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Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department

Attention Contractors:

There are several important changes that we all need to be aware of with the adoption of the 2016 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators along with the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Building and Trade Code.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.5.020 – Installation standards. A requirement for prior approval when installing handicap accessible lifts in commercial building was needed to meet the requirements of the IBC.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.5.180 – Owners requesting elevator removed from service. An elevator is no longer required to be completely removed from service if the building is closed temporarily and intentions are to reopen the building for future tenants.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.5.220 – Replacement of controller. With the adoption of A17.3, a controller replacement may not automatically require a full modernization of the elevator.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.5.240 – Smoke detectors in hoistway. With the adoption of the newest edition of A17.1, smoke detectors will now be allowed to be installed in the hoistway for other than to provide detection for relief equipment. Newer elevators have their controllers installed in the hoistway and require protection by a detection means.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.5.255 – Pit hydraulic oil overflow container. This was added into the code to allow the inspector and the mechanic to view the oil level in the overflow container without requiring entry into the pit.

This is not a complete list of all the changes, but a list of highlights that will affect the Elevator industry.