the exterior of the building.



IMC 506.3.13.1 Termination above the roof

Exhaust outlets that terminate above the roof shall have the discharge opening located not less than 40 inches (1016mm) above the roof surface.



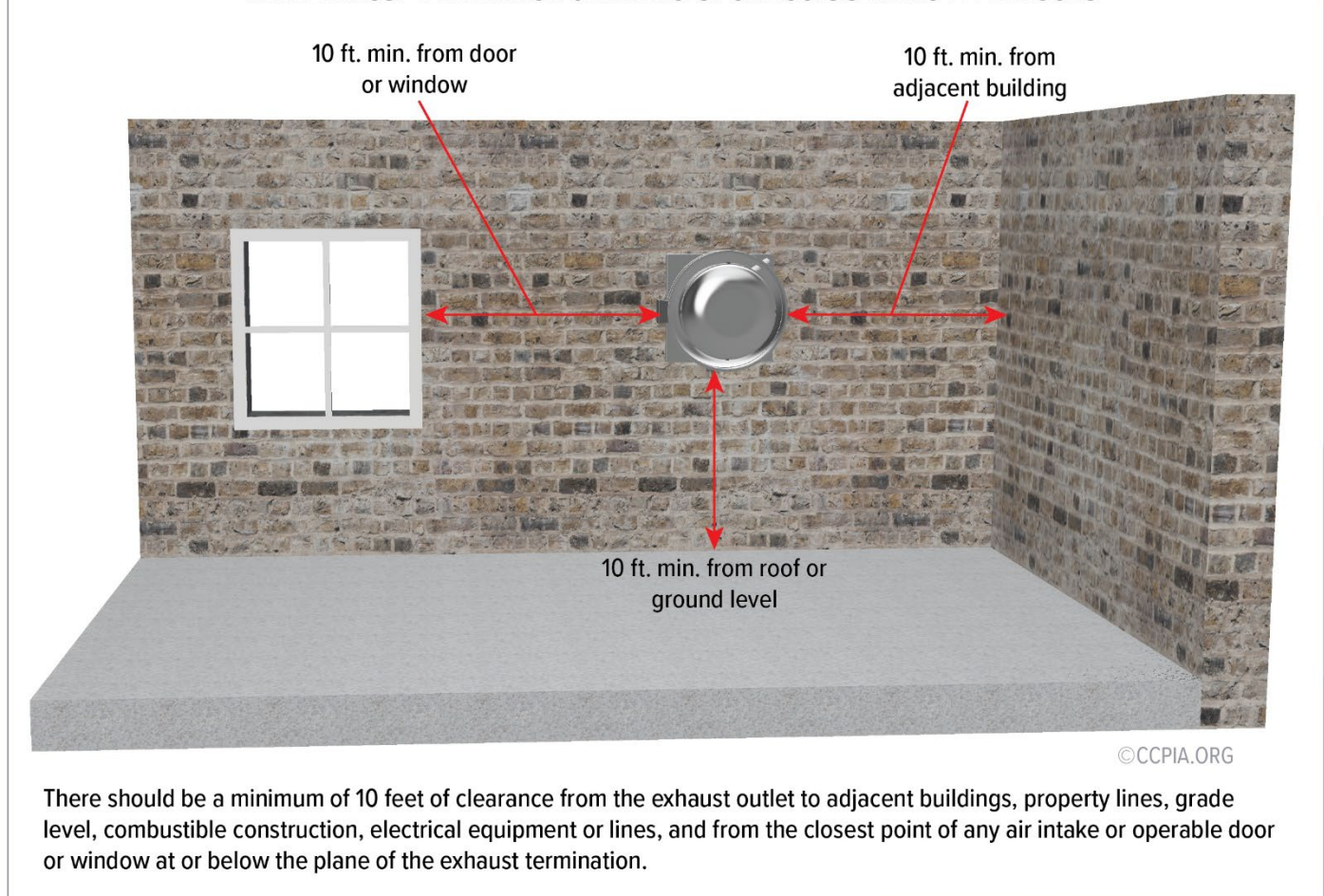
* The requirement for the discharge opening to be at least 40 inches above the roof surface is intended to prevent the accumulation of grease residue on the surrounding surfaces, to protect the roof from exposure to heat and fire and to allow the diffusion of the exhaust into the surrounding air currents. The intent is that the discharge be directed away from the roof.

IMC 506.3.13.2 Termination through an exterior wall

Exhaust outlets shall be permitted to terminate through exterior walls where the grease, smoke, gases, vapors and odors in the discharge from such terminations do not create a public nuisance or a fire hazard. Such terminations shall not be located where protected openings are required by International Building Code. Such terminations shall be located in accordance with Section 503.13.3 and shall not be located within 3 feet (914 mm) of any opening in the exterior wall.

*Exhaust outlets can terminate through a wall only if a fire hazard or public nuisance is not created. Because of the many different places the exhaust can terminate and the various types of discharge, exterior wall terminations must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the code official. In some locations a, a wall termination wall could create a public nuisance because of odors, smoke, grease discharge and proximity of other buildings, walkways and other occupied areas. Terminations through the wall shall also not create a fire hazard. For example, a termination through a wall above a roof soffit should be avoided due to the possibility of grease collecting in the soffit.

WALL EXHAUST TERMINATION CLEARANCES FOR DUCTS SERVING TYPE I HOODS

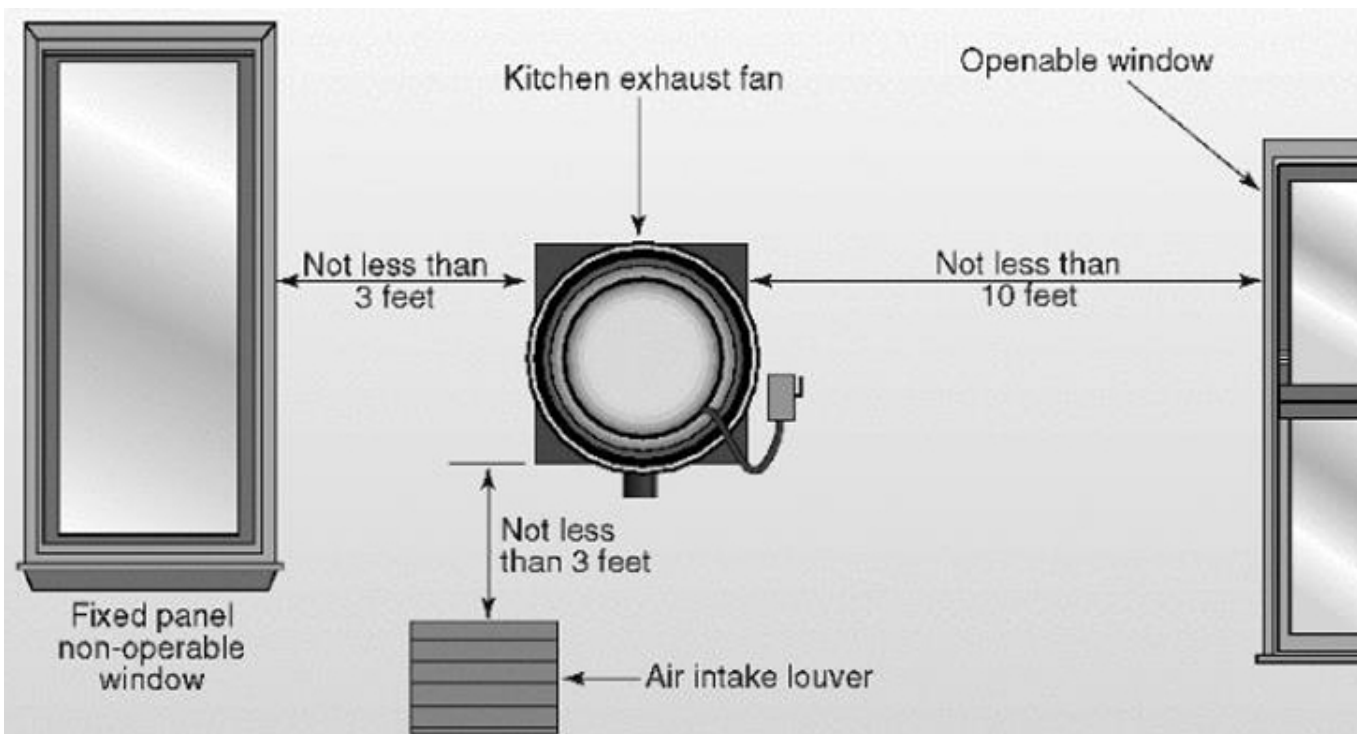


IMC 506.3.13.3 Termination location

Exhaust outlets shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from parts of the same or contiguous building, an adjacent building, adjacent property lines and shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) above the adjoining grade level. Exhaust outlets shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from or not less than 3 feet (914 mm) above air intake openings into any building.

Exception: Exhaust outlets shall terminate not less than 5 feet (1524 mm) horizontally from parts of the same or contiguous building, an adjacent building, adjacent property line and air intake openings into a building where air from the exhaust outlet discharges away from such locations.

* The section addresses only grease duct exhaust outlets serving Type I hoods. Exhaust outlets for type II hoods must comply with Sections 501.3.1 and 506.4.2. The discharge of the exhaust system must be located to minimize accumulation of grease on parts of the same, contiguous or adjacent buildings and to prevent the entry of the discharge into any fresh air intake or other opening to any building. The exhaust outlet must be located a minimum distance above grade to protect passersby and to help the dispersion of the exhaust into the atmosphere. The exception is to grant relief from the 10-foot clearance requirement where the exhaust is directed away from what the code is trying to protect. The outlet can discharge in an angle parallel from a building wall, for example, but cannot be directed at some angle toward such wall. Good judgement is required for securing the intent of this exception, such as considering prevailing wind directions.



Plan Review Division

The Plan Review Section of MABCD is not involved in granting a project's Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO). The Building Inspection Section of MABCD grants TCOs. The General Contractor applies for a TCO by obtaining an application form (located on the Building Division page the Inspection Divisions area of MABCD's website) <https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/media/63395/mabcd-form-6a-b-temp-c-of-o-fillable.pdf>, completing it in its entirety, then obtaining **all** necessary signatures before returning the form to MABCD's Administrative Offices at 271 W 3rd St N, Suite 101. MABCD's Assistant Director then reviews and issues all TCOs.

Plumbing Division

I hope everyone's having a great summer!

The installation, maintenance and repair of backflow prevention devices to protect the potable water supply in the MABCD jurisdiction is guided by more than one document. In addition to Chapter 6 "Water Supply And Distribution" of the *Uniform Plumbing Code*, both Chapter 17 "Water" of the City of Wichita *Municode* and the *Uniform Building And Trade Code* (UBTC) contains language regarding this topic.

This link will take you to the UBTC on the website.

[wichita-sedgwick-county-unified-building-trade-code-ubtc-current-1-27-25-complete-ubtc.pdf](https://www.sedgwick-county-unified-building-trade-code-ubtc-current-1-27-25-complete-ubtc.pdf)

This is a link to the Wichita Municode section that governs lawn irrigation and backflow prevention installation and repair.

https://library.municode.com/ks/wichita/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17WA

The section below specifies who may install a backflow preventer. Please note the installation information.

Sec. 17.08.050 Backflow prevention

No person shall install any water-operated equipment or mechanism, or use any water treating chemical or substance if it is found that such equipment, mechanism or substance may cause pollution of the domestic water supply. Such equipment or mechanism may be permitted only when equipped with an approved backflow prevention device. **The backflow prevention device shall be installed by a certified installer/tester.** Pressure type vacuum breakers shall be installed at least 12 inches above the highest sprinkler head and all downstream piping.

Below is the definition for who may be considered a certified backflow installer/ tester.

"Certified installer/tester," for the purpose of this chapter, means any individual who has been duly certified by the Director of Public Works & Utilities to install, alter, repair, replace and test approved testable backflow prevention devices.

This link is to the City of Wichita webpage that can help you locate a list of licensed contractors that are certified backflow installer/ testers and contacts in the Wichita Public Works Department.

<https://www.wichita.gov/716/Backflow-Cross-Connection-Control>

Journeyman and Master certified plumbers are not certified backflow prevention installer/ testers unless and until they have attended and passed an initial backflow prevention certification course, subsequent recertification courses every three years and are registered as an installer/ tester with the City of Wichita Public Works & Utilities. Below is a link to the backflow device registry site.

<https://backflow.wichita.gov/>

MABCD plumbing inspectors inspect the initial installation of backflow prevention devices at the time of construction. All subsequent monitoring of test reports and mandatory testing reminder letters are generated by the City of Wichita Public Works Department. ***MABCD does not perform testing of the backflow preventers or send out reminder letters.***

The City of Wichita backflow web page has this information included on it.

If you need help or have any questions, please call (316) 219-8917, email us at backflow@wichita.gov