

* Amendments Specific to the City of Murphy

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**Section 102.8; change to read as follows:

102.8 Referenced Codes and Standards. The codes and standards referenced herein shall be those that are listed in Chapter 15 and such codes, when specifically adopted, and standards shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Where differences occur between provisions of this code and the referenced standards, the provisions of this code shall apply. Whenever amendments have been adopted to the referenced codes and standards, each reference to said code and standard shall be considered to reference the adopted amendments. Any reference to NFPA 70 shall mean the National Electrical Code as adopted.

(Reason: Legal wording to recognize locally adopted codes and amendments adopted with referenced codes.)

*Sections 109.2 and 109.6; change to read as follows:

109.2 Schedule of permit fees. Where work requires a permit, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as ~~established by the applicable governing body.~~ as adopted by resolution of the governing body of the jurisdiction.

109.6 Refunds. The code official ~~is authorized to establish a refund policy.~~ shall establish a policy for authorizing the refunding of fees.

(Reason: To clarify that fees are established by the City Council. Amendment to 2015 IMC carried forward to 2021 IMC.)

*Section 114; delete entire section and insert the following:

SECTION 114 MEANS OF APPEAL

114.1 Application for appeal. Any person shall have the right to appeal a decision of the code official to the board of appeals established by ordinance. The board shall be governed by the enabling ordinance.

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(Reason: Most jurisdictions already have an ordinance establishing and governing an appeals board for this code. This also calls to the attention of jurisdictions not having such a board that it needs to be established. Amendment to 2015 IMC carried forward to 2021 IMC.)

***Section 306.3; change to read as follows:**

306.3 Appliances in attics. Attics containing appliances requiring access shall be provided . . . {bulk of paragraph unchanged} . . . side of the appliance. The clear access opening dimensions shall be a minimum of 20 inches by 30 inches (508 mm by 762 mm), and large enough to allow removal of the largest appliance. As a minimum, for access to the attic space, provide one of the following:

1. A permanent stair.
2. A pull-down stair with a minimum 300 lb. (136 kg) capacity.
3. An access door from an upper floor level.
4. Access panel may be used in lieu of items 1, 2, and 3 with prior approval of the code official due to building conditions.

(Reason: To provide a safe means of accessibility to appliances in attics and to allow for different types of construction limitations. Amendment to 2015 IMC carried forward to 2021 IMC.)

***Section 403.2.1; add an item 5 to read as follows:**

5. Toilet rooms within private dwellings that contain only a water closet, lavatory, or combination thereof may be ventilated with an approved mechanical recirculating fan or similar device designed to remove odors from the air.

(Reason: Consistent with common regional practice. Consistent with regional amendment to International Residential Code (IRC) R303.3. Amendment to 2015 IMC carried forward to 2021 IMC.)

****Section 501.3; add an exception to read as follows:**

501.3 Exhaust Discharge. The air removed by every mechanical exhaust system shall be discharged outdoors at a point where it will not cause a public nuisance and not less than the distances specified in Section 501.3.1. The air shall be discharged to a location from which it cannot again be readily drawn in by a ventilating system. Air shall not be exhausted into an attic, crawl space, or be directed onto walkways.

Exceptions:

4. Toilet room exhaust ducts may terminate in a warehouse or shop area when infiltration of outside air is present.

(Reason: Provide a reasonable alternative in areas where a large volume of outside air is present. Amendment to 2015 IMC carried forward to 2021IMC.)