

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-842

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CEDAR HILL, TEXAS ADOPTING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE XVII, SECTIONS 4-351 THROUGH 4-352 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CEDAR HILL, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECT; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Hill, Texas is a home rule city within the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Hill, Texas desires to provide for the safety, health and public welfare of the citizens of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas, by the regulation of standards for building construction and the inspection thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Hill, Texas further desires to promote and maintain current and beneficial health and safety standards in the City of Cedar Hill, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance shall not be retroactive to existing buildings at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance but shall apply only to new construction and changes to the use, occupancy or modifications of existing buildings.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas, does find and determine that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas, to adopt the 2021 International Residential Code with certain modifications and additions as are herein prescribed within the corporate limits of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas and areas within 5,000 feet of the corporate limits.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CEDAR HILL, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Repeal of Article XVII, Section 4-351 through 4-352

The City Council of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas hereby repeals Chapter 4, Article XVII, Section 4-351 through 4-352 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas and adopts this ordinance in place thereof.

SECTION 2. Adoption of the 2021 International Residential Code

The 2021 International Residential Code is hereby adopted and incorporated in its entirety as though fully set out at length herein, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended and the provisions of such code shall be controlling in the installation, alteration or repair of one- and two-family dwellings and the inspection thereof; within the corporate limits of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas.

2021 International Residential Code Additional requirements and amendments.

(1) Section R101.1 is amended to read as follows:

R101.1 Title. These provisions shall be known as the Residential Code for *One-and Two-Family Dwellings* of Cedar Hill and shall be cited as such and will be referred to herein to as "this code".

(2) Section R102.4 is amended to read as follows:

R102.4 Referenced codes and standards. The codes, when specifically adopted, and standards referenced in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each reference and as further regulated in Sections R102.4.1 and R102.4.2. Whenever amendments have been adopted to the referenced codes and standards, each reference to said code and standard shall be considered to reference the amendments as well. Any reference made to NFPA 70 or the Electrical Code shall mean the Electrical Code as adopted.

Exception: Where enforcement of a code provision would violate the conditions of the listing of the equipment or appliance, the conditions of the listing and manufacturer's instructions shall apply.

(3) Section R105.1.1 is added to read as follows:

R105.1.1 Required permit for excavation. Prior to any work performed on a property for the purpose of *One- and Two-Family Dwellings* a permit must be issued for the disturbance and/or addition of any soil in the preparation of the construction site.

(4) Section R105.2 is amended to read as follows:

R105.2 Work exempt from permit. Exemption from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization of any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction. Permits shall not be required for the following:

Building:

1. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
2. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work unless a remodel is being performed.
3. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
4. Swings.
5. Playground equipment not exceeding 8' in height or elevated less than 30" above natural grade.
6. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.

Electrical:

1. Listed cord - and-plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
2. Reinstallations of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets therefor.
3. Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location.
4. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
5. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamp s or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

Gas:

1. Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
3. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

Mechanical:

1. Portable heating appliance
2. Portable ventilation appliances.
3. Portable cooling unit.
4. Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling

equipment regulated by this code.

5. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative cooler.
7. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.
8. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

Plumbing:

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code.
2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

(5) Section R105.5 is amended to read as follows:

105.5 Expiration. All permits issued shall comply with the following:

1. Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit commences within 180 days after its issuance, or such work does not receive an inspection for a period of 180 days.
2. The Building Official is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of time, for periods not more than 180 days each. The extensions shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated. If granted, the extension shall not exceed the maximum completion timeframe from the original permit issuance as described below.
3. All residential structures less than or equal to 10,000 square feet shall be completed within 24 months of permit issuance, and structures greater than 10,000 square feet shall be complete final inspections within 36 months of permit issuance. Failure to comply with stated time limits will result in the property being declared a public nuisance and may result in the demolition of the structure.

by the city at the owner's expense.

4. Appeals for extensions to the building completion time limit must be submitted to and approved by the Building Appeals and Advisory Board prior to the permit expiration date. The application for extension shall be submitted and justifiable cause demonstrated.
5. The re-permitting fee shall be one-half of the original building permit fee.

(6) Section R105.10 is added to read as follows:

R105.10 Re-permitting All projects shall be re-permitted after the original permit expires. The re-permit shall become invalid unless the work authorized is commenced within 90 days after issuance or if the work authorized by the re-permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 90 days after the work is commenced. The contractor or owner shall contact the Building Inspector each month to show project progression.

(7) Section R106.2 is amended to read as follows:

R106.2 Site plan. The construction documents submitted with the application for permit shall be accompanied by a site plan showing the size and location of new construction and existing structures on the site and distances from lot lines. In the case of demolition, the site plan shall show construction to be demolished and the location and size of existing structures and construction that are to remain on the site or plot. The building official is authorized to waive or modify the requirement for a site plan when the application for permit is for alteration or repair or when otherwise warranted.

All permit applications in the Lake Ridge Subdivision shall be required to submit a detailed lot grading plan. The grading plan must provide existing grades and proposed grades on same grading plan with elevations above sea level and sealed by a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas.

A precise grade survey shall be submitted at the time of final inspection. The precise grade survey must be sealed by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor in the State of Texas and match the engineered grading plan submitted at time of applying for the building permit. If an engineered grading plan was not required to be submitted at the time of applying for the permit the final survey shall show drainage flow for the lot.

(8) Section R108.7 is added to read as follows:

R108.7 Re-inspection Fee. A fee as established by city council resolution

may be charged when:

1. The inspection called for is not ready when the inspector arrives.
2. No building address or permit card is clearly posted.
3. Approved plans are not available to the inspector on the job site.
4. The building is locked or work otherwise not available for inspection when arrives.
5. The job site is red tagged twice for the same item;
6. The original red tag has been removed from the job site; and /or
7. Violations exist on the property including failure to maintain erosion control, trash control, or tree protection.
8. Any re-inspection fees assessed shall be paid before any more inspections are made on that job site.

(9) Section R109.1.3 is amended to read as follows:

R109.1.3 Floodplain Inspections. For construction permitted in areas prone to flooding as established by Table R301.2 (1), upon placement of the lowest floor, including basement, and prior to further vertical construction , the building official may require submission of documentation, prepared and sealed by a registered design professional, of the elevation of the lowest floor, including basement, required in Section R322.

(10) Section R202 is amended to provide the following definitions:

TOWNHOUSE. A single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of two or more attached units separated by property lines in which each unit extends from foundation to roof and with a yard or public way on at least two sides.

(11) Table R301.2 (1) is amended to read as follows:

R301.2 (1) Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria Table.

Ground Snow load	- 5 lb/ft ²
Wind Speed (d) (mph) mile	- 115 (3-sec-gust)/76 fastest
Seismic Design Category (f,g)	- A
Weathering (a)	- Moderate
Frost line depth (b)	- 6"
Termite (c)	- Very heavy
Winter Design Temp (e)	- 22°F
Ice Barrier Under-Layment	
Required(h) - No Flood	
Hazards (g)	- FEMA
Air Freezing Index (i)	- 150

Mean Annual Temp (j) - 64.9°F
Footnotes remain unchanged

(12) Section R302.1 is amended to read as follows:

R302.1 Exterior walls. Construction, projections, openings and penetrations of exterior walls of dwellings and accessory buildings shall comply with Table R302.1(1); or dwellings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section P2904 shall comply with Table R302.1(2).

Exceptions:

1. Walls, projections, openings or penetrations in walls perpendicular to the line used to determine the fire separation distance.
2. Walls of dwellings and accessory structures located on the same lot.
3. Detached tool sheds and storage shed, playhouses and similar structures exempted from permits are not required to provide wall protection based on location on the lot. Projections beyond the exterior wall shall not extend over the lot line.
4. Detached garages accessory to a dwelling located within 2 feet (610 mm) of a lot line are permitted to have roof eave projections not exceeding 4 inches (102 mm).
5. Foundation vents installed in compliance with this code are permitted.
6. Open non-combustible carport structures may be constructed when also approved within adopted ordinances.

(13) Section R302.2.6 is amended to read as follows:

R302.2.6 Structural Independence. Each *townhouse unit* shall be structurally independent.

Exceptions:

1. Foundations supporting exterior walls or common walls.
2. Structural roof and wall sheathing form each unit fastened to the common wall framing.
3. Nonstructural wall and roof coverings.
4. Flashing at termination of roof covering over common wall.
5. *Townhouse units* separated by a common wall as provided in

Section R302.2.2, Items 1 or 2.

(14) Section R302.3 is amended to read as follows:

R302.3 Two-family dwellings. *Dwelling units* in two-family dwellings shall be separated from each other by wall and floor assemblies having not less than a 1- hour fire-resistance rating when tested in accordance with ASTM E119 or UL 263 or Section 703.2.2 of the *International Building Code*. Such separation shall be provided regardless of whether a *lot* line exists between the two *dwelling* units or not. Fire resistance-rated floor/ceiling and wall assemblies shall extend to and be tight against the exterior wall, and wall assemblies shall extend from the foundation to the underside of the roof sheathing.

Exceptions:

1. A fire-resistance rating of $\frac{1}{2}$ hour shall be permitted in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with NFPA13.
2. Wall assemblies need not extend through attic spaces when the ceiling is protected by not less than 5/8-inch (15.9 mm) Type X gypsum board and an attic draft stop constructed as specified in Section R302.12.1 is provided above and along the wall assembly separating the dwellings. The structural framing supporting the ceiling shall also be protected by not less than 1/2-inch (12.7 mm) gypsum board or equivalent.
3. Two-family dwelling units that are also divided by a property line through the structure shall be separated as required for townhouses.

(15) Section R302.5.1 is amended to read as follows:

R302.5.1 Opening protection. Openings from a private garage directly into a room used for sleeping purposes shall not be permitted. Other openings between the garage and residence shall be equipped with solid wood doors not less than 1 3/8 inches (35 mm) in thickness, solid or honeycomb core steel doors not less than 1 3/8 inches (35 mm) thick, or 20-minute fire-rated doors.

(16) Section R303.3 is amended to read as follows:

R303.3 Bathrooms. Bathrooms, water closet compartments and other similar rooms shall be provided with aggregate glazing area in windows of not less than 3 square feet (0.3 m²) one-half of which must be openable.

Exception: The glazed areas shall not be required where artificial light and a local exhaust system are provided. The minimum local exhaust rates shall be determined in accordance with Section M1507. Exhaust air from the space shall be exhausted directly to the outdoors unless the space contains only a water closet, a lava tory, or water closet and a lavatory may be ventilated with an approved mechanical recirculating fan or similar device designed to remove odors from the air.

(17) Section R310.1 is amended to read as follows:

R310.1 Emergency escape and rescue opening required. Basements, habitable attics, habitable spaces and every sleeping room shall have not less than one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. Where basements contain one or more sleeping rooms, an emergency escape and rescue opening shall be required in each sleeping room. Emergency escape and rescue openings shall open directly into a public way, to a yard or court having a minimum width of 36 inches (914 mm) that opens to a public way.

Exception: Kitchen and dining rooms are not required to comply. Storm shelters and basements used only to house mechanical equipment not exceeding a total floor area of 200 square feet (15.58m²).

(18) Section R313.2 is amended to read as follows:

R313.2 One-and two-family dwellings automatic sprinkler systems. The installation of a fire hydrant is required within 500 feet of a One- and two-family dwelling unit.

Exception: The installation of an automatic sprinkler system approved by the Fire Marshal and Building Official may waive the requirement of fire hydrant. An automatic sprinkler system shall not be required for *additions or alterations* to existing buildings that are not already provided with a sprinkler system.

(19) Section R315.2.2 is amended to read as follows:

R315.2.2 Alterations, repairs and additions. Where alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit occur, or where one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwellings, the individual dwelling unit shall be equipped with carbon monoxide alarms located as required for

new dwellings.

Exception: Work involving the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as the replacement of roofing or siding or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck is exempt from the requirements of this section.

(20) Section R322.1 is amended to read as follows:

R322.1 General. Buildings and structures construed in whole or part in flood hazard areas, including A or V Zones and Coastal A zones, as established in Table R301.2, and substantial improvements and *repair* of substantial damage of buildings and structures in flood hazard areas, shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the provision contained in this section. Buildings and structures that are located in more than one flood hazard area shall comply with the provisions associated with the most restrictive flood hazard area. Buildings and structures located in whole or in part in identified floodways shall be designed and constructed in accordance with ASCE 24. Buildings and structures shall also meet all requirements required by adopted ordinances.

(21) Section R327.1.1 is added to read as follows:

R327.1.1 Adjacency to structural foundation. Depth of the swimming pool and/or spas shall maintain a ratio of 1:1 from the nearest building foundation or footing of a retaining wall.

Exception:

A sealed engineered design drawing of the proposed new structure shall be submitted for approval.

(22) Section R401.2 is amended to read as follows:

R401.2 Requirements. Foundation construction shall be capable of accommodating all loads in accordance with Section R301 and of transmitting the resulting loads to the supporting soil. Fill soils that support footings and foundations shall be designed, installed and tested in accordance with accepted engineering practice.

Every foundation and/or footing, or any size addition to an existing post-tension foundation, regulated by this code shall be designed and sealed by a Texas registered engineer.

(23) Section R401.3 is amended to read as follows:

R401.3 Drainage. Surface drainage shall be diverted to a storm sewer

conveyance or other approved point of collection that does not create a hazard. Lots shall be graded to drain surface water away from foundation walls. The grade shall fall a minimum of 6 inches (152mm) within the first 10 feet (3049mm).

Exceptions:

Where lot lines, walls, slopes or other physical barriers prohibit 6 inches of fall within 10 feet (3048mm), the final grade shall slope away from the foundation at a minimum slope of 5 percent and the water shall be directed to drains or swales to ensure drainage away from the structure. Swales shall be sloped a minimum of 2 percent when located 10 feet (3048mm) of the building foundation. Impervious surfaces within 10 feet (3048mm) of the building foundation shall be sloped a minimum of 2 percent away from the building.

Building sites shall be elevated a minimum of 2 feet above street level or on lots below street level elevated 2 feet above existing grade at finish floor.

(24) Section R403.1.8 is amended to read as follows:

R403.1.8 Foundations on expansive soils. Structural & Geotechnical Requirements for Single Family Dwellings in the Eagle Ford Shale Formation.

All foundations for Single Family dwellings built in the Eagle Ford Shale areas, as shown in exhibit A, shall be designed and constructed in accordance with these parameters:

1. A geotechnical investigation must be done under the direct supervision of a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas with a specialty in Geotechnical Engineering.
2. The soils report must include appropriate design recommendations and recommendations for foundation movement vertically as well as overall tilt. Parameters must be provided to allow proper structural design of the foundation.
3. Minimum of two soil test boring shall be taken at the specific location on the lot or tract.
4. The foundation shall be designed by a Registered Professional Engineer with a specialty in Structural Engineering. The foundation shall be designed to the following standards:

- a. Soils with Potential Vertical Rise (PVRs) less than 1". Turn down slabs with no sub-grade treatment are permissible.
- b. Soils with PVRs between 1" and 2" stiffened foundation slabs, no sub-grade preparation required.
- c. Soils with PVRs between 2" and 4" stiffened slabs permitted, but require appropriate sub-grade preparation, such as select fill, water or lime injection.
- d. Soils with PVRs greater than 4". Structurally suspended beam and slab foundations supported on drilled piers bearing on suitable material below the expansive material zone.
- e. The Potential Vertical Rise (PVR) shall be calculated per Texas Department of Transportation Method, Tex 124-E.

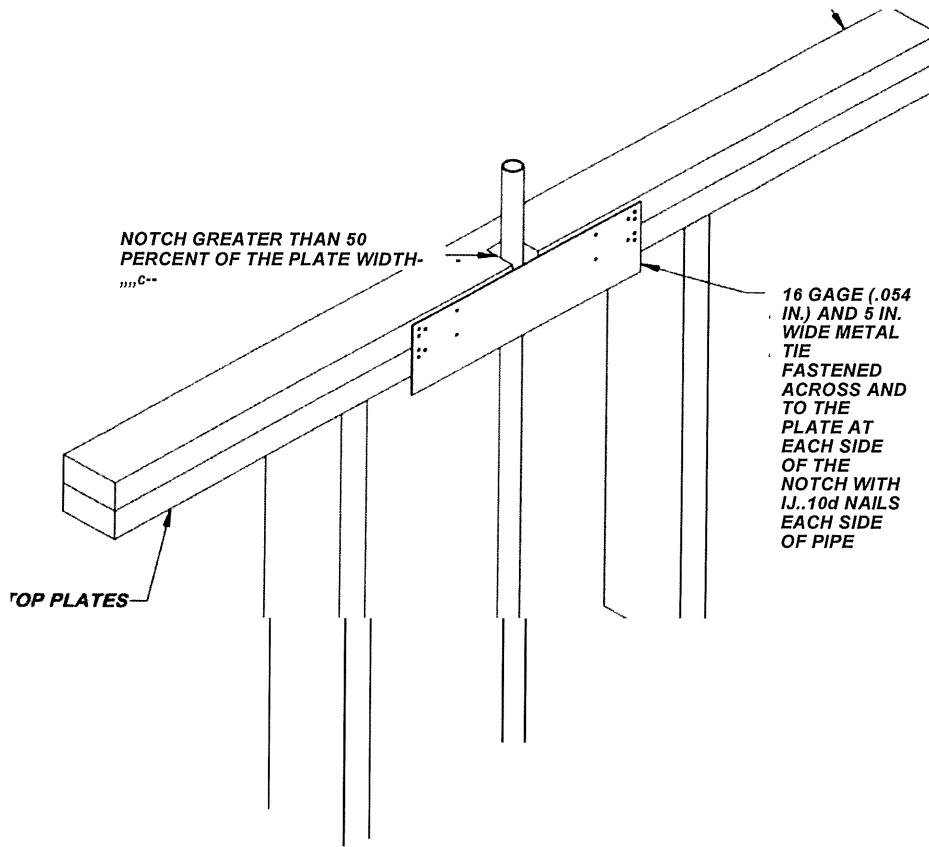
5. Consideration must be taken into account regarding tilt on sites where this is a factor.
6. The Structural Engineer of Record shall inspect the foundation prior to the pouring of concrete.
7. The Structural Engineer shall submit a written report of the foundation inspection to the Building Inspection Department.

(25) Section R602.6.1 is amended to read as follows:

R602.6.1 Drilling and notching of top plate. When piping or ductwork is placed in or partly in an exterior wall or interior load-bearing wall, necessitating cutting, drilling or notching of the top plate by more than 50 percent of its width, a galvanized metal tie not less than 0.054 inch thick (1.37 mm) (16 Ga) and 5 inches (127 mm) wide shall be fastened across and to the plate at each side of the opening with not less than eight 10d (0.148 inch diameter) having a minimum length of 1 ½ inches (38 mm) at each side or equivalent. Fasteners will be offset to prevent splitting of the top plate material. The metal tie must extend to a minimum of 6 inches past the opening. See figure R602.6.1.

Exception: Where the entire side of the wall with the notch or cut is covered by wood structural panel sheathing.

(26) Figure R602.6.1 is amended to read as follows:



(27) Section R703.8.4.1 is amended to read as follows:

R703.8.4.1 Size and spacing. Veneer ties, if strand wire, shall not be less in thickness than No. 9 U.S. gage [(0.148 in.) (4 mm)] wire and shall have a hook embedded in the mortar joint, or if sheet metal, shall be not less than No. 22 U.S. gage by [(0.0299 in.) (0.76 mm)] 7/8 inch (22 mm) corrugated. Each tie shall support not more than 2.67 square feet (0.25 m²) of wall area and shall be spaced not more than 24 inches (610 mm) on center horizontally and 24 inches (610 mm) on center vertically.

In stud framed exterior walls, all ties shall be anchored to studs as follows:

1. When studs are 16 inch (407mm) on center stud ties shall be spaced no further apart than 24 inches (737mm) vertically starting approximately 12 inches (381 mm) from the foundation;

or

2. When studs are 24 inches (610 mm) on center stud ties shall be spaced no further apart than 16 inches (483 mm) vertically starting approximately 8 inches (254 mm) from the foundation.

Exception: In Seismic Design Category Do, D1, or D2 or townhouses in Seismic Design Category Corin wind areas of more than 30 pounds per

square foot pressure (1.44 kPa), each tie shall support not more than 2 square feet (0.2 m^2) of wall area.

(28) Section R902.1 is amended to read as follows:

R902.1 Roofing covering materials. Roofs shall be covered with materials as set forth in Section R904 and R905. Class A, B or C roofing shall be installed. Class A, B and C roofing required by this section to be listed shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E 108 or UL 790. .

Exceptions:

1. Class A roof assemblies include those with coverings of brick, masonry and exposed concrete roof deck.
2. Class A roof assemblies also include ferrous or copper shingles or sheets, metal sheets and shingles, clay or concrete roof tile, or slate installed on noncombustible decks.
3. Class A roof assemblies include minimum 16 ounces per square foot copper sheets installed over combustible decks.
4. Class A roof assemblies included slate installed over underlayment over combustible decks.
5. Non-classified roof coverings shall be permitted on one-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 240 square feet.

(29) Section R903.4 is amended to read as follows:

R903.4 Roof Drainage. Roofs shall have full gutter drains on all portions of roofs. The discharge shall not direct at neighboring properties and shall be discharged on the property or other approved location.

(30) Section NI101.4.1 is added to read as follows:

NI101.4.1(R102.1.2) Alternative compliance. A building certified by a national, state, or local accredited energy efficiency program and determined by the Energy Systems Laboratory to be in compliance with

the energy efficiency requirements of this section may, at the option of the Code Official, be considered in compliance. The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Program certification of energy code equivalency shall be considered in compliance. Regardless of the program or the path to compliance, each 1- and 2-family dwelling shall be tested for air and duct leakage as prescribed in Section N1102.4.1.2(R402.4.1.2) and N1103.3.3(R403.3.3) respectively.

(31) Section N1101.6 (R202) is amended to read as follows:

Dynamic Glazing. Any fenestration product that has the fully reversible ability to change its performance properties, including U-factor, solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC), or visible transmittance (VT)

Projection Factor. The ratio of the horizontal depth of the overhang, eave or permanently attached shading device, divided by the distance measured vertically from the bottom of the fenestration glazing to the underside of the overhang, eave or permanently attached shading device.

(32) Table N1102.1.2 (R402.1.2) is amended to read as follows:

Table N1102.1.2 (R402.1.2)
Maximum Assembly U-Factors^a and Fenestration Requirements

Footnotes remain the same.

(33) Table N1102.1.3 (402.1.3) is amended to read as follows:

Table N1102.1.3 (R402.1.3)

Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component^a

Climate Zone	Fenestration U-Factor ^b	Skylight ^b U-Factor	Glazed Fenestration SHGC ^{b,e}	Ceiling R-Value	Wood Frame Wall	Mass Wall R-Value	Floor R-Value	Basement ^c Wall R-Value	Slab ^d R-Value & Depth	Crawl Space ^c Wall R-Value
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2	0.40	0.55	0.25	42	13 or 0+10	8/13	19	5/13 ^f	0	5/13
3	0.32	0.55	0.25	42	19 or 13+5ci, 0+15	5ci or 13f	10ci, 2ft		5ci or 13f	

Footnotes remain the same.

(34) Section N1102.2.13 (R402.2.13) is added to read as follows:

N1102.2.13 (R402.2.13) Insulation installed in walls. To insure that insulation remains in place, insulation installed in walls shall be totally enclosed on all sides consisting of framing lumber, gypsum, sheathing, wood structural panel sheathing, netting or other equivalent materials approve by the building official.

(35) Table N1106.5 (406.4) is amended to read as follows:

**TABLE N1106.5 (R406.5²)
MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX**

CLIMATE ZONE	ENERGY RATING INDEX
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²This table is effective from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2025

**TABLE N1106.5 (R406.5²)
MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX**

CLIMATE ZONE	ENERGY RATING INDEX
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²This table is effective from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028

(36) Section M1201.1.1 is added to read as follows:

M1201.1.1 Air conditioning equipment. All residential dwelling units shall be installed with an air conditioning system with the ability to condition and maintain conditioned air to 20 degrees below the ambient outside air temperature in all habitable spaces.

(37) Section M1305.1.3 is amended to read as follows:

M1305.1.3 Appliances in attics. Attics containing appliances requiring access shall be provided with an opening and a clear and unobstructed passageway large enough to allow removal of the largest appliance, but not less than 30 inches (726 mm) height and 22 inches (559 mm) wide and not more than 20 feet (6096 mm) long measured along the centerline of the passageway from the opening to the appliance. The passageway shall have

continuous solid flooring in accordance with Chapter 5 not less than 24 inches (610 mm) wide. A level service space at least 30 inches (762 mm) deep and 30 inches (762) wide shall be present along all sides of the appliance where access is required. The clear access opening dimensions shall be a minimum of 20 inches by 30 inches (508 mm by 762 mm), or larger and large enough to allow removal of the largest appliance. A walkway to an appliance shall be rated as a floor as approved by the building official. As a minimum, access to the attic space shall be provided by 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.

Where the passageway is unobstructed and not less than 6 feet (1829 mm) high and 22 inches (559 mm) wide for its entire length, the passageway shall be not more than 50 feet (15250 mm) long.

(38) Section M1411.1.1 is added to read as follows:

M1411.1.1 Testing of Refrigerating Systems. All refrigerating systems shall comply with one of the following testing methods;

1. Pressure Test. Pressurize the system with dry nitrogen to 500psi and hold that pressure for 24 hours.
2. Vacuum Test. System must be evacuated to a level of 300 microns and could not rise to more than 600 microns after isolating the vacuum pump.

(39) Section M141 1.3 is amended to read as follows:

M1411.3 Condensate disposal. Condensate from all cooling coils or evaporators shall be conveyed from the drain pan outlet to a sanitary sewer through a trap, by means of a direct or indirect drain. Such piping shall maintain a minimum horizontal slope in the direction of discharge of not less than 1/8-unit vertical in 12 unit horizontal (I-percent slope). Condensate shall not discharge into a street, alley or other areas where it would cause a nuisance.

(40) Section M141 1.3.1 is amended to read as follows:

M1411.3.1 Auxiliary and secondary drains systems. In addition to the requirements of Section M141 1.3, a secondary drain and auxiliary drain pan shall be required for each cooling or evaporator coil where damage to any building components will occur as a result of overflow from the equipment drain pan or stoppage in the condensate drain piping. Such piping shall maintain a minimum horizontal slope in the direction of

discharge of not less than 1/8 unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (I-percent slope). Drain piping shall be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch (19mm) nominal pipe size. One of the following methods shall be used:

1. An auxiliary drain pan with a separate drain shall be installed under the coils on which condensation will occur. The auxiliary pan drain shall discharge to a conspicuous point of disposal to alert the occupants in the event of a stoppage of the primary drain. The pan shall have a minimum depth of 1.5 inches (38 mm), shall not be less than 3 inches (76mm) larger than the unit or the coil dimensions in width and length and shall be constructed of corrosion-resistant material. Galvanized sheet steel pans shall have a minimum thickness of not less than 0.0236-inch (0.6010 mm) (No. 24 Gage). Nonmetallic pans shall have a minimum thickness of not less than 0.0625 inch (1.6 mm).
2. A separate overflow drain line shall be connected to a drain pan installed with the equipment. The overflow drain shall discharge to a conspicuous point of disposal to alert occupants in the event of a stoppage of the primary drain. The overflow drain line shall connect to the drain pan at a higher level than the primary drain connection.
3. An auxiliary drain pan without a separate drain line shall be installed under the coil on which condensation will occur. This pan shall be equipped with a water level detection device conforming to UL 508 that will shut off the equipment served prior to overflow of the pan. The pan shall be equipped with a fitting to allow for drainage. The auxiliary drain pan shall be constructed in accordance with Item 1 of this section. This method may be installed only with prior approval of the building official.
4. A water level detection device conforming to UL 508 shall be installed that will shut off the equipment served in the event that the primary drain is blocked. The device shall be installed in the primary drain line, the overflow drain line, or the equipment supplied drain pan, located at a point higher than the primary drain line connection and below the overflow rim of such pan. This method may be installed with prior approval of the building official.

(41) Section M1411.3.1.1 is amended to read as follows:

M14.11.3.1.1 Water-level monitoring devices. On down-flow units and other coils that do not have secondary drain or provisions to install a secondary or auxiliary drain pan, a water-level monitoring device shall be installed inside the primary drain pan. This device shall shut off the equipment served in the event that the primary drain becomes restricted. Devices shall not be installed in the drain line. A water level detection

device may be installed only with the prior approval of the *building official*.

(42) Section M1503.6 is amended to read as follows:

M1503.6 Makeup air required. Where one or more gas, liquid or solid fuel-burning appliance that neither direct-vent nor uses a mechanical draft venting system is located within a dwelling unit's air barrier, each exhaust system capable of exhausting in excess of 400 cubic feet per minute (0.29 m³/s) shall be mechanically or passively provided with makeup air at a rate approximate to the difference between exhaust air rate and 400 cubic feet per minute (0.29 m³/s). Such makeup air systems shall be equipped with not fewer than one damper complying with Section M1503.6.2.

Exception: Makeup air is not required for exhaust systems installed for the exclusive purpose of space cooling and intended to be operated only when windows or other air inlets are open. Where all appliances in the house are sealed combustion, power-vent, unvented, or electric, the exhaust hood system shall be permitted to exhaust up to 600 cubic feet per minute (0.28 m³/s) shall be provide with a makeup air at a rate approximately to the difference between the exhaust air rate and 600 cubic feet per minute.

(43) Section M2005.1 is amended to read as follows:

M2005.1 General. Water heaters shall be installed in accordance with Chapter 28, the manufacturer's installation instructions and the requirements of this code. Tank-less water heaters installed in an attic shall conform to the requirements of Section M1305.1.3. Gas-fired water heaters shall conform to the requirements in Chapter 24. Domestic electric water heaters shall conform to UL 174. Oiled-fired water heaters shall conform to UL 732. Solar Thermal water heaters shall comply with Chapter 23 and SRCC 300. Solid fuel-fired water heaters shall comply with UL 2523.

(44) Section M2005.2 is amended to read as follows:

M2005.2 Prohibited locations. Fuel-fired water heaters shall not be installed in a room used as a storage closet. Water heaters located in a sleeping room or bathroom shall be installed in a sealed enclosure so that combustion air will not be taken from the living space. Access to such enclosure may be from the sleeping room or bathroom when through a solid door, weather-stripped in accordance with the exterior door air leakage requirements of the *International Energy Conservation Code* and equipped with an approved self-closing device. Installation of

direct-vent water heaters within an enclosure is not required. Water heaters of the storage type in a single-family residence shall not be located in the attic.

(45) Section M2005.2.1 is amended to read as follows:

M2005.2.1 Water heater access. Access to tank-less water heaters that are located in an attic or under floor crawl space is permitted to be through a closet located in a sleeping room or bathroom where ventilation of those spaces is in accordance with this code.

(46) Section G2408.2 (305.3) is amended to read as follows:

G2408.2 (305.3) Elevation of ignition source. Equipment and appliances shall be elevated not less than 18 inches (457 mm) above the floor in hazardous locations and public garages, private garages, repair garages, motor fuel dispensing facilities and parking garages. For the purpose of this section, rooms or spaces that are not part of the living space of a dwelling unit and that communicate directly with a private garage through openings shall be considered to be part of the private garage.

(47) Section G2408.3 is amended to read as follows:

G2408.3 (305.5) Private garages. Appliances located in private garages shall be installed a minimum of 18 inches (457 mm) above the floor.

(48) Section G2412.5 is amended to read as follows:

G2412.5 (401.5) Identification. For other than steel pipe, exposed piping shall be identified by a yellow label marked " Gas" in black letters. The marking shall be spaced at intervals not exceeding 5 feet (1524 mm). The marking shall not be required on pipe located in the same room as the equipment served.

Both ends of each section of medium pressure gas piping shall identify its operating gas pressure with an approved tag. The tags are to be composed of aluminum or stainless steel and the following wording shall be stamped into the tag:

"WARNING" 1/2 to 5 psi gas pressure Do Not Remove "

(49) Section G2413.3 is amended to read as follows:

G2413.3 (402.3) Sizing. Gas piping shall be sized in accordance with one of the following:

1. Pipe sizing tables or sizing equations in accordance with Section G2413.4 or G2413.5, as applicable.
2. The sizing tables included in a listed piping system's manufacturer's installation instruction.
3. Other approved engineering methods.

Exception: Corrugated stainless-steel tubing (CSST) shall be a minimum of 1/2" (18 EDH).

(50) Section G241 5.2. 1 is added to read as follows:

G2415.2.1 Identification. Both ends of each section of medium pressure gas piping shall identify its operating gas pressure with an approved tag. The tags are to be composed of aluminum or stainless steel and the following wording shall be stamped into the tag:

"WARNING: 1/2 to 5 psi gas pressure- Do Not Remove"

(51) Section G2415.2.2 is added to read as follows:

G2415.2.2 CSST Sizing. Corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) shall be a minimum of 1/2 inch (18EDH).

(52) Section G2415.12 (404.12) is amended to read as follows:

G2415.12 (404.12) Minimum burial depth. Underground piping systems shall be installed a minimum depth of 18 inches (457 mm) below grade, except as provided for in Section G2415.12.1.

(53) Section G2417.1 (406.1) is amended to read as follows:

G2417.1 (406.1) General. Prior to acceptance and initial operation, all piping installations shall be inspected and pressure tested to determine that the materials, design, fabrication, and installation practices comply with the requirements of this code. The permit holder shall make the applicable tests prescribed in Sections 2417.1.1 through 2417.1.5 to determine compliance with the provisions of this code. The permit holder shall give reasonable advance notice to the Building Official when the piping system is ready for testing. The equipment, material, power and labor necessary for the inspections and test shall be furnished by the permit holder and the permit holder shall be responsible for determining that the work will withstand the test pressure prescribed in the following tests.

(54) Section G2417.4 (406.4) is amended to read as follows:

G2417.4 (406.4) Test pressure measurement. Test pressure shall be

measured with a manometer or with a pressure-measuring device designed and calibrated to read, record, or indicate a pressure loss caused by leakage during the pressure test period. The source of pressure shall be isolated before the pressure tests are made.

(55) Section G2417.4.1 (406.4.1) is amended to read as follows:

G2417.4.1 (406.4.1) Test pressure. The test pressure to be used shall be not less than 3 psig (20 kPa gauge), or at the discretion of the Code Official, the piping and valves may be tested at a pressure of at least six (6) inches (152 mm) of mercury, measured with a manometer or slope gauge. For test requiring a pressure of 3 psig, diaphragm gauges shall utilize a dial with a minimum diaphragm diameter of three and one half inches (3 ½ "), a set hand, 1/10 pound incrementation and pressure range not to exceed 6psi for tests requiring a pressure of 3 psig. For tests requiring a pressure of 10 psig, diaphragm gauges shall utilize a dial with a minimum diameter of three and one-half inches (3 ½ "), a set hand, a minimum of 2/10 pound incrementation and a pressure range on to exceed 20 psi. For welded piping, and for piping carrying gas at pressures in excess of fourteen (14) inches water column pressure (3.48 kPa) (1/2 psi) and less than 200 inches of water column pressure (52.2 kPa) (7.5 psi), the test pressure shall not be less than ten (10) pounds per square inch (69.9 kPa). For piping carrying gas at a pressure that exceeds 200 inches of water column (52.2 kPa) (7.5 psi), the test pressure shall be not less than one and one-half times the proposed maximum working pressure.

Diaphragm gauges used for testing must display a current calibration and be in good working condition. The appropriate test must be applied to the diaphragm gauge used for testing.

(56) Section G2417.4.2 (406.4.2) is amended to read as follows:

G2417.4.2 (406.4.2) Test duration. The test duration shall be held for a length of time satisfactory to the Code Official, but in no case for less than fifteen (15) minutes. For welded piping, and for piping carrying gas at pressures in excess of fourteen (14) inches water column pressure (3.48 kPa), the test duration shall be held for a length of time satisfactory to the Building Official, but in no case for less than thirty (30) minutes.

(57) Section G2420.1.4 (406.1) is added to read as follows:

G2420.1.4 (406.1) Valves in CSST installations. Shutoff valves installed with corrugated stainless steel (CSST) piping systems shall be

supported with an approved termination fitting, or equivalent support, suitable for the size of the valves, of adequate strength and quality, and located at intervals so as to prevent or damp out excessive vibration but in no case greater than 12-inches from the center of the valve. Supports shall be installed so as not to interfere with the free expansion and contraction of the system's piping, fittings, and valves between anchors. All valves and supports shall be designed and installed so they will not be disengaged by movement of the supporting piping.

(58) Section G2420.5. 1 (409.5.1) is amended to read as follows:

G2420.S.1 (409.5.1) Located within the same room. The shutoff valve shall be located in the same room as the appliance. The shutoff valve shall be within 6 feet (1829 mm) of the appliance, and shall be installed upstream of the union, connector or quick disconnect device it serves. Such shutoff valves shall be provided with access. Appliance shutoff valves located in the firebox of a fireplace shall be installed in accordance with the appliance manufacturers instructions. A secondary shutoff valve must be installed within 3 feet (914 mm) of the firebox if appliance shutoff is located in the firebox.

(59) Section G2421.1 (410.01) is amended to read as follows:

G2421.1 (410.1) Pressure regulators. A line pressure regulator shall be installed where the appliance is designed to operate at a lower pressure than the supply system. Line gas pressure regulators shall be listed as complying with ANSI Z21.80. Access shall be provided to pressure regulators. Pressure regulators shall be protected from physical damage. Regulators installed on the exterior of the building shall be approved for outdoor installation.

Access to regulators shall comply with the requirements for access to appliances as specified in Section M1305.

Exception: A passageway or level service space is not required when the regulator is capable of being serviced and removed through the required attic opening.

(60) Section G2422. 1. 2.3 (411.1.3.3) is amended to read as follows:

G2422.1.2.3 (411.1.3.3) Prohibited locations and penetrations. Connectors shall not be concealed within, or extended through, walls, floors, partitions, ceilings or appliance housings.

Exceptions:

1. Rigid steel pipe connectors shall be permitted to extend through openings in appliance housings.
2. Fireplace inserts that are factory equipped with grommets, sleeves or other means of protection in accordance with the listing of the appliance.

(61) Section G2439.7 is amended to read as follows:

G2439.7 (614.6) Domestic clothes dryer exhaust ducts. Exhaust ducts for domestic clothes dryers shall conform to the requirements of Sections G2439.5.1 through G2439.5.6. The size of duct shall not be reduced along its developed length nor at the point of termination.

(62) Section G2445.2 (621.2) is amended to read as follows:

G2445.2 (621.2) Prohibited use. One or more unvented room heaters shall not be used as the sole source of comfort heating in a dwelling unit.

Exception: Existing approved unvented room heaters may continue to be used in dwelling units, in accordance with the code provisions in effect when installed, when approved by the Building Official unless an unsafe condition is determined to exist as described in *International Fuel Gas Code* Section 108.7 of the Fuel Gas Code as adopted.

(63) Section G2448.1.1 (624.1.1) is amended to read as follows:

G2448.1.1 (624.1.1) Installation requirements. The requirements for water heaters relative to access, sizing, relief valves, drain pans and scald protection shall be in accordance with this code.

(64) Section P2603.3 is amended to read as follows:

P2603.3 Protection against corrosion. Metallic piping, except for cast iron, ductile iron and galvanized steel, shall not be placed in direct contact with steel framing members, concrete or cinder walls and floors or other masonry. Metallic piping shall not be placed in direct contact with corrosive soil. Where sheathing is used to prevent direct contact, the sheathing shall have a thickness of not less than 0.008 inch (8 mil) (0.203 mm) and the sheathing shall be made of approved material. Where sheathing protects piping that penetrates concrete or masonry walls or floors, the sheathing shall be installed in a manner that allows movement of the piping within the sheathing.

(65) Section P2603.5.1 is amended to read as follows:

P2603.5.1 Sewer depth. Building sewers that connect to private sewage disposal systems shall be a minimum of 12 inches (304 mm) below finished grade at the point of septic tank connection. Building sewers shall be a minimum of 12 inches (304 mm) below grade.

(66) Section 2604.2.1 is added to read as follows:

P2604.2.1 Plastic sewer and DWV piping installation. Plastic sewer and DWV piping installed underground shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Trench width shall be controlled to not to exceed the outside the pipe diameter plus 16 inches or in a trench width has a controlled width equal to the nominal diameter of the piping multiplied by 1.25 plus 12 inches. The piping shall be bedded in 4 inches of granular fill and then backfilled compacting the side fill in 6-inch layers on each side of the piping. The compaction shall be to a minimum of 85 percent standard proctor density and extended to a minimum of 6 inches above the top of the pipe.

(67) Section P2714.1 is amended to read as follows:

P2714.1 Sink waste outlets. Kitchen sinks shall be provided with a minimum two (2) inch drain line and a clean out. Other sinks shall be provided with waste outlets not less than 1.5 inches (38 mm) in diameter. A strainer, crossbar or other device shall be provided to restrict the clear opening of the waste outlet. Sinks on which a waste grinder is installed shall have a waste opening of not less than 3.5 inches (89 mm) in diameter.

(68) Section P2716.1 is amended to read as follows:

P2716.1 Food waste grinder waste outlets. Food waste grinders shall be connected to a two (2) inch drain line and a trap arm of not less than 1 ½ inches (38 mm) in diameter.

(69) Section P2718.1 is amended to read as follows:

P2718.1 Waste connection. Clothes washing machines shall be provided with a waste line and cleanout of not less than two (2) inches in diameter. The discharge from clothes washing machine shall be through an air brake.

(70) Section P2801.6.1 is amended to read as follows:

P2801.6.1 Pan size and drain. The pan shall be not less than 1 ½ inches

(38 mm) in depth and shall be of sufficient size and shape to receive all dripping and condensate from the tank or water heater. The pan shall be drained by an indirect waste pipe having a diameter of not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (19 mm). Piping for safety pan drains shall be of those materials listed in Table 2906.5. Multiple pan drains may terminate to a single discharge piping system when approved by the administrative authority and permitted by the manufacturer's installation instruction and installed with these instructions. Where a pan drain was not previously installed, a pan drain shall not be required for a replacement water heater installation.

(71) Section P2801.7 is amended to read as follows:

P2801.7 Water heaters installed in garages. Water heaters shall be elevated not less than 18 inches (457 mm) above the garage floor.

(72) Section 2804.6.1 is amended to read as follows:

P2804.6.1 Requirements for discharge pipe. The discharge piping serving a pressure relief valve, temperature relief valve or combination thereof shall:

1. Not be directly connected to the drainage system.
2. Discharge through an air gap.
3. Not be smaller than the diameter of the outlet of the valve served and shall discharge full size to the air gap.
4. Serve a single relief device and shall not connect to piping serving any other relief device or equipment.

Exception: Multiple relief devices may be installed to a single T&P discharge piping system when approved by the administrative authority and permitted by the manufacturer's installation instruction and installed with those instructions.

5. Discharge to the pan serving the water heater or storage tank, to a waste receptor or to the outside.
6. Discharge in a manner that does not cause personal injury or structural damage.
7. Discharge to a termination point that is readily observable by the building occupants.
8. Not be trapped.
9. Be installed to flow by gravity.
10. Terminate not more than 6 inches (152 mm) and not less than two times the discharge pipe diameter above the floor or waste receptor flood level nm.
11. Not have a threaded connection at the end of the piping.
12. Not have valves or tee fittings.

13. Be constructed of those materials indicated in Section P2906.5 or material tested, rated and approved for such use in accordance with ASME A112.4.1
14. Be one nominal size larger than the size of the relief-valve outlet, where the relief-valve discharge piping is constructed of PEX or PE-RT tubing. The outlet end of such tubing shall be fastened in place.

(73) Section P2902.5.3 is amended to read as follows:

P2902.5.3 Lawn Irrigation Systems. The potable water supply system to lawn irrigation systems shall be protected against backflow by an atmospheric-type vacuum breaker, a pressure type vacuum breaker, a double-check assembly or a reduced pressure principal backflow preventer. A valve shall not be installed downstream from an atmospheric vacuum breaker. Where chemicals are introduced into the system, the potable water supply shall be protected against backflow by a reduced pressure principal backflow preventer.

(74) Section P2902.5.3.1 is added to read as follows:

P2902.5.3.1 Landscape Irrigation. Minimum Standards for Landscape Irrigation Systems. The landscape irrigation rules promulgated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and contained in Chapter 344, Subchapter E and F, §§344.50-344.65 Texas Administrative Code, as the same may be from time to time amended, are hereby adopted by reference as the landscape irrigation rules of the City.

(75) Section P3003.9.2 is amended to read as follows:

P3003.9.2 Solvent cementing. Joints surfaces shall be clean and free from moisture. A purple primer that conforms to ASTM F 656 shall be applied. Solvent cement not purple in color and conforming to ASTM D 2564, CSA B137.3, CSA B181.2 or CSA B182.1 shall be applied to all joint surfaces. The joints shall be made while the cement is wet and shall be in accordance with ASTM D 2855. Solvent cement joints shall be permitted above and below ground.

(76) Section P3005.2.3 is amended to read as follows:

P3005.2.3 Building drain and building sewer junction. The junction of the building drain and building sewer shall be served by a two-way cleanout on the main waste line located within three (3) feet of the exterior wall of the building. Two-way cleanout tees shall not be used on lines deeper than two (2) feet. If the depth of the sewer is greater than two (2) feet two combination fittings shall be required. A non-corrosive identifying

marker shall be located on the structure adjacent to the exterior main cleanout stamped CO.

- (77) Section P3111 is deleted.
- (78) Section P3112.2 is added to read as follows:

P3112.2 Installation. Traps for island sinks and similar equipment shall be roughed in above the floor and may be vented by extending the vent as high as possible, but not less than the drain-board height and then returning it downward and connecting it to the horizontal sink drain immediately downstream from the vertical fixture drain. The return vent shall be connected to the horizontal drain through a wye-branch fitting and shall, in addition, be provided with a foot vent taken off the vertical fixture vent by means of a wye-branch immediately below the floor and extending to the nearest partition and then through the roof to the open air or may be connected to other vents at a point not less than six (6) inches (152 mm) above the flood level rim of the fixtures served. Drainage fittings shall be used on all parts of the vent below the floor level a minimum slope of one-quarter (1/4) inch per foot (20.9 mm/m) back to the drain shall be maintained.

The return bend used under the drain-board shall be a one (1) piece fitting or an assembly of a forty-five (45) degree (0.79 radius), a ninety (90) degree (1.6 radius) and a forty-five (45) degree (0.79 radius) elbow in the order named. Pipe sizing shall be as elsewhere required in this Code. The island sink drain, upstream of the return vent, shall serve no other fixtures. An accessible cleanout shall be installed in the vertical portion of the foot vent.

- (79) Section E3406.3 is amended to read as follows:

E3406.3 Minimum size of conductors. The minimum size of conductors for branch circuits shall be No. 14 AWG copper. The minimum size of service conductors shall be as specified in Chapter 36. The minimum size of class 2 remote control, signaling and power-limited circuits conductors shall be as specified in Chapter 43.

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE

In the event that any other Ordinance of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas, heretofore enacted is found to conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance, this Ordinance shall prevail.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT OF PENALTY

Any person , firm partnership , association or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in the Municipal Court of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas such violation shall be liable for a **fine in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500)**, and each and every instance of the violation of this Ordinance constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable by separate fines for each offense.

SECTION 5. SEVERANCE CLAUSE

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 6. INCORPORATION INTO CODE OF ORDINANCES

The provisions of this ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances, City of Cedar Hill, Texas, as an addition, amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

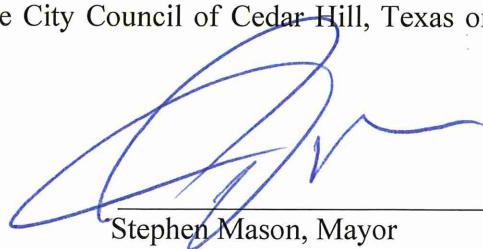
SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

Because of the nature of interest and safeguard sought to be protected by this Ordinance and in the interest of health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage, approval and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 8. PUBLICATION

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause publication of the descriptive caption and penalty clause hereof as an alternative method of publication provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Cedar Hill, Texas on this 22 day of April, 2025.



Stephen Mason, Mayor

ATTEST:

Belinda Berg
Belinda Berg, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM

R.G. MacFarlane Jr.
Ron G. MacFarlane Jr., City Attorney