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NOTICE

To all Mechanical contractors:

As many of you know, the 2012 International Mechanical Code (IMC) has been adopted since January of 2014. Recently, the State of Louisiana has adopted several amendments to the 2012 IMC and the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The State has also adopted the mechanical section from the 2012 International Residential Code (IRC). Lafayette Consolidated Government has adopted these amendments to the codes, as of and effective, on January 1, 2015. This letter is to inform you of those amendments.

They are as follows:

1- Locking Access Port Caps.

Refrigerant circuit access ports located outdoors shall be fitted with locking-type tamper resistant caps or shall be otherwise secured to prevent unauthorized access.

2- Insulation of Refrigerant Piping

Piping and fittings for refrigerant vapor lines shall be insulated with insulation having a thermal resistivity of at least R-4.

3- Programmable Thermostats

Where the primary heating system is a forced air furnace, at least one programmable thermostat per dwelling shall be capable of controlling the heating and cooling system on a daily schedule.

4- Mechanical System Piping Insulation

Mechanical system piping capable of carrying fluids above 105 degrees or below 55 degrees shall be insulated to a minimum of R3. This will include drain lines.

5- HVAC Registers

HVAC registers or boots that penetrate the building envelope will be sealed to the subfloor or drywall.

6- Access Doors

Access doors to equipment will be required to be insulated and weather stripped to a minimum of R-4.

7- Duct Leakage Testing.

Duct leakage testing shall be performed by individuals certified to perform duct sealing tests by a nationally recognized organization that trains and provides certification exams for the proper procedures to perform such tests.

Exception:** HVAC contractors or individuals who are not certified to perform duct sealing tests may perform the test on their own system(s) with the responsible LCG Codes inspector visually verifying test procedures and results on site. **You will be responsible to contact the LCG Codes inspector and set up a time for the testing to be witnessed. You will also have to be present for the test.

If the tester is certified, we will require that upon the test being done, that the individual doing the test present to the Codes Division a copy of his/her certification along with the test results, to keep on file with the permit.

For un-certified testers, where LCG inspectors will be verifying the test, if the test is done at any other time besides the open wall stage or the final stage, a \$50 trip charge will be required.

No final mechanical inspection will be done until we have these test results and a copy of certificate.

These amendments to the codes will start being enforced by Lafayette Consolidated Government Codes Division on April 1, 2015. This should give everyone enough time to get caught up with the changes. This will effect only permits purchased STARTING April 1, 2015. After this date, the final inspection will not be done and/or be rejected until we receive the documents required.

This will be a work in progress. We realize the future may be a little rocky with the changes, but with communication and a little patience, we can make this transition a smooth one. We are here to help you and will do what we can to make this easier on everyone involved.

The mechanical inspectors of Lafayette Codes Division will be available to answer any questions you may have. You may contact us at the following:

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