



MABCD CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER

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Administration-

▲ MABCD is accepting appointments for in-person customer transactions for permits and licensing. Appointments can be made at <https://mabcd.timetap.com/#/>. All services are available online, and customers are encouraged to utilize virtual options to the maximum extent possible.

For assistance or questions with permitting, call 316-660-1840.

MABCD PORTAL - To obtain new permits, schedule inspections, or pay fees through the MABCD Portal - <https://mabcdportal.sedgwickcounty.org>.

MABCD PORTAL - City of Wichita Neighborhood Inspection office. No Walk-in traffic. Use the portal - <https://mabcdportal.sedgwickcounty.org> Nuisance reporting then Customer Service to report issues or call 316-660-9220

MABCD Plan Review examiners - [Plans Examiners Contact Info](#)

MABCD's Administration Email - MABCD@sedgwick.gov. - (for inquiries regarding permits, licensing, insurance).

The Board of Building Code Standards and Appeals meeting for April 3, 2023, has been cancelled.

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Special points of interest

- Scheduling Appointments.
- Under-Stair Protection.
- 2023 NEC Code Review continues.
- Sanitary Sewer.
- Access for Fire Fighting.
- Advisory Board calendar.

Building Division-

Please visit our website for more information
[Building Division](#)

Under-Stair Protection

PROTECTION OF STAIRS IN FIRE RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION

Often times the area under a stairway is used for storage. This space is often accessible after the construction process is complete. To protect inhabitants and First Responders during a fire event rescue or egress operation, the code requires that stairways have fire protection as prescribed in IRC 302.7.

R302.7 Under-Stair Protection

Enclosed space under stairs that is *accessed* by a door or access panel shall have walls, under-stair surface and any soffits protected on the enclosed side with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch (12.7 mm) gypsum board.

Sedgwick County MABCD requires that the space underneath the stairs be fire resistant construction, or be made inaccessible to prevent the storage of combustibles.



Electrical Division-

Please visit our website for more information: [Electrical, Elevator, & Alarm Division](#)

2023 NEC (National Electrical Code) Review with Amendments in Full Swing

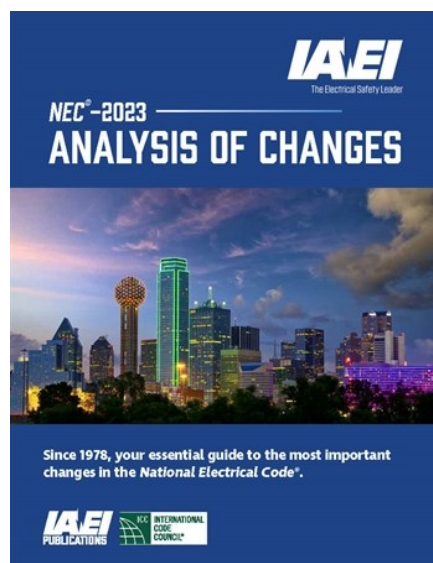
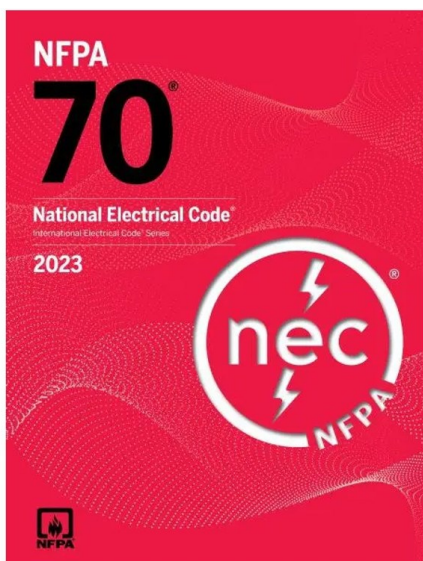
The 2023 NEC which was issued by the Standards Council on August 12, 2022, with an effective date of September 1, 2022, and supersedes all previous editions. Is now under review by MABCD.

An 11 member code review committee has been assembled to review the significant changes to the 2023 National Electrical Code.

The code review committee consists of many industry professionals, engineers, both Union and Non-Union representation, residential, commercial, industrial construction industry representation, and staff expertise.

The Code Review Committee is dedicated to involving as many industry partners and stakeholders as possible. This review process which started December 2022 will take almost 12 months to review, prepare for adoption, hold a public hearing and finally adopt for enforcement.

MABCD staff and the Code Review Committee are committed to continuing to provide a process of excellence with a thorough review of the most current available electrical code, for the safety of Sedgwick County.



Plumbing Division-

Please visit our website for more information [Plumbing Division](#)

Inspections of Sanitary Sewer replacement and repair at the Sanitary Sewer Main.

All repair or replacement of sanitary sewer piping in the city of Wichita requires a sewer permit issued by MABCD.

The preferred method for submission of Sewer permit applications is on the MABCD Dynamic Portal.

Sewer permit applications may be made in person by calling 316-660-1840 to schedule an appointment to meet with the sewer permit technician.

Failure to obtain an appointment may cause extended delays and wait times.

Inspections for repairs at the sanitary sewer main must be scheduled online through the MABCD Dynamic Portal and by phone with the City of Wichita Public Works Sewer Maintenance division dispatch coordinator at least one day in advance of the excavation work. The contractor must contact the Sewer Maintenance Tap Crew scheduling coordinator by calling 316-268-4025 to reserve a time slot on their calendar.

There is a limited number of time slots available therefore contacting the tap crew coordinator as many days in advance as possible is highly recommended.

The Tap Crew has the specialty tools and training to inspect and repair connections to the sanitary sewer main where the main is constructed of Vitrified Clay Tile pipe (VCP), CIPP lined VCP pipe, ABS plastic and concrete truss pipe.

New connections where the sanitary sewer main is VCP, CIPP lined VCP pipe or ABS plastic and concrete truss pipe must also be scheduled with tap crew coordinator at 316-268-4205 for the installation of a new PVC saddle.



Wichita Fire Department-

Construction Site Requirements Access for Fire Fighting & Water Supply for Fire Protection

SECTION 3310 ACCESS FOR FIRE FIGHTING

3310.1 Required access. *Approved* vehicle access for fire fighting shall be provided to all construction or demolition sites. Vehicle access shall be provided to within 100 feet (30 480 mm) of temporary or permanent fire department connections. Vehicle access shall be provided by either temporary or permanent roads, capable of supporting vehicle loading under all weather conditions. Vehicle access shall be maintained until permanent fire apparatus access roads are available.

SECTION 3312 WATER SUPPLY FOR FIRE PROTECTION

3312.1 When required. An *approved* water supply for fire protection, either temporary or permanent, shall be made available as soon as combustible material arrives on the site.

****REMINDER****



MABCD Advisory Boards - Calendar

- [Board of Building Code Standards and Appeals \(BCSA\)](#)
- [Board of Electrical Appeals \(BEA\)](#)
- [Board of Appeals of Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, Warm Air Heating, and Boiler](#)
- [Board of Appeals of Plumbers and Gas Fitters](#)

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 MABCD BCSA Meeting Cancelled.	4	5	6 MABCD Mechanical Board Meeting	7	8
9	10	11 MABCD Electrical Board Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 MABCD Plumbing Board Meeting	27	28	29
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Directors Desk -



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I'm happy to again report that local industry activity has remained strong so far in 2023.

In keeping with what I've previously shared, I want to remain respectful of your business needs and efforts to retain your best employees, but also to ensure you are aware of career opportunities with MABCD for those who may be interested.

The stronger my team is, the better we can support you. Please visit the Sedgwick County Employment page ([Sedgwick County Careers](#)) for more information on the following open positions:

- MABCD Assistant Director
- Commercial Plans Examiner
- Mechanical Inspector Position
- Part-Time Building/Combo Inspector (2 open positions)

