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ORDINANCE NO. 20595

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Dr. Robert M. Perez, adopting the 2024 Uniform Mechanical Code to replace the 2015 edition, amending and repealing sections of Chapter 14.50 of the Topeka Municipal Code.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That section 14.50.010, Uniform Mechanical Code - Adopted, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Uniform Mechanical Code – Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by reference the ~~2015~~2024 Uniform Mechanical Code, ~~27³⁰~~30th Edition, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials. The code shall include all appendices to the ~~2015~~2024 Uniform Mechanical Code. The code is hereby adopted as the mechanical code of the City and incorporated herein as if fully set out in this chapter. The 2024 Uniform Mechanical Code Illustrated Training Manual as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials may be considered and applied by the authority having jurisdiction to the extent necessary in the authority's sole discretion to implement and enforce this code.

Section 2. That section 14.50.050 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 2, Section 208.0, F.~~

~~Chapter 2, Section 208.0, F, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~FIRE CODE—The fire code adopted by this jurisdiction.~~

~~FIREPLACE, SOLID-FUEL BURNING — Is a listed and labeled factory-built or site-built hearth and fire chamber constructed of noncombustible material for use with solid fuels and provided with a chimney.~~

~~FIREPLACE STOVE — A chimney-connected, solid-fuel-burning stove (appliance) having part of its fire chamber open to the room.~~

~~FIRE-RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION — Construction complying with the requirements of the Building Code for the time period specified.~~

~~FLOOD HAZARD AREA — The greater of the following two areas:~~

~~(1) The area within a floodplain subject to a 1 percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year.~~

~~(2) The area designated as a flood hazard area on a community's flood hazard map, or otherwise legally designated.~~

~~FLOOD HAZARD AREA SUBJECT TO HIGH VELOCITY WAVE ACTION — Area within the flood hazard area that is subject to high-velocity wave action, and shown on a Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard map as Zone V, VO, VE or V1 — 30.~~

~~FLOOR FURNACE — A completely self-contained furnace suspended from the floor of the space being heated, taking air for combustion from outside such space and with means for observing flames and lighting the appliance from such space.~~

~~FORCED-AIR-TYPE CENTRAL FURNACE — A central furnace equipped with a fan or blower that provides the primary means for circulation of air.~~

~~Horizontal Type Central Furnace — A furnace designed for low headroom installations with airflow through the appliance in a horizontal path.~~

~~Upflow Type Central Furnace — A furnace designed with airflow essentially in a~~

vertical path, discharging air at or near the top of the furnace.

~~Downflow-Type Central Furnace — A furnace designed with airflow essentially in a vertical path, discharging air at or near the bottom of the furnace.~~

~~Enclosed Furnace — A specific heating or heating and ventilating furnace incorporating an integral total enclosure and using only outside air for combustion.~~

~~FRACTIONATION — A change in composition of a blend by preferential evaporation of the more volatile component or condensation of the less volatile component.~~

~~FUSIBLE PLUG — A device arranged to relieve pressure by operation of a fusible member at a predetermined temperature.~~

Section 3. That section 14.50.060 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 4, Section 406.0, Screened Openings.~~

~~Chapter 4, Ventilation Air Supply, is hereby amended by adding the following section:~~

~~406.0 Screened Openings. Inlets and outlets of ventilation air supply systems shall be equipped with screen, grills or louvers to prevent the introduction of foreign materials and to deny vermin admission to the system. Screens, grills or louvers shall not pass an object larger than a 1/4-inch diameter (6.4 mm) sphere.~~

~~Exception: An outside air inlet serving a nonresidential portion of a building may be covered with screen having openings larger than 1/4 inch, but in no case larger than 1 inch.~~

Section 4. That section 14.50.070 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas,

is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 4, Section 407.0, Outside Air Location.~~

~~Chapter 4, Ventilation Air Supply, is hereby amended by adding the following section:~~

~~407.0 Outside Air Location. Outside air shall be obtained from an approved location exterior to the building. Outside air shall not be obtained from the following locations:~~

~~1. Closer than ten (10) feet (3048 mm) from a vent serving fuel-burning equipment.~~

~~Exception: Listed outdoor appliance equipped with outdoor air inlet and appliance vent.~~

~~2. Closer than ten (10) feet (3048 mm) from a plumbing drainage system vent or from an exhaust system outlet, unless the outlet is three (3) feet (914 mm) above the outside air inlet.~~

~~3. Where it will pick up objectionable odors, fumes or flammable vapors; or when it is less than ten (10) feet (3048 mm) above the surface of any abutting public way or driveway; or when it is in a horizontal position in a sidewalk, street, alley or driveway.~~

~~4. A hazardous location.~~

~~5. An unsanitary location.~~

Section 5. That section 14.50.080 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 4, Section 408.0, Return Air Location.~~

~~Chapter 4, Ventilation Air Supply, is hereby amended by adding the following~~

section:

~~408.0 Return Air Location. Return air shall be obtained from an approved interior location of the same building. Return air shall not be obtained from the following locations:~~

~~1. Where it will pick up objectionable odors, fumes or flammable vapors.~~

~~2. A hazardous location.~~

~~3. An unsanitary location.~~

~~4. An area having a volume less than 25 percent of the entire volume served by the supply air system, unless there is a sufficient permanent communicating opening to areas having a volume equal to the required 25 percent. Appropriately sized transfer grills or door undercuts may be used to provide the required opening.~~

~~Exception: Such opening when used for a warm air furnace in a dwelling unit may be reduced to no less than 50 percent of the required area, provided the balance of the required return air is taken from a room or hall having at least three doors leading to other rooms served by the furnace.~~

~~5. A refrigeration machinery room.~~

~~6. A room or space containing fuel-burning equipment.~~

~~Exceptions:~~

~~1. Fireplaces, fireplace appliances, residential cooking appliances, direct-vent appliances, enclosed furnaces and domestic-type clothes dryers.~~

~~2. A listed vented wall furnace.~~

~~3. A blower-type system where:~~

~~a. The return air is taken from a room or space having a volume~~

121 ~~exceeding 1 cubic foot for each (10 Btu/h);~~

122 ~~b. At least 75 percent of the supply air is discharged back into the~~
123 ~~same room or space; and~~

124 ~~c. The return air inlet shall not be located within ten (10) feet (3048~~
125 ~~mm) of any appliance firebox or draft diverter in the same enclosed room~~
126 ~~or confined space.~~

127 ~~7. A closet, bathroom, toilet room or dwelling unit kitchen.~~

128 ~~8. Corridors shall not be used to convey air to or from rooms if the corridor is~~
129 ~~required to be of fire restrictive construction by the current Building Code.~~

130 ~~9. Return air from one dwelling unit shall not be discharged into another dwelling~~
131 ~~unit through the heating/cooling system.~~

132 Section 6. That section 14.50.090 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas,
133 is hereby repealed.

134 **~~Chapter 5, Section 504.3.2.2, Length Limitation.~~**

135 ~~Chapter 5, Section 504.3.2.2, Length Limitation, is hereby deleted in its entirety~~
136 ~~and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

137 ~~Unless otherwise permitted or required by the dryer manufacturer's installation~~
138 ~~instructions and approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, domestic dryer moisture~~
139 ~~exhaust ducts shall not exceed a total combined horizontal and vertical length of thirty~~
140 ~~(30) feet (9135 mm), including two (2) 90 degree (1.57 rad.) elbows and not including~~
141 ~~the elbow(s) at the dryer connection. Two (2) feet (610 mm) shall be deducted for each~~
142 ~~90 degree (1.57 rad.) elbow in excess of two (2). At no time shall the manufacturer's~~
143 ~~installation instructions be exceeded.~~

Section 7. That section 14.50.100, Chapter 5, Section 507.1.5, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as 14.50.050 and amended to read as follows:

Chapter 5, Section ~~507.1.5~~508.1.

Chapter 5, Section ~~507.1.5~~508.1, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:

Cooking equipment that has been listed in accordance with UL 197 or an equivalent standard for reduced emissions shall be required to be submitted to the Mechanical Review Board for approval to be used without an exhaust system. All manufacturer's product data and installation instructions shall be submitted.

Section 8. That section 14.50.110, Chapter 5, Section 510.3.2, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as 14.50.060 and amended to read as follows:

Chapter 5, Section ~~510.3.2~~510.3.21.

Chapter 5, Section ~~510.3.2~~510.3.21, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:

For hoods with dampers in the supply collar, an access panel for cleaning and inspection shall be provided in the duct or the hood collar. For Type I duct system, dampers shall not be permitted in the exhaust collar or in the exhaust duct. This access panel shall be as close to the hood as possible but shall not exceed eighteen (18) inches (457.2 mm).

Exception: Dampers that are accessible from under the hood.

Section 9. That section 14.50.115 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas,

is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 5, Section 510.5.6.~~

~~Chapter 5, Section 510.5.6, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provision shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~Duct Leakage Test—Prior to the use of or concealment of a grease duct system, a leakage test shall be performed to determine that welded joints and seams are liquid tight. The leakage test shall consist of a light test, water pressure test or an approved equivalent test. The permit holder shall be responsible for providing the necessary equipment and for performing the test. Such test shall be a light test using a 500 watt halogen lamp or equivalent. A light test shall consist of passing a minimum 500 watt halogen lamp or equivalent through the entire section of grease duct. The lamp shall be open and light shall be emitted equally in all directions perpendicular to the interior duct walls. No light shall be visible from the exterior.~~

Section 10. That section 14.50.120 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 5, Section 510.7.1.~~

~~Chapter 5, Section 510.7.1, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~In all buildings the ducts shall be enclosed in a continuous enclosure per Section 507.2.3 extending from the hood, through any concealed spaces, to or through the roof so as to maintain the integrity of the fire separations required by the applicable Building Code provisions. The enclosure shall be sealed around the duct at the point of penetration of the ceiling or floor above the hood in order to maintain the fire resistance~~

rating of the enclosure and shall be vented to the exterior of the building through weather-protected openings.

~~Exception: The continuous enclosure provisions shall not be required where a field applied grease duct enclosure or a factory built grease duct enclosure (see Section 507.2.3) is protected with a listed duct through penetration protection system equivalent to the fire resistance rating of the assembly being penetrated, and the materials are installed in accordance with the conditions of their listings and the manufacturers' instructions and are acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction.~~

Section 11. That section 14.50.130 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 5, Section 511.2.1.~~

~~Chapter 5, Section 511.2.1, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~The air velocity through any duct shall be not more than 2,500 feet per minute nor less than 500 feet (152.4 m) per minute.~~

~~Exception: Transition duct sections shall be permitted to be connected to hoods and exhaust fans that do not meet this velocity; provided, that they do not exceed three (3) feet (0.92 m) in length and do not contain traps for grease.~~

Section 12. That section 14.50.140 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 5, Section 511.4, Common Duct (Manifold) Systems.~~

~~Chapter 5, Section 511.4, Common Duct (Manifold) Systems, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~Master kitchen exhaust ducts that serve more than one tenant shall not be installed unless approved by the Mechanical Review Board.~~

Section 13. That section 14.50.150, Chapter 5, Section 513.0 through 513.11, Fire-Extinguishing Equipment, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as 14.50.070 and amended to read as follows:

Chapter 5, Sections 513.0 through 513.4413, Fire-Extinguishing Equipment.

Chapter 5, Section 513.0 through Section 513.4413, Fire-Extinguishing Equipment, are hereby deleted in their entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:

Fire-extinguishing equipment shall be governed by the currently adopted Fire Code of the City of Topeka.

Section 14. That section 14.50.160, Chapter 5, Sections 514.0 through 514.4, Procedures for Use and Maintenance of Equipment, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as 14.50.080 and amended to read as follows:

Chapter 5, Sections 514.0 through 514.451, Procedures for Use and Maintenance of Equipment.

Chapter 5, Section 514.0 through Section 514.451, Procedures for Use and Maintenance of Equipment, are hereby deleted in their entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:

Procedures for the use and maintenance of equipment shall be governed by the currently adopted Fire Code of the City of Topeka.

Section 15. That section 14.50.170, Chapter 5, Sections 515.0 through 515.3, Minimum Safety Requirements for Cooking Equipment, of The Code of the City of

Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as 14.50.090 and amended to read as follows:

Chapter 5, Sections 515.0 through 515.32, Minimum Safety Requirements for Cooking Equipment.

Chapter 5, Section 515.0 through Section 515.32, Minimum Safety Requirements for Cooking Equipment, are hereby deleted in their entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:

Minimum safety requirements for cooking equipment shall be governed by the currently adopted Fire Code of the City of Topeka.

Section 16. That section 14.50.180, Chapter 5, Sections 516.0 through 516.6, Recirculating Systems, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as 14.50.100 and amended to read as follows:

Chapter 5, Sections 516.0 through 516.6, Recirculating Systems.

Chapter 5, Section 516.0 through Section 516.6, Recirculating Systems, are hereby deleted in their entirety.

Section 17. That section 14.50.190, Chapter 5, Section 517.7, Fire-Extinguishing Equipment for Solid-Fuel Cooking, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as 14.50.110 and amended to read as follows:

Chapter 5, Section 517.7, Fire-Extinguishing Equipment for Solid-Fuel Cooking.

Chapter 5, Section 517.7, Fire-Extinguishing Equipment for Solid-Fuel Cooking, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:

Fire-extinguishing equipment for solid-fuel cooking requirements shall be governed by the currently adopted Fire Code of the City of Topeka.

Section 18. That section 14.50.200, Chapter 5, Section 517.8.4, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as 14.50.120 and amended to read as follows:

Chapter 5, Section 517.8.43.

Chapter 5, Section 517.8.4, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:

No solid-fuel cooking device of any type shall be permitted for deep-fat frying nor shall any solid-fuel cooking device be permitted within three (3) feet (0.92 m) of any deep-fat frying unit.

Section 19. That section 14.50.210 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 6, Section 602.1, General.~~

~~Chapter 6, Section 602.1, General, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~Supply air, return air, and outside air for heating, cooling, or evaporative cooling systems shall be conducted through duct systems constructed of metal as set forth in Tables 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, and 6-10, or metal ducts complying with UMC Standard No. 6-2 or the referenced HVAC duct construction standard in Chapter 17. Rectangular ducts in excess of two (2) inches w.g. shall comply with UMC Standard No. 6-2 or the referenced HVAC duct construction standard in Chapter 17. Ducts, plenums, and fittings may be constructed of concrete, clay, galvanized sheet metal coated with corrosion inhibiting material, or ceramics when installed in the ground or in a concrete slab, provided the joints are tightly sealed. PVC ducts encased in a concrete slab may~~

282 ~~be used only for one and two family residential installations.~~

283 ~~Corridors shall not be used to convey air to or from rooms if the corridor is~~
284 ~~required to be of fire resistive construction per the Building Code.~~

285 ~~Concealed building spaces or independent construction within buildings may be~~
286 ~~used as ducts or plenums.~~

287 ~~When gypsum products are exposed in ducts or plenums, the air temperature~~
288 ~~shall be restricted to a range from 50°F (10°C) to 125°F (52°C), and moisture content~~
289 ~~shall be controlled so that the material is not adversely affected. For the purpose of this~~
290 ~~section, gypsum products shall not be exposed in ducts serving as supply from~~
291 ~~evaporative coolers, and in other air handling systems regulated by this chapter when~~
292 ~~the temperature of the gypsum product will be below the dew point temperature.~~

293 ~~See Chapter 8 for limitations on combustion products venting systems extending~~
294 ~~into or through ducts and plenums.~~

295 ~~See Chapter 5 for limitations on environmental air systems exhaust ducts~~
296 ~~extending into or through ducts or plenums.~~

297 ~~Exhaust ducts under positive pressure and venting systems shall not extend into~~
298 ~~or pass through ducts or plenums. For appliance vents and chimneys, see Chapter 8.~~

299 Section 20. ~~That section 14.50.215 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas,~~
300 ~~is hereby repealed.~~

301 **~~Chapter 6, Section 602.4.~~**

302 ~~Chapter 6, Section 602.4, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following~~
303 ~~provision shall be substituted therefor:~~

304 ~~Joints and Seams of Ducts. Joints of duct systems shall be made substantially~~

305 airtight by means of tapes, mastics, gasketing, or other means. Crimp joints for round
306 ducts shall have a contact lap of at least 1-1/2" and shall be mechanically fastened by
307 means of at least three (3) Sheet metal screws equally spaced around the joint, or an
308 equivalent fastening method.

309 ~~Exception: Residential ducts and joints in conditioned spaces, as long as the~~
310 ~~joints for round ducts, in conditioned spaces, have a contact lap at least 1 1/2" and shall~~
311 ~~be mechanically fastened by means of at least three (3) Sheet metal screws equally~~
312 ~~spaced around the joint, or equivalent fastening method, the joint is substantially~~
313 ~~airtight.~~

314 Section 21. That section 14.50.220 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas,
315 is hereby repealed.

316 **~~Chapter 6, Table 6-6 B (I-P Units), Notes.~~**

317 ~~Chapter 6, Table 6-6 B (I-P Units), Notes, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the~~
318 ~~following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

319 ~~a. Insulation R-values, measured in (h·ft²·°F)/Btu, are for the insulation as~~
320 ~~installed and do not include film resistance. The required minimum thicknesses do not~~
321 ~~consider water vapor transmission and possible surface condensation. Where exterior~~
322 ~~walls are used as plenum walls, wall insulation shall be as required by the most~~
323 ~~restrictive condition. Insulation resistance measured on a horizontal plane in~~
324 ~~accordance with ASTM C518 at a mean temperature of 75°F at the installed thickness.~~

325 ~~b. Includes crawl spaces, both ventilated and nonventilated.~~

326 ~~c. Includes air return plenums with or without exposed roofs above.~~

327 ~~d. Vapor retarders shall be installed on cooling supply ducts in spaces vented to~~

the outside in geographic areas where the average summer dewpoint temperature based on the 2-1/2 percent column of dry bulb and mean coincident wet bulb temperature exceeds 60°F (16°C).

~~e. Insulation shall have an approved weatherproof barrier.~~

~~f. Buried heating and cooling ducts do not require insulation.~~

~~g. City of Topeka jurisdiction shall use Envelope Criteria Table 5-15 for the climate zone.~~

Section 22. That section 14.50.230 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 7, Section 701.1.5, Prohibited Sources.~~

~~Chapter 7, Combustion Air, is hereby amended by adding the following section:~~

~~701.1.5 Prohibited Sources. Openings and ducts shall not connect appliance enclosures with a space in which the operation of a fan may adversely affect the flow of combustion air. Combustion air shall not be obtained from a hazardous location or from any area in which objectionable quantities of flammable vapor, lint or dust are released. Combustion air shall not be taken from a refrigeration machinery room.~~

Section 23. That section 14.50.240 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 7, Section 701.8.2.~~

~~Chapter 7, Section 701.8.2 is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~Each of the appliances served shall be interlocked to prove positive airflow for the mechanical air supply system to prevent main burner operation where the~~

mechanical air supply system is not in operation.

Section 24. That section 14.50.250 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 7, Section 701.10, Combustion Air Ducts.~~

~~Chapter 7, Section 701.10, Combustion Air Ducts, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~Combustion air ducts shall comply with the following: [NFPA 54:8.3.8]~~

~~(1) Ducts shall be of galvanized steel or a material having equivalent corrosion resistance, strength, and rigidity. [NFPA 54:8.3.8.1]~~

~~Exception: Within dwelling units, unobstructed stud and joist spaces shall not be prohibited from conveying combustion air; provided, that not more than one fireblock is removed.~~

~~(2) Ducts shall terminate in an unobstructed space, allowing free movement of combustion air to the appliances. [NFPA 54:8.3.8.2]~~

~~(3) Ducts shall serve a single space. [NFPA 54:8.3.8.3]~~

~~(4) Ducts shall not service both upper and lower combustion air openings where both such openings are used. The separation between ducts serving upper and lower combustion air openings shall be maintained to the source of combustion air. [NFPA 54:8.3.8.4]~~

~~(5) Ducts terminating in attics shall not be screened and the combustion air opening shall be provided with a galvanized sleeve of not less than 0.019 inch (0.48 mm) (No. 26 gauge) steel or other approved material extending from the appliance enclosure to at least six (6) inches (153 mm) above the top of the ceiling joists and~~

insulation. [NFPA 54:8.3.8.5]

~~(6) Intakes for combustion air ducts located exterior to the building shall have the lowest side of the combustion air intake openings located at least twelve (12) inches vertically from the adjoining grade level. [NFPA 54:9.3.8.8]~~

~~(7) Horizontal upper combustion air ducts shall not slope downward toward the source of combustion air. [NFPA 54:9.3.8.6]~~

~~(8) The remaining space surrounding a chimney liner, gas vent, special gas vent, or plastic piping installed within a masonry chimney flue metal or factory-built chimney shall not be used to supply combustion air unless it is listed and shown in the manufacturer's installation instructions. [NFPA 54:9.3.8.7]~~

Section 25. That section 14.50.255 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Chapter 9, Section 904.3.1.

~~Chapter 9, Section 904.3.1.1, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provision shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~Supported by Ground. Where a furnace is supported by the ground, it shall be installed on a concrete slab or an approved material, not less than 3 inches (76mm) above the adjoining ground level.~~

~~Chapter 9, Section 904.3.1.3, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provision shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~Excavation. Where excavation is necessary to install a furnace, it shall extend to a depth of 6 inches (152mm) below and 12 inches (305 mm) on all sides of the furnace, except the service side, which shall have 30 inches (762 mm). Where the~~

~~depth of the excavation for either the furnace or passageway exceeds 12 inches (305 mm), walls shall be lined with concrete or masonry or an approved material, 4 inches (102 mm) above the adjoining ground level.~~

Section 26. That section 14.50.260 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Chapter 9, Section 904.10.3.2.

~~Chapter 9, Section 904.10.3.2, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~Buildings of more than fifteen (15) feet (4.6 m) in height shall have an acceptable, permanent means of access to the roof, unless other means acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction are used.~~

Section 27. That section 14.50.270, Chapter 9, Section 924.1.1, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as 14.50.130 and amended to read as follows:

Chapter 9, Section 924915.3.1.1.

~~Chapter 9, Section 924915.3.1.1, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

Unvented room heaters shall not be installed in bathrooms or bedrooms. [NFPA 54:10.23.1] This subsection shall not apply to portable oil fired unvented heating appliances used as supplemental heating in Group S, Divisions 3, 4, and 5, and Group U occupancies, and regulated by the Fire Code.

No Exceptions.

Section 28. That section 14.50.280, Chapter 9, Section 925.0, Stationary Gas

Engines, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as 14.50.150 and amended to read as follows:

Chapter ~~9~~16, Section ~~925~~1602.0, Stationary Gas Engines.

Chapter ~~9~~16, Section ~~925~~1602.0, Stationary Gas Engines, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 29. That section 14.50.285 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Chapter 11, Section 1107.6.

~~Chapter 11, Section 1107.6, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provision shall be substituted therefor:~~

~~Emergency Control of the Ventilation Systems — Fans required by Section 1107.2 to provide emergency purge ventilation shall be activated by refrigerant Alarm 1 in accordance with Section 1106.4 and by a clearly identified switch of the break-glass type, or protected by an approved tamper resistant cover located immediately adjacent to and outside of the principal refrigerant machinery room entrance. Two colored and labeled indicator lamps responding to the differential pressure across the purge fan shall be provided for each switch. One lamp shall indicate flow; the other shall indicate no flow.~~

Section 30. That section 14.50.290 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

~~Chapter 13, Section 1312.4, Equipment Shutoff Valves and Connections.~~

~~Chapter 13, Section 1312.4, Equipment Shutoff Valves and Connections, is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following provisions shall be substituted therefor:~~

Gas utilization equipment connected to a piping system shall have an accessible, approved manual shutoff valve with a nondisplaceable valve member or a listed gas convenience outlet [NFPA 54:9.6.4] installed within six (6) feet (1.8m) of the equipment it serves. Where a connector is used, the valve shall be installed up-stream of the connector. A union or flanged connection shall be provided downstream from this valve to permit removal of controls.

Exceptions:

(1) Shutoff valves may be accessibly located inside or under an appliance when such appliance can be removed without removal of the shutoff valve.

(2) Shutoff valves may be accessibly located inside wall heaters and wall furnaces listed for recessed installation where necessary maintenance can be performed without removal of the shutoff valve.

Section 31. That The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 14.50.140, which said section reads as follows:

Chapter 13. Section 1311.3. Arc Resistant Jacketed CSST

Chapter 13, Section 1311.3, Arc Resistant Jacketed CSST, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 32. That section 14.50.300 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Chapter 14, Process Piping.

Chapter 14, Process Piping, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 33. That original § 14.50.010, § 14.50.100, § 14.50.110, § 14.50.150 through § 14.50.180, § 14.50.200, § 14.50.270 and § 14.50.280 of The Code of the City

of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby specifically repealed.

Section 34. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force effective 90 days after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

Section 35. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 36. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body on August 19, 2025.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michael A. Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk