

## CHAPTER 159

### MECHANICAL CODE

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**159.01 ADOPTION OF MECHANICAL CODE.** The International Mechanical Code 2012 Edition, published by the International Code Council Inc., is adopted in full except for such portions as may be hereinafter deleted, modified or amended. An official copy of the International Mechanical Code 2012 Edition, as adopted, and a certified copy of this chapter are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

*(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)*

**159.02 AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS.** The International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition (hereinafter known as the IMC), is amended as hereinafter set out in Sections 159.03 through 159.14.

*(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)*

**159.03 DELETIONS.** The following are deleted from the IMC and are of no force or effect in this chapter:

1. Section 106.4.6 Retention of construction documents.
2. Section 106.5.3 Refunds.
3. Section 109 Means of Appeal.

**159.04 REFERENCED CODES – CONFLICTS.** In the event the requirements of this code conflict with applicable State and Federal requirements, the more stringent shall apply.

**159.05 101.1 – TITLE.** Section 101.1, Title, of the IMC is hereby deleted and there is enacted in lieu thereof the following section:

*Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Mechanical Code of the City of Indianola, hereinafter known as "this code."*

**159.06 103.1 – GENERAL.** Section 103.1, General, of the IMC, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph to said section:

*Section 103.1 Director of Community Development. The term code official is intended to also mean the Director of Community Development and his or her representatives or designees, who are herewith delegated the same powers, authorities, duties and responsibilities as designated for the code official.*

*(Ord. 1445 – May 10 Supp.)*

**159.07 103.3 – DEPUTIES.** Section 103.3, Deputies, of the IMC is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph to said section:

*Section 103.3 Director of Community Development. There is also hereby established the position of Director of Community Development, who shall be designated by the City Manager and when so appointed, shall be responsible for the enforcement of this code. The Director of Community Development shall have authority to file a complaint in any court of competent jurisdiction charging a person with the violation of this title.*

*(Ord. 1445 – May 10 Supp.)*

**159.08 106.5 – FEES.** Section 106.5, Fees, of the IMC is hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 106.5 Fees. A permit shall not be issued until the fees prescribed by law have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, has been paid.*

**159.09 106.5.1 – WORK COMMENCING BEFORE PERMIT ISSUANCE.** Section 106.5. 1, Work commencing before permit issuance, of the IMC is hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 106.5.1 Work commencing before permit issuance. Any person who commences any work on a mechanical system before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to a fee established by the Building Official that shall be in addition to the required permit fees. The additional amount shall not exceed 100% of the permit fee*

**159.10 106.5.2 – SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES.** Section 106.5.2, Fee schedule, of the IMC is hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 106.5.2 Fee schedule.

*Mechanical Permit Fees*

(a) *Schedule.*

(1) <i>For the installation or relocation of each forced air or gravity-type furnace or burner, each floor furnace, each suspended heater, recessed wall heater, floor mounted unit heater or other heat producing appliance, including air ducts attached to such appliance</i>	<i>\$6.00 plus \$1.75 per 100,000 BTU/H input or fraction thereof</i>
(2) <i>For the installation, relocation or replacement of each appliance vent or chimney</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
(3) <i>For the repair of, alteration of or addition to each heating appliance, refrigeration unit, comfort cooling unit, absorption unit or each comfort heating, cooling, absorption or evaporating cooling system, including installation of controls regulated by this code</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
(4) <i>For the installation or relocation of each boiler</i>	<i>\$6.00 plus \$1.75 per 100,000 BTU/H input or fraction thereof</i>
(5) <i>For the installation or relocation of each comfort cooling system or refrigeration unit</i>	<i>\$6.00 plus \$1.75 per 100,000 BTU/H input or fraction thereof</i>
(6) <i>For each air handling unit, including ducts</i>	<i>\$3.75</i>
(7) <i>For each single duct ventilation fan</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
(8) <i>For each evaporative cooler (nonportable), hood (including ducts) or separative ventilation system</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
(9) <i>Gas Piping:</i> <i>First 4 outlets.....</i> <i>All outlets over 4.....</i>	<i>\$3.00 each</i> <i>\$1.75 each</i>
(10) <i>For each appliance or piece of equipment regulated by this code but not classed another appliance categories, or for which no other fee is listed in this code</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
(11) <i>For each fuel burning fireplace, stove, or similar appliance</i>	<i>\$4.50 [See (2) above for chimney fee]</i>
(12) <i>Basic Fee, in addition to above fees</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>

*(Ord. 1542 – Aug. 15 Supp.)*

*(b) Double fee. Except in emergency situations, as determined by the Director of Community Development, where work for which a mechanical permit is required by this Code is started or proceeded with by any person prior to obtaining a required permit, the regular fees as specified in this Code for such work shall be doubled, provided such increase shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this Code in the execution of the work or from any other penalties prescribed herein and no additional permits shall be issued to any person who owes the City the double fee described in this section. However, no double fee shall be imposed upon any person who starts work without a permit if:*

- (1) The work is started on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, or during any other day when the Department of Building and Zoning is not normally open for business; and*
- (2) The person secures the proper permit on the next Department of Building and Zoning working day.*

*(c) Additional payment. In the event that a mechanical permit is issued for a specific amount of work and upon inspection, it is determined that more work was performed than was authorized on such permit, the permittee shall obtain another permit to include all such additional work and shall pay only one dollar (\$1.00) plus the unit fees prescribed in subsection (a) of this section.*

*(d) Collection of fees. All fees due the City for licenses and permits shall be collected in the Clerk's office.*

*(e) Refunds. If, within sixty (60) days of the date of issuance, the holder of a mechanical permit decides not to commence the work described in the permit, the person may, upon application to the Department of Building and Zoning, be refunded that portion of the permit fee which is in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00). The refund of any fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) or less shall not be made.*

*(Ord. 1445 – May 10 Supp.)*

**159.11 PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR PERMIT.** A permit required by this chapter shall be issued only to a plumber licensed pursuant to this Code of Ordinances; however, any permit required by this chapter may be issued to the owner of a single- family dwelling, used exclusively for living purposes, to do any work regulated by this chapter in that dwelling, including the usual accessory buildings and quarters, if the dwelling will be occupied by the owner

and if the owner personally purchases all material and performs all labor in connection with the work. All work done in accordance with this exception must meet all the requirements of this chapter and shall be inspected as on other work. Only a licensed plumber shall be issued a permit to tap a City water or sanitary sewer main.

**159.12 106.5.3 – FEE REFUNDS.** Section 106.5.3, Fee refunds, of the IMC is hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 106.5.3 Fee refunds. The Director of Community Development is authorized to establish a refund policy.*

*(Ord. 1445 – May 10 Supp.)*

**159.13 108.4 – VIOLATION PENALTIES.** Section 108.4, Violation penalties, of the IMC is hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*Section 108.4 Violation penalties. Any person who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, installs, alters or repairs mechanical work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit issued under the provisions of this code, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by law.*

**159.14 108.5 – STOP WORK ORDER.** Section 108.5, Stop work order, of the IMC is hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following sections:

*Section 108.5.1 Authority. Whenever the code official finds any work regulated by this code being performed in a manner either contrary to the provisions of this code or dangerous or unsafe, the code official is authorized to issue a stop work order.*

*Section 108.5.2 Issuance. The stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work. Upon issuance of a stop work order, the cited work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for the order, and the conditions under which the cited work will be permitted to resume. Where an emergency exists the code official shall not be required to give notice prior to stopping the work.*

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