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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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August's Important Dates

3rd – BCSA Meeting

6th – Mechanical Board Mtg

11th - Electrical Board Mtg

26th – Plumbing Board Mtg



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

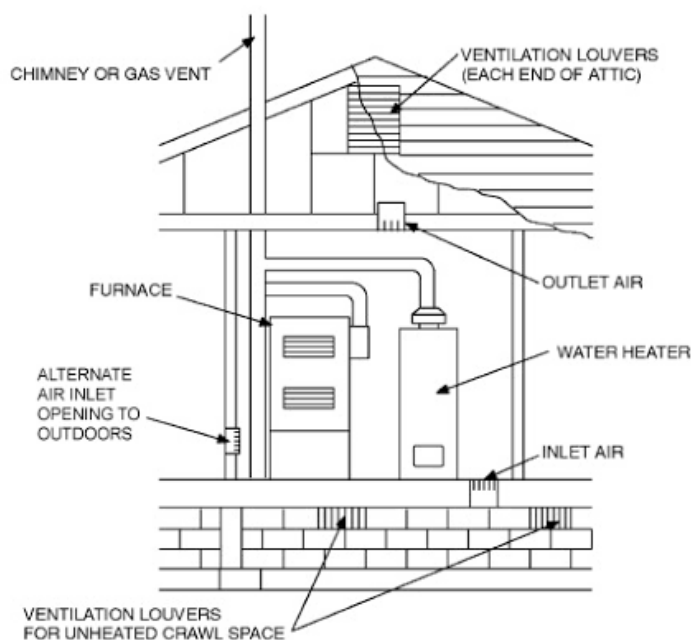
Mechanical Division

2024 (IFGC) International Fuel Gas Code Section 304.6.2

IFGC 304.6.2 One – Permanent Opening

One permanent opening, commencing within 12 inches (305 mm) of the top of the enclosure, shall be provided. The appliance shall have clearances of not less than 1 inch (25mm) from the sides and back and 6 inches (152 mm) from the front of the appliance. The opening shall communicate directly with the outdoors, or through a vertical or horizontal duct, to the outdoors or spaces that freely communicate with the outdoors and shall have a minimum free area of 1 square inch per 3,000 Btu/h (734 mm²/kW) of the total input rating of all appliances located in the enclosure and not less than the sum of the areas of all vent connectors in the space.

Research has shown that for modern appliances, a single opening to the outdoors will perform as well as the traditional two-opening method. The one-opening method depends on a reduced pressure being created in the enclosure by the draft created by the venting system.



This reduced pressure causes combustion air to enter the enclosure through the single opening. The opening must be properly sized considering both sizing criteria: the square-inch-area-per-Btu/h ratio and the area based on the sum of the areas of all vent connectors in the enclosure. This method allows for fewer openings, fewer ducts and fewer objections by the owners/occupants.



Plan Review

Adding Lights to an Existing Parking Lot

The addition of new parking lot light(s) to an existing parking lot requires a Building Permit and an Electrical Permit from MABCD. The Electrical Permit will not be issued until the Building Permit has been reviewed and approved by MABCD's Plan Review Section. The following documents must be submitted to the Electronic Plan Review (EPR) System for as part of the review and approval process:

- An Electrical Site Plan drawn and sealed by a Kansas Licensed Civil Engineer or Architect or Electrical Engineer showing the location of the property lines, easements, and new parking lot light(s).

Note: The new parking lot light(s) are not allowed to be located in easements per the City of Wichita Public Works and Utilities Engineering Department Policy.

Also, the Electrical Site Plan needs to indicate the height of the new parking lot light(s) measured from the surface of the existing parking lot.

Note: Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code Article IV, Sec. IV-B.4 states the following: "Outdoor lighting sources, including base or pedestal, pole and fixture, shall employ cut-off luminaires to minimize light trespass and glare, and shall be mounted at a height not exceeding one-half the distance from the neighboring Lot, unless evidence is provided to the satisfaction of the Zoning Administrator that the light source will be aimed or shielded such that the light source is not visible from the neighboring Lot. Lighting sources shall be limited to 15 feet in height within 200 of residential zoning Districts".

- A Section Detail of the light pole base drawn and sealed by a Kansas Licensed Structural Engineer or Electrical Engineer.
- If the new parking lot light(s) are located in a Community Unit Plan or Planned Unit Development, a detail of the parking lot light pole(s) and parking lot light fixture(s) will need to be submitted to us for review to see if they are in compliance with the General Provisions of the Community Unit Plan or Planned Unit Development.

Plumbing Division

2024 Uniform Plumbing Code

UPC 603.5.17 POTABLE WATER OUTLETS AND VALVES

Potable water outlets, freeze-proof yard hydrants, combination stop-and waste valves or other fixtures that incorporate a stop and waste feature that drains into the ground shall not be installed underground.



These pictures are representative of the old style bury yard hydrant that incorporates a stop and waste feature to drain down the body of the faucet to prevent freeze damage. This style of hydrant may be used to supply water to clean condenser coils for roof top units on large buildings but may not be installed in the earth without additional backflow protection. This type of faucet may be used to provide a source of nonpotable water when installed with additional backflow protection to guard against contamination of the potable water supply.

This is a sanitary bury hydrant or sanitary yard hydrant. This type of faucet may be installed in the earth to supply potable water in remote locations without additional backflow protection devices.



Ideas or topic suggestions for the Plumbing Section of the monthly newsletter? Please send those to Jason.Little@sedgwick.gov.