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ITEM NUMBER	ARTICLE	SUMM	IARY		·	PROPONENT	ACTION
MC-2024-1	Scope	*Add 'Scope' to read as follows: SCOPE:				2020	CF
		The provisions of the Georgia State Minimum Standinstallation, maintenance, alteration and inspection installed and utilized to provide control of environm buildings. This code shall also regulate those mecha appliances specifically addressed herein. The install equipment, fuel gas-fired appliances and fuel gas-fir by the Georgia State Minimum Standard Gas Commendments.) Exception: Detached one- and two-family (townhouses) not more than three stories all accessory structures shall comply with Geoff Family Dwelling Code (the International Red Dwellings with Georgia State Amendments) Shaun Cunningham made a motion to Carry Forward unanimously	of mechanical spental conditions and systems, spental conditions at ion of fuel gasted appliance very dee (Internations of dwellings and pove grade with a state Minites and cook of the c	ystems that are pess and related process and related process states and related process distribution pipilicenting systems shaped Fuel Gas Codes multiple single-factor separate means of mum Standard Or for One- and Two	ermanently esses within es, equipment and and all be regulated e with Georgia mily dwellings f egress and their ne- and Two- o-Family		
MC-2024-2	Scope	*Add 'Code Reference Guide' as an Exception to 'S Exception: The following table titled 'Codes I supplementary code applications and is to be a	Reference Guide	e' establishes spec		2020	CF
		CODES REFERENCE GUIDE Area Primary Supplement					
		Occupancy Classification	LSC	IBC			

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Building Construction Types Including allowable height, allowable building areas, and the requirements for sprinkler protection related to minimum building construction types.	IBC	LSC		
Means of Egress	LSC	NONE		
Standpipes	IBC	IFC		
Interior Finish	LSC	NONE		
HVAC Systems	IMC	NONE		
Vertical Openings	LSC	NONE		
Sprinkler Systems minimum construction standard	LSC	NONE		
Fire Alarm Systems	LSC	NONE		
Smoke Alarms and Smoke Detection Systems	State Statute and LSC	NONE		
Portable Fire Extinguishers	IFC	NONE		
Cooking Equipment	LSC and NFPA 96	NONE		
Fuel Fired Appliances	IFGC	NFPA 54		
Liquid Petroleum Gas	NFPA 58	NFPA 54		
Compressed Natural Gas	NFPA 52	NONE		
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IMC-2024-3	Scope	The State's minimum requirements for boilers/water heaters and pressure vessels over 200,000 BTU/h (58.61 kW), 210 degrees Fahrenheit or 120 gallons capacity shall be established by O.C.G.A. Title 25, Chapter 15 and the Rules and Regulations of the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. Stan Everett made a motion to Carry Forward with Jake Hill as Second. The motion passed unanimously	2020	CF
IMC-2024-4	Chapter 1	*Delete Chapter 1 'Administration' without substitution. Chapter 1 to remain in the Code as a reference and guide for local governments in the development of their own Administrative Procedures. Michael Brown made a motion to Carry Forward with Eric Sell as Second. The motion passed unanimously	2020	CF
IMC-2024-5	202	*Add Definition of 'MAKE-UP AIR' to read as follows: MAKE-UP AIR. SEE ENVIRONMENTAL AIR Tabled	2020	
IMC-2024-6	301.1	*Revise Section 301.1 'Scope' to read as follows: 301.1 Scope. This chapter shall govern the approval and installation of all equipment and appliances that comprise parts of the building mechanical systems regulated by this code in accordance with Section 101.2. Eric Sell made a motion to Carry Forward with Stan Everett as Second. The motion passed unanimously	2020	CF
IMC-2024-7	301.2	*Revise Section 301.2 'Energy utilization' to read as follows: 301.2 Energy utilization. Heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems of all structures shall be designed and installed for efficient utilization of energy in accordance with the <i>International Energy Conservation Code</i> . Cooling towers installed in new construction shall be in compliance with ASHRAE, Standard 90.1. Stan Everett made a motion to Carry Forward with Michael Brown as Second. The motion passed unanimously	2020	CF

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IMC-2024-8	301.7	*Revise Section 301.7 ' Listed and labeled' to read as follows:	2020	CF
		301.7 Listed and labeled. Appliances regulated by this code shall be <i>listed</i> and <i>labeled</i> for the application in which they are installed and used, unless otherwise approved in accordance with Section 104. Exception to remain unchanged.		
		Eric Sell made a motion to Carry Forward with Jake Hill as Second. The motion passed unanimously		
IMC-2024-9	301.19	*Add new Section 301.19 'Related Fire Codes' to read as follows: 301.19 Related fire codes. Any reference to the <i>International Fire Code</i> and/or NFPA standards in any chapter of this code shall be to the latest edition as adopted and amended by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner.	2020	CF
		Eric Sell made a motion to Carry Forward with Harold Williams as Second. The motion passed unanimously		
IMC-2024-10	306.3	*Revise Section 306.3 'Appliances in attics' to add new Exception #3 to read as follows Exceptions: 3. In Residential Occupancies, attics containing appliances or mechanical equipment service shall be accessible by pull down stairs or other permanent steps and at a minimum be sized to allow the removal of the largest appliance. Eric Sell made a motion to Carry Forward with Jake Hill as Second. The motion passed unanimously	2020	CF
IMC-2024-11	401.7	*Add new Section 401.7 'Alternative ventilation procedures' to read as follows: 401.7 Alternative ventilation procedures. As an alternative to Chapter 4, the following shall be permitted: 1. Ventilation Rate Procedure, Natural Ventilation Procedure or Indoor Air Quality Procedure, as prescribed by ASHRAE 62.1. Software programs to calculate outdoor	2020	

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		 ventilation air may be used to demonstrate ASHRAE 62.1 compliance, as approved by authority having jurisdiction. 2or a combination of ASHRAE 62.1 and ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170 may be utilized for different occupancy types within a single building. 		
		Tabled		
IMC-2024-12	501.3	*Revise Section 501.3 'Exhaust discharge' Exception #1 to read as follows: Exceptions: 1. Whole-house ventilation-type attic fans shall be permitted to discharge into the ventilated attic space of dwelling units having private attics, provided the installed system meets paragraph 501.4 requirements for pressure equalization. Tabled	2020	
IMC-2024-13	505.3.1	*Add new Section 505.3.1 'Exhaust ducts for domestic range hoods installed in commercial applications' to read as follows 505.3.1 Exhaust Ducts for domestic range hoods installed in commercial applications. Exhaust ducts for domestic range hoods installed in commercial applications shall be vented to the outside and shall be constructed of (a) Type B vent, or (b) smooth wall duct constructed of galvanized or stainless steel with a minimum duct thickness of 0.0157 inches (0.40 mm) or constructed of aluminum or copper with a minimum duct thickness of 0.023 inches (0.58mm). Tabled	2020	
IMC-2024-14	505.7	*Add new Section 505.7 'Commercial installations of domestic systems' to read as follows: 505.7 Commercial installations of domestic systems. Commercial installations of domestic systems shall comply with the current Life Safety Code NFPA 101 and 96 standards as adopted and amended by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. Tabled	2020	

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IMC-2024-15	506.1	*Delete Section 506.1 'General' and substitute the following:	2020	
		506.1 General. The State's minimum requirements for Type I commercial kitchen hood ventilation system ducts and exhaust equipment shall be designed, constructed and installed in accordance with the Life Safety Code NFPA 101 and NFPA 96 as adopted and amended by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. Other commercial kitchen hood ventilation system ducts and exhaust equipment shall comply with the requirements of this section. Tabled		
IMC-2024-16	507.1	*Delete Section 507.1 'General' and substitute the following: 507.1 General. The State's minimum requirements for Type I commercial kitchen hoods shall be designed, constructed and installed in accordance with the Life Safety Code NFPA 101 and NFPA 96 as adopted and amended by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. Other commercial kitchen hoods shall comply with the requirements of this section. Tabled	2020	
IMC-2024-17	507.1.2	*Delete Section 507.1.2 'Domestic cooking appliances used for commercial purposes' without substitution. Tabled	2020	
IMC-2024-18	509.1	*Delete Section 509.1 'Where required' and substitute the following: 509.1 Where required. The State's minimum requirements for fire suppression systems for commercial cooking equipment shall be established by the Life Safety Code NFPA 101 and NFPA 96 as adopted and amended by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. Table	2020	

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IMC-2024-19	606.2.1	*Rename Section 606.2.1 'Return air systems' and revise to read as follows:	2020	
		606.2.1 <u>Supply air systems</u> . Smoke detectors shall be installed in <u>return supply</u> air systems with a design capacity greater than 2,000 cfm(0.9m³/s), in the <u>return supply</u> air duct or plenum upstream of any filters, exhaust air connections, outdoor air connections, or decontamination equipment and <u>appliances</u>. downstream of any filters, fan motors, outdoor air connections, and upstream of any <u>branch connections</u> or decontamination equipment and appliances.		
		Exception: Smoke detectors are not required in the return supply air system where all portions of the building served by the air distribution system are protected by area smoke detectors connected to a fire alarm system in accordance with the International Fire Code NFPA 72. The area smoke detection system shall comply with Section 606.4. Tabled		
IMC-2024-20	606.2.2	*Revise Section 606.2.2 'Common supply and return air systems' to read as follows: 606.2.2 Common supply and return air systems. Where multiple air-handling systems share common supply or return air ducts or plenums with a combined design capacity greater than 2,000 cfm (0.9m³/s), the return supply air system shall be provided with smoke detectors in accordance with Section 606.2.1. Exception: Individual smoke detectors shall not be required for each fan-powered unit, provided that such units do not have an individual design capacity greater than 2,000(0.9m³/s) cfm and will be shut down by activation of one of the following; 1. Smoke detectors required by Sections 606.2.1 and 606.2.3. 2. An approved area smoke detector system located in the return air plunum supply air duct serving such units. 3. An area smoke detector system as prescribed in the exception to Section 606.2.1. In all cases, the smoke detectors shall comply with sections 606.4 and 606.4.1. Tabled	2020	

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IMC-2024-21	606.4.1	*Revise Section 606.4.1 'Supervision' first sentence to read as follows:	2020	
		606.4.1 Supervision. The duct smoke detectors shall be connected to a fire alarm system where a fire alarm system is required by Section 907.2 of the International Fire Code the Life Safety Code NFPA 101 and NFPA 96 as adopted and amended by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. Tabled		
IMC-2024-22	804.3.8	*Revise Section 804.3.8 'Mechanical draft systems for manually fired appliances and fireplaces' numbers 2 and 3 to read as follows: 804.3.8 Mechanical draft systems for manually fired appliances and fireplaces. #2 A device shall be installed that produces visible and audible warning upon failure of the mechanical draft device or loss of electrical power, at any time that the mechanical draft device is turned on. This device shall be equipped with a battery backup if it receives power from the building wiring. #3 A smoke detector shall be installed in the room with the appliance or fireplace. This device shall be equipped with a battery backup if it receives and receive power from the building wiring. No Action Taken	2020	D
IMC-2024-23	908.1	* Revise Section 908.1 'General' to read as follows: 908.1 General. A cooling tower used in conjunction with an air-conditioning appliance shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Factory-built cooling towers shall be listed in accordance with UL 1995 or UL/CSA 60335-2-40. The standards related to high efficiency cooling towers shall include without limitation the minimum standards prescribed by the ASHRAE, Standard 90.1. Harold Williams made a motion to Carry Forward with Eric Sell as Second. The motion passed unanimously	2020	CF

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IMC-2024-24	917.1	*Revise Section 917.1 'Cooking appliances' to add new Exception to read as follows:	2020	CF
		Exception: Listed and labeled commercial cooking appliances may be installed in dwelling units and domestic kitchens when such installation is designed by a Georgia Licensed Professional Engineer and accepted by the local authority having jurisdiction. Michael Brown made a motion to Carry Forward with Jake Hill as Second. The motion passed unanimously		
IMC-2024-25	917.2	*Delete Section 917.2 'Domestic appliances' without substitution. Eric Sell made a motion to Carry Forward with Stan Everett as Second. The motion passed unanimously	2020	CF
IMC-2024-26	1001.1	*Revise Section 1001.1 'Scope' to add the following at the end of first paragraph: 1001.1 Scopeand pressure vessels. The State's minimum requirements for boilers/water heaters and pressure vessels over 200,000 BTU/h (58.61 kW), 210 degrees Fahrenheit or 120 gallons capacity shall be established by O.C.G.A. Title 25, Chapter 15 and the as adopted and amended Rules and Regulations of the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. Eric Sell made a motion to Carry Forward with Jake Hill as Second. The motion passed unanimously	2020	CF
IMC-2024-27	1105.3	*Renumber Section [F] 1105.3 'Refrigerant detector' as 1105.3 and revise to read as follows: 1105.3 Refrigerant detector. Refrigerant detectors in machinery rooms shall be provided as required by sections 608.9 and 608.18 of the international Fire Code. in accordance with ASHRAE 15. Tabled	2020	

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IMC-2024-28	1106.5	*Renumber Section [F] 1106.5 'Remote controls' as 1106.5 and revise to read as follows:	2020	
		1106.6 Remote controls. Remote control of the mechanical equipment and appliances located in the machinery room shall comply with Sections 1106.5.1 and 1106.5.2 be provided as required in accordance with ASHRAE 15. Tabled		
IMC-2024-29	1106.6	*Renumber Section [F] 1106.6 'Emergency signs and labels' as 1106.6 and revise to read as follows: 1106.7 Emergency signs and labels. Refrigeration units and systems shall be provided with approved emergency signs, charts and labels in accordance with the International Fire Code ASHRAE 15. Tabled	2020	
IMC-2024-30	1206.8	*Revise Section 1206.8 'Steam piping pitch' to add the following at the end of the paragraph: 1206.8 Steam piping pitchthe steam piping. Branch piping from steam mains shall be taken off at the top of the pipe. No Action Taken	2020	D
IMC-2024-31	1301.1	*Revise Section 1301.1 'Scope' to add the following at the end of the paragraph: 1301.1 ScopeInternational Fire Code. The State's minimum requirements for fuel oil piping and storage shall be as established by the Georgia State Minimum Fire Safety Standards and the as adopted and amended Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. Any areas not addressed by the Georgia State Minimum Fire Safety Standards shall be regulated by this chapter. Eric Sell made a motion to Carry Forward with Stan Everett as Second. The motion passed unanimously	2020	CF

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IMC-2024-32	1402.4	*Revise Section 1402.4 'Protection from freezing' to revise the first sentence to read as follows:	2020	CF
		1402.4 Protection from freezing. System Components shall be protected from damage by freezing heat transfer liquids at the lowest ambient temperatures that will be encountered during the operation of the system. Freeze (Remainder of paragraph to remain unchanged) Michael Brown made a motion to Carry Forward with Jake Hill as Second. The motion passed		
IMC-2024-33	1403.2.1	*Add new Section 1403.2.1 'Protection of drains' to read as follows:	2020	
1010 2021 00	1100.2.1	1403.2.1 Protection of drains. Drains serving heat transfer fluids over 140°F (60°C) or which are toxic or corrosive shall be protected in accordance with the requirements of the International Plumbing Code.	2020	
		Tabled Tabled		
IMC-2024-34		*Revise Chapter 15 'Referenced Standards' to add the following:	2020	
		American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc. 1791 Tullie Circle, NE		
		ASHRAE Atlanta, GA 30329-23	<u>05</u>	
		Standard		
		reference in co	de	
		number Title section number 90.12016 Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-		
		Rise Residential Buildings 301.2, 908.1 GA Amendments		
		62.12016 Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air 401.7 GA Quality Amendments		

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152016	Safety Standard for Refrigeration System	ns 1105.3, 1106.6, 1106.7, GA Amendments	
170-2017	Ventilation of Health Care Facilities	401.7, GA Amendments	
	Battery march Park		
NFPA	Quincy, MA 02269	D.C. I	
number	Title		
96		505.7,506.1, 507.1, 508.1 509.1, GA Amendments	
101 L	ife Safety Code	506.1, 507.1, 508.1, 509.1 GA Amendments	
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Tabled			
	NFPA Standard reference number 96	National Fire Protection Association Battery march Park NFPA Quincy, MA 02269 Standard reference number Title 96 Standard for Ventilation and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations 101 Life Safety Code	National Fire Protection Association Battery march Park NFPA Quincy, MA 02269 Standard reference number 96 Standard for Ventilation and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations 101 Life Safety Code Outpublic Protection Association Battery march Park Referenced in code section number 505.7,506.1, 507.1, 508.1 509.1, GA Amendments 506.1, 507.1, 508.1, 509.1 GA Amendments

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IMC-2024-35	IMC - 908	Revise IMC section 908 to read as follows	2024	D
		Section 908 Cooling Towers, Evaporative Condensers and Fluid Coolers 908.1 General A cooling tower used in conjunction with an air-conditioning appliance shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Factory-built cooling towers shall be listed in accordance with UL 1995 or UL/CSA 60335-2-40. The standards related to high efficiency cooling towers shall include without limitation the minimum standards prescribed by ASHRAE 90.1. No Action Taken		
IMC-2024-36	IMC - 918	Revise IMC section 918 to read as follows Section 918 Forced-Air Warm-Air Furnaces 918.1 Forced-air furnaces Oil-fired furnaces shall be tested in accordance with UL 727. Electric furnaces shall be tested in accordance with UL 1995 or UL/CSA 60335-2-40. Solid fuel furnaces shall be tested in accordance with UL 391. Forced-air furnaces shall be installed in accordance with the listings and the manufacturer's instructions.	2024	D
		918.2 Heat pumps Electric heat pumps shall be tested in accordance with UL 1995 or UL/CSA 60335-2-40. No Action Taken		
IMC-2024-37	IMC - 1101	Revise IMC section 1101 to read as follows Section 1101 General 1101.2 Factory-built equipment and appliances Listed and labeled self-contained, factory-built equipment and appliances shall be tested in accordance with UL 207, 412, 471, or 1995, UL/CSA 60335-2-40 or UL/CSA 60335-2-89. Such equipment and appliances are deemed to meet the design, manufacture and factory test requirements of this code if installed in accordance with their listing and the manufacturer's instructions.	2024	D

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FACTORY-BUILT EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES EQUIPMENT	STANDARDS
Refrigeration fittings, including press-connect, flared and threaded	UL 109 and UL 207
Air-conditioning equipment	UL 1995 or UL/CSA 60335- 2-40
Packaged terminal air conditioners and heat pumps	UL 484 or UL/CSA 60335-2 40
Split-system air conditioners and heat pumps	UL 1995 or UL/CSA 60335- 2-40
Dehumidifiers	UL 474 or UL/CSA 60335-2-40
Unit coolers	UL 412 or UL/CSA 60335-2-
Commercial refrigerators, freezers, beverage coolers and walk-in coolers	UL 471 or UL/CSA 60335-2-
Refrigerating units and walk-in coolers	UL 427 or UL 60335-2-89
Refrigerant-containing components and accessories	UL 207

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IMC-2024-38	IMC –	Revise IMC Table 1103.1 to read as follows	2024	D
	Table 1103.1	TABLE 1103.1 REFRIGERANT CLASSIFICATION, AMOUNT AND OEL		
		Footnote: f. The ASHRAE Standard 34 flammability classification for this refrigerant is 2L, which is a subclass of Class 2. No Action Taken		
IMC-2024-39	IMC - 1104	Revise IMC section 1104 to read as follows SECTION 1104 SYSTEM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS 1104.3.1 Air conditioning for human comfort. High probability systems used for human comfort shall use Group A1 or A2L refrigerant. In other than industrial occupancies where the quantity in a single independent circuit does not exceed the amount in Table 1103.1, Group B1, B2 and B3 refrigerants shall not be used in high-probability systems for air conditioning for human comfort. No Action Taken	2024	D
IMC-2024-40		*Rename Section 1104.3.2 'Nonindustrial occupancies' to 'Group A2, A3, B2 and B3 refrigerants', delete Table 1104.3.2 'Maximum Permissible Quantities of Refrigerants' and revise to read as follows: 1104.3.2 Group A2, A3, B2 and B3 refrigerants. Group A2 and B2 refrigerants shall not be used in high-probability systems. Group A3 and B3 refrigerants shall not be used except where approved. Exceptions: This section does not apply to: 1. Laboratories where the floor area per occupant is not less than 100 square feet (9.3 m2). 2. Listed self-contained systems having a maximum of 0.331 pounds (150 g) of Group A3 refrigerant. 3. Industrial occupancies.	2024	D

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		kg) of Group A2 or B2 refrigerant.	sidential occupancies containing a maxim			
IMC-2024-41	IMC – Reference	ASHRAE 15—2016 2022	Safety Standards for Refrigeration Systems	ASHRAE 1791 Tullie Circle, NE Atlanta, GA 30329 1105.3, 1106.6, 1106.7 Amendments	2024	D
		34— 2016 <u>2022</u>	Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants	202, 1102.2.1, 1103.1		
		UL		UL LLC 333 Pfingsten Road Northbrook, IL 60062-2096		
		1995— <u>2011</u> <u>2015</u>	Heating and Cooling Equipment – with revisions through July 2015	908.1, 911.1, 916.1, 91 1101.2		
		<u>UL/CSA 60335-2-40-2022</u>	Household And Similar Electric Appliances - Safety - Part 2-40: Particular Requirements for Electric Heat Pumps, Air-Conditioners and Dehumidifiers	908.1, 916.1, 918.1, 91		

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	UL/CSA 60335-2-89-2021 Household And Similar Electric Appliances - Safety - Part 2-89: Particular Requirements for Commercial Refrigerating Appliances with an Incorporated or Remote Refrigerant Units or Compressor		
	No Action Taken		
IMC-2024-42 IMC	* Revise IMC 1109.3.2 'Shaft ventilation' to read as follows: 1109.3.2 Shaft ventilation. Refrigerant Required refrigerant pipe shafts with systems using Group A2L or B2L refrigerant shaturally or mechanically ventilated. Refrigerant pipe shafts with one or more systems using any Group A2, A3, B2 or B3 refrigerant shall be continuously mechanically ventilated and shall inche refrigerant detector. The shaft ventilation exhaust outlet shall comply with Section 501.3.1. Natu ventilated shafts shall have a pipe, duct or conduit not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in diameter the connects to the lowest point of the shaft and extends to the outdoors. The pipe, duct or conduit shelvel or pitched downward to the outdoors. Mechanically ventilated shafts shall have a minimum airflow velocity in accordance with Table 1109.3.2. The mechanical ventilation shall be continued operated or activated by a refrigerant detector. Systems utilizing a refrigerant detector shall active the mechanical ventilation at a maximum refrigerant concentration of 25 percent of the lower flammable limit of the refrigerant. The detector, or a sampling tube that draws air to the detector, be located in an area where refrigerant from a leak will concentrate. The shaft shall not be required be ventilated for double-wall refrigerant pipe where the interstitial space of the double-wall pipe vented to the outdoors. Jake Hill made a Motion to approve as written with Michael Brown as Second. The motion passed unanimously.	ude a urally nat hall be n ously rate , shall red to is	A

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IMC-2024-43	IMC - 1109	* Revise IMC 1109.3.2 'Shaft ventilation' to read as follows:	Greg Johnson	A
		1109.3.2 Shaft ventilation. Refrigerant pipe shafts with systems using Group A2L or B2L refrigerant shall be naturally or mechanically ventilated. Refrigerant pipe shafts with one or more systems using any Group A2, A3, B2 or B3 refrigerant shall be continuously mechanically ventilated and shall include a refrigerant detector. The shaft ventilation exhaust outlet shall comply with Section 501.3.1. Naturally ventilated shafts shall have a pipe, duct or conduit not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in diameter that connects to the lowest point of the shaft and extends to the outdoors. The pipe, duct or conduit shall be level or pitched downward to the outdoors. Mechanically ventilated shafts shall have a minimum airflow velocity in accordance with Table 1109.3.2. The mechanical ventilation shall be continuously operated or activated by a refrigerant detector. Systems utilizing a refrigerant detector shall activate the		
		mechanical ventilation at a maximum refrigerant concentration of 25 percent of the lower flammable limit of the refrigerant. The detector, or a sampling tube that draws air to the detector, shall be located in an area where refrigerant from a leak will concentrate. The shaft shall not be required to be ventilated for double-wall refrigerant pipe where the interstitial space of the double-wall pipe is vented to the outdoors. For refrigeration systems used in residential occupancies serving only a single dwelling unit or sleeping unit, shaft ventilation shall not be required where the pipe or tube is continuous without fittings in the shaft. Stan Everett made a Motion to approve as written with Harold Williams as Second. The motion passed unanimously.		
IMC-2024-44	IMC - 1109	1109.2.5 Refrigerant pipe shafts. Refrigerant piping that penetrates two or more floor/ceiling assemblies shall be enclosed in a fire-resistance-rated shaft enclosure. The fire-resistance-rated shaft enclosure shall comply with Section 713 of the <i>International Building Code</i> . Exceptions: 1. Refrigeration systems using R-718 refrigerant (water).	Greg Johnson	A

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		2. Piping in a direct refrigeration system using Group A1 refrigerant where the refrigerant quantity does not exceed the limits of Table 1103.1 for the smallest occupied space through which the piping passes.		
		3. Piping located on the exterior of the building where vented to the outdoors. Jake Hill made a Motion to approve as written with Michael Brown as Second. The motion passed unanimously.		
IMC-2024-45	1107.4	*Revise 1107.4 'Piping materials standards' to read as follows: 1107.4 Piping materials standards. Refrigerant pipe shall conform to one or more of the standards listed in Table 1107.4. For refrigeration systems used in residential occupancies serving only a single dwelling unit or sleeping unit, refrigerant piping and tubing shall be limited to aluminum, copper, and copper alloy. The exterior of the pipe shall be protected from corrosion and degradation.	Task Force	
IMC-2024-46	1107.5	*Revise 1107.5 'Pipe fittings' to read as follows: 1107.5 Pipe fittings. Refrigerant pipe fittings shall be approved for installation with the piping materials to be installed, and shall conform to one of more of the standards listed in Table 1107.5 or shall be listed and labeled as complying with UL 207. For refrigeration systems used in residential occupancies serving only a single dwelling unit or sleeping unit, refrigerant fittings shall be limited to aluminum, copper, copper alloys, stainless steel, and steel.	Task Force	
IMC – 2024 – 47	312.2	*Add new section 312.2 'Humidity Control' to read as follows: 312.2 Humidity Control. Dehumidification shall be provided by the HVAC system capable of maintaining the humidity near or below 50 percent (ideally 30-50%) at 70 degrees controlled by a humidistat co-located with the thermostat.	Richard Johnson	

*Note: These amendments are "proposed only" and have not been adopted by the Department of Community Affairs.

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IMC – 2024 - 48	504.7	*Revise section 504.7 'Makeup air' to read as follows:	Richard Johnson	
		Section 504.7 Makeup air. Installations exhausting more than 200 cfm(0.09m³/s) 50 cfm (0.0225-m³/s) shall be provided with makeup air. Where a closet is designed for the installation of a clothes dryer, an opening having an area of not less than 100 square inches (0.0645 m²) shall be provided in the closet enclosure or makeup air shall be provided by other approved means.	Johnson	
IMC – 2024 - 49	605.1	*Revise section 605.1 'General' to read as follows: Heating and air-conditioning systems shall be provided with an approved air filters with approved air filters a filter box or tray that can accommodate an approved air filter up to 6 inches thick with a minimum of a MERV 13 rating. Filters shall be installed such that all return air, outdoor air and makeup air is filtered upstream from any heat exchanger or coil. Filters shall be installed in an approved convenient location. Liquid adhesive coatings used on filters shall have a flash point not lower than 325° F (163 ° C).	Richard Johnson	