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**NEWS FROM THE MECHANICAL INSPECTORS**

**City of Winston-Salem**

The following information is provided from the Mechanical Inspection Department of the City of Winston-Salem.

The November newsletter had complications with the e-mail delivery. I am very sorry that they did not get to you. Hopefully it will work for December. Remember you can get the newsletter each month from our home page.

A big thanks to the ones who responded to the survey. I received 51 e-mails and all the information and comments will be considered. Again thanks for the time you have taken to provide information so we can serve you better.

The new code is still not available to be sold yet. As soon as they are available to order I will provide information to you.

**Please purchase all your permits for the jobs you install and request your inspection with-in 10 days of completion (this is a requirement by the state board see section .0402 item a in the State Board Laws and Rules). Please do not put us in a position to report your violations to the board. If at anytime you see you missed an inspection call us and we will try to assist you in getting it cleared up.**

**Code questions for this month received from contractors.**

**Question:** Using the exceptions in 607.5.2 about penetrating fire barriers with a duct system in a sprinkled building, Can the duct be changed back to flex after the penetration?

**Answer:** No, the code section 607.5.2 exception 3 says the duct system must be constructed of 26 gauge sheetmetal continuous to the appliance.

**Question:** Does the duct system in a residential garage have to be 26 gauge metal and why can't I find it in the mechanical code?

**Answer:** Yes, the duct system has to be 26 gauge metal in the garage and all penetrations as well and shall have no openings into the garage from the system. The code information can be found in the residential building code section R 309.1.1

**Question:** Is a permit required for adding additional duct systems?

**Answer:** Yes, any additional ducts added to an existing system does require a permit and An inspection.

**Question:** Does the State Board have access to my inspection records?

**Answer:** Yes, remember all our information in our department is public record and can be requested by anyone. The Boards investigator has access to any of your records that he wishes to see.

**Please take time to drop me a brief e-mail because we are concerned with our performance.**

Please send any comments to [miken@cityofws.org](mailto:miken@cityofws.org) we would like to hear from you.

Thanks

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