



MABCD CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER

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Administration -

MABCD ADMINISTRATION IN TRAINING.....

MABCD Building and Trade Permit Writers will be in training, and will not be available for calls or in-person appointments on the following dates/times in January:

- Wednesday, January 8th – 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 15th – 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 22nd – 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

We appreciate your understanding, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may create. This will **not** impact inspections performed by field staff.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSES

General Contractors’ licenses expired on December 31st at 12:00 a.m. You may renew without penalty through January 31st, however, you will not be able to obtain inspections on your open permits nor obtain new permits until your license has been renewed.

Biennial license renewal fees after January 31st of the renewal year are: · February 1 st - 28th (or 29th): License fee + 25% of license fee for penalty. · After February 28th (or 29th): License fee + 50% of license fee for penalty.

If you have questions, please contact MABCD at 316-660-1840.

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Special points of interest

- MABCD Staff Training
- General Contractor License.
- Primary Injection Testing for Arc Energy and GFP.
- CEU’s required for Certificate renewal.
- ICC Training Opportunity.
- Advisory Board calendar.
- Looking forward to 2025.

Electrical Division -

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

UBTC Section 4.2.037—GFP Performance Injection testing. UBTC Section 4.2.038—Arc Energy Reduction Performance Injection testing.

NEC requirements:

The National Electrical Code (NEC) mandates that arc energy reduction systems be tested using primary current injection or another approved method when first installed on site.

GFP injection testing is a method for testing ground fault protection (GFP) systems in circuit breakers and relays:

MABCD has amended these two sections from the Code, and **will not** be requiring this very expensive Primary Injection testing in the field.



Plumbing Division -

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

CEU's

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FYI;

Master and Journeyman Plumbing and Drain Layer certificates expire on 12-21-2025.

Journeyman and Master Plumber and Drain layer certificate and business license holders must have 12 hours of approved continuing education classes in order to renew your MABCD trade certificate or business license before 12-31-2025. The renewal may be submitted to MABCD beginning September 1st, 2025. Half of the required hours must be code based for your trade, half of the hours may be non-code continuing education opportunities such as product installation or repair seminars or OSHA safety certificate classes. Below is a link to a listing of some approved plumbing code classes on the MABCD website.

[Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department | Sedgwick County, Kansas](#)

This link is to the CEU log sheet

[mabcd-form-19b-continuing-education-log-fillable.pdf](#)

This link is to the Trade certificate renewal form

[mabcd-form-19a-trade-certificate-application-fillable.pdf](#)

You may download a copy of these forms to your computer to fill out as classes are attended.

The next Appeals Board for Plumbers and Gas Fitters meeting is scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month, January 29th 2025 at 9am. Meetings are held at the Ronald Reagan Building 271 W. 3rd St. N. in room 318. If you would prefer to attend by ZOOM on your phone or computer, please send a request to be added to the meeting invitation list to

Jason.little@sedgwick.gov

Plans Examiners-

ICC Training Class—Flyer and Registration

Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department and the Wichita Fire Department are sponsoring an ICC training class “Transition from 2018 to 2024 IBC” at the Wichita Fire Department Regional Training Center located at 4780 E. 31st Street South.

Please click the link in the email to access the flyer and registration form if you would like to attend.

Submit all registration forms to Richard Chamberlin at Richard.chamberlin@sedgwick.gov

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](#)

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 MABCD Mechanical Board Meeting	3	4
5	6 MABCD BCSA Board Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 MABCD BEA Board Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 MABCD Plumbing Board Meeting	30	31	

Assistant Directors Desk -

A NEW START FOR 2025

Hope the Holidays were good to you all.

As we begin 2025 let's reflect on 2024 and work towards a good 2025.

2024 was a good year for the building industry and updated codes that will take effect in 2025.

As everyone feels more pressure to provide housing, we need to ensure expectations remain realistic. Earlier this year we discussed several items that are often overlooked and misinterpreted, one being job cards that are required to be onsite for inspections. Another being requests for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO's) and lack of understanding of what that actually means, it is not a Certificate of Occupancy (CO).

As we race to get projects started items are overlooked or just forgotten. In the race to build, the demand for immediate attention to my particular project is more immediate than someone else's need. This leads to forgotten submittals, demands for such things as addresses, but not informing the addressing entity responsible for addressing, of the type of buildings going on lots, from single family to duplexes and/or a combination each. This not only causes stress and consternation for all it also causes a lot of unnecessary work to readdress lots. All this leads to delays in project start dates as well as work that is delayed in this office due to the amount of extra time taken to reassign addresses. This is just one example of what we have seen in 2024.

So for 2025 let's try to put our best foot forward and plan ahead working with the appropriate departments well in advanced to assure everything is in place to make a seamless flow from submittal to permit issuance. We should all remember the 3 P's we were taught as children Prior, Proper, Planning.

MABCD is here to work with you for successful project outcomes so let's work toward a 2025 where planning and patience are the words of the day!

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