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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 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) along with the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Building and Trade Code (UBTC).

Section 18; 3.1.205 (UBTC) CSST shall be coated in an electrically conductive jacket that is compliant with the listing standard of ANSI LC-1/CSA 6.26-2014.

Yellow jacketed CSST will no longer be approved on new installations.

Section 20; 3.1.213 (UBTC) Exception: Eliminates the bonding requirement for CSST if the CSST is compliant with the listing standard of ANSI LC-1/CSA 6.26 – 2014, and the manufacturer’s installation instructions for the specific product states that additional bonding is not required.

Section 19; 3.1.219 (UBTC) All underground LPG service lines shall be installed with a **swing joint** located at the structure being served.

403.3.1 (UPC) “Nonwater Urinals” approved with provisions. Requires a water line to be roughed-in at the location to allow for the installation of an approved backflow prevention device in the event of a retrofit.

410.3 (UPC) Limits the hot water discharging from a bidet to 110 °F.

601.1 (UPC) Requires both hot and cold running water in occupancies.

604.9 Exception (UPC) Plastic materials for building water supply piping outside underground shall have a blue insulated copper tracer wire or other approved conductor installed adjacent to the piping.

710.1 (UPC) Any cleanouts for drains that pass through a backwater valve shall be clearly identified with a permanent label stating “backwater valve downstream”.

1210.2.4 (UPC) Gas piping shall be supported with **metal** pipe hooks, **metal** pipe straps, **metal** bands, **metal** brackets, **metal** hangers, or building structural components.

1211.8 (UPC) Sediment traps no longer required at illuminating appliances, ranges, clothes dryers, decorative appliances for installation in vented fireplaces, gas fireplaces, and outdoor grills.

*The UPC does not recognize **Air Admittance Valves** and they will **not** be approved by the MABCD*

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