

ORDINANCE NO. 181685

An ordinance amending Article 5, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to make local administrative changes and incorporate by reference portions of the 2010 Edition of the California Mechanical Code (C.M.C.)

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The third unnumbered paragraph of Section 95.102 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

The provisions of Chapter 1, Division II, Appendices A and D, and Chapters 2 through 17 of the 2010 Edition of the California Mechanical Code prepared by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and amended by the California Building Standards Commission, are adopted by reference as part of the Los Angeles Municipal Code with amendments in the form of exceptions, modifications, deletions, supplements and additions, which have been added to Article 5, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. Chapter references are to chapters of the California Mechanical Code. The abbreviation "C.M.C." shall mean and refer to the 2010 Edition of the California Mechanical Code. References to "LAMC" or "Code" shall mean the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Sec. 2. Section 95.103 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 95.103. SCOPE.

Section 103.0 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference.

Sec. 3. Section 95.104 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 95.104. APPLICATION TO EXISTING MECHANICAL SYSTEMS.

Sections 104.0 through 104.4 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. are adopted by reference, Section 104.5 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is not adopted, and in lieu thereof, Section 95.104.5 of this Code shall apply.

Sec. 4. Section 95.107 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 95.107. TESTS.

Sections 107.0 through 107.2 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. are adopted by reference.

Sec. 5. Section 95.108.3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

95.108.3. RIGHT OF ENTRY.

Section 108.3 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference.

Sec. 6. Section 95.108.4 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

95.108.4. STOP ORDERS.

Section 108.4 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference.

Sec. 7. Section 95.108.5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

95.108.5. AUTHORITY TO DISCONNECT UTILITIES IN EMERGENCIES.

Section 108.5 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference.

Sec. 8. Section 95.108.6 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

95.108.6. AUTHORITY TO CONDEMN EQUIPMENT.

Section 108.6 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference.

Sec. 9. Section 95.108.7 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

95.108.7. CONNECTION AFTER ORDER TO DISCONNECT.

Section 108.7 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference.

Sec. 10. Section 95.108.8 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

95.108.8. LIABILITY.

Section 108.8 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference.

Sec. 11. Section 95.108.9 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

95.108.9. COOPERATION OF OTHER OFFICIALS AND OFFICERS.

Section 108.9 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference.

Sec. 12. Section 95.109 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 95.109. UNSAFE EQUIPMENT.

Section 109.0 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference.

Sec. 13. Paragraphs K and L of Subsection 3 of Section 95.112.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

K. The replacement of defective forced-air units with one of equivalent size, Btu/hr (*W*) rating and vent capacity when the vent does not require replacement or relocation in a detached single-family dwelling and the replacement is performed by a contractor with a valid Certificate of Registration pursuant to Section 91.1716 of the Building Code. A Certificate of Compliance pursuant to Section 91.108.12 of the Building Code must be filed with the City in lieu of a permit.

L. The replacement of defective air-conditioning units when they are replaced with one of equivalent size and Btu/hr (*W*) rating by a contractor with a valid Certificate of Registration pursuant to Section 91.1705 of the Building Code. A Certificate of Compliance pursuant to Section 91.108.12 of the Building Code must be filed with the City in lieu of a permit.

Sec. 14. Paragraph 1 of Subdivision A of Subsection 1 of Section 95.113.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

1. Installations where the aggregate Btu/h input capacity is 500,000 Btu/h (146,500 *W*) and over for comfort heating, or for comfort cooling, or for absorption units.

Sec. 15. Paragraph 2, including the Exceptions, of Subdivision A of Subsection 1 of Section 95.113.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is repealed.

Sec. 16. Subdivision C of Subsection 1 of Section 95.113.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

C. Any comfort-cooling compressor or refrigeration compressor for any system which requires a machinery room.

Sec. 17. Subdivision L of Subsection 1 of Section 95.113.3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

L. The weight of the equipment.

Sec. 18. Section 95.217.0. O. of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 95.217.0. O

Section 217.0 of Chapter 1, Division II of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference, except that the C.M.C. definition of the following term is not adopted:

OCCUPANCY CATEGORY

The following definition is also adopted:

OCCUPANCY CATEGORY. For definition of occupancy category, see the California Building Code, section 202.

Sec. 19. Section 95.300 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 95.300. BASIC PROVISIONS.

Chapter 3 of the C.M.C. is hereby adopted by reference.

Sec. 20. Section 95.312 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is added to read as follows:

SEC. 95.312. WATER SUPPLY.

Water supplies and backflow protection shall be as required by the Los Angeles Plumbing Code.

Sec. 21. Section 95.500 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 95.500. BASIC PROVISIONS.

Chapter 5 of the C.M.C. is hereby adopted by reference.

Sec. 22. Section 95.507.1.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is added to read as follows:

95.507.1.1. Electric cooking equipment that has been listed in accordance with UL 197 and provided with integral recirculation system (also referred to as ductless hoods) or non integral recalculating system listed in accordance with UL 710B shall not be required to be provided with an exhaust system. [NFPA 96:4.1.1.1*]

Sec. 23. Section 95.1500 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 95.1500. BASIC PROVISIONS.

Chapter 15 of the C.M.C. is adopted by reference.

Sec. 24. Section 95.1500.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is repealed.

Sec. 25. Section 95.1800 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 95.1800. BASIC PROVISIONS.


Chapter 1, Division II and Appendices A and D of the C.M.C. are adopted by reference.

Sec. 26. **Urgency Clause.** The City Council finds and declares that this Ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety for the following reason: In order for the City of Los Angeles to facilitate a seamless transition with the State of California and its Mechanical Code and maintain predictability and streamlined case processing for the health and safety of the public and for the benefit of economic development during distressed times, it is necessary to immediately adopt the foregoing exceptions, modifications and additions to the California Mechanical Code. Additionally, the California Mechanical Code became effective on January 1, 2011 and the amendments to that code as reflected herein must be adopted by the City Council and become effective as soon as possible. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 253.

Sec. 27. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all of its members, at its meeting of APR 20 2011.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk


By  Deputy

Approved APR 26 2011


Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

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