

## CHAPTER 6

# BUILDING SERVICES AND SYSTEMS

### SECTION 601 GENERAL

**601.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the installation, operation and maintenance of fuel-fired appliances and heating systems, emergency and standby power systems, electrical systems and equipment, mechanical refrigeration systems, elevator recall, stationary lead-acid battery systems and commercial kitchen hoods.

**601.2 Permits.** Permits shall be obtained for refrigeration systems, and battery systems and fuel tanks connected to emergency and standby power systems as set forth in Section 105.6.

### SECTION 602 DEFINITIONS

**602.1 Definitions.** The following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this chapter and as used elsewhere in this code, have the meanings shown herein.

**BATTERY, LEAD ACID.** A group of electrochemical cells interconnected to supply a nominal voltage of DC power to a suitably connected electrical load. The number of cells connected in series determines the nominal voltage rating of the battery. The size of the cells determines the discharge capacity of the entire battery.

**BATTERY SYSTEM, STATIONARY LEAD ACID.** A system which consists of three interconnected subsystems:

1. A lead-acid battery.
2. A battery charger.
3. A collection of rectifiers, inverters, converters, and associated electrical equipment as required for a particular application.

**[M] COMMERCIAL COOKING APPLIANCES.** Appliances used in a commercial food service establishment for heating or cooking food and which produce grease vapors, steam, fumes, smoke or odors that are required to be removed through a local exhaust ventilation system. Such appliances include deep fat fryers; upright broilers; griddles; broilers; steam-jacketed kettles; hot-top ranges; under-fired broilers (charbroilers); ovens; barbecues; rotisseries; and similar appliances. For the purpose of this definition, a food service establishment shall include any building or a portion thereof used for the preparation and serving of food.

**[B] EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM.** Electrical systems that comply with the *Seattle Electrical Code, Article 700.*

**[M] HOOD.** An air-intake device used to capture by entrapment, impingement, adhesion or similar means, grease and similar contaminants before they enter a duct system.

**Type I.** A kitchen hood for collecting and removing grease vapors and smoke.

**OIL-BURNING EQUIPMENT.** A stationary oil burner of any type, together with its tank, piping, wiring, controls and related devices. Oil-burning equipment includes oil burners, boilers, furnaces, oil-fired units and heating and cooking appliances, but does not include internal combustion engines, oil lamps and portable devices, such as blow torches, melting pots and weed burners.

**POWER TAP.** A device for indoor use consisting of an attachment plug on one end of a flexible cord and two or more receptacles on the opposite end, and has overcurrent protection.

**REFRIGERANT.** The fluid used for heat transfer in a refrigerating system; the refrigerant absorbs heat and transfers it at a higher temperature and a higher pressure, usually with a change of state.

**REFRIGERATION SYSTEM.** A combination of interconnected refrigerant-containing parts constituting one closed refrigerant circuit in which a refrigerant is circulated for the purpose of extracting heat and in which a compressor is used for compressing the refrigerant vapor.

**[B] STANDBY POWER SYSTEM.** An electrical power system that complies with *Seattle Electrical Code, Article 701, "Legally Required Standby Systems."*

**VALVE-REGULATED LEAD-ACID (VRLA) BATTERY.** A lead-acid battery consisting of sealed cells furnished with a valve that opens to vent the battery whenever the internal pressure of the battery exceeds the ambient pressure by a set amount. In VRLA batteries, the liquid electrolyte in the cells is immobilized in an absorptive glass mat (AGM cells or batteries) or by the addition of a gelling agent (gel cells or gelled batteries).

**VENTED (FLOODED) LEAD-ACID BATTERY.** A lead-acid battery consisting of cells that have electrodes immersed in liquid electrolyte. Flooded lead-acid batteries have a provision for the user to add water to the cell and are equipped with a flame-arresting vent which permits the escape of hydrogen and oxygen gas from the cell in a diffused manner such that a spark, or other ignition source, outside the cell will not ignite the gases inside the cell.

### SECTION 603 FUEL-FIRED APPLIANCES

**603.1 Installation.** The installation of nonportable fuel gas appliances and systems shall comply the *International Fuel Gas Code*. The installation of all other fuel-fired appliances, other than internal combustion engines, oil lamps and portable devices such as blow torches, melting pots and weed burners, shall comply with this section and the *International Mechanical Code*.

**603.1.1 Manufacturer's instructions.** The installation shall be made in accordance with the manufacturer's in-

structions and applicable federal, state, and local rules and regulations. Where it becomes necessary to change, modify, or alter a manufacturer's instructions in any way, written approval shall first be obtained from the manufacturer.

**603.1.2 Approval.** The design, construction and installation of fuel-fired appliances shall be in accordance with the *International Fuel Gas Code* and the *International Mechanical Code*.

**603.1.3 Electrical wiring and equipment.** Electrical wiring and equipment used in connection with ~~oil-burning equipment~~ fuel-fired appliances shall be installed and maintained in accordance with Section 605 and the *ICC Seattle Electrical Code*.

**603.1.4 Fuel oil.** The grade of fuel oil used in a burner shall be that for which the burner is approved and as stipulated by the burner manufacturer. Oil containing gasoline shall not be used. Waste crankcase oil shall be an acceptable fuel in Group F, M and S occupancies, when utilized in equipment listed for use with waste oil and when such equipment is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the terms of its listing.

**603.1.5 Access.** The installation shall be readily accessible for cleaning hot surfaces; removing burners; replacing motors, controls, air filters, chimney connectors, draft regulators, and other working parts; and for adjusting, cleaning and lubricating parts.

**603.1.6 Testing, diagrams and instructions.** After installation of the ~~fuel-fired appliances~~ oil-burning equipment, operation and combustion performance tests shall be conducted to determine that the ~~burner appliance~~ is in proper operating condition and that all accessory equipment, controls, and safety devices function properly.

**603.1.6.1 Diagrams.** Contractors installing industrial ~~fuel-fired appliances~~ oil-burning systems shall furnish not less than two copies of diagrams showing the main ~~oil fuel~~ fuel lines and controlling valves, one copy of which shall be posted at the ~~fuel-fired appliances~~ oil-burning equipment and another at an approved location that will be accessible in case of emergency.

**603.1.6.2 Instructions.** After completing the installation, the installer shall instruct the owner or operator in the proper operation of the equipment. The installer shall also furnish the owner or operator with the name and telephone number of persons to contact for technical information or assistance and routine or emergency services.

**603.1.7 Clearances.** Working clearances between oil-fired appliances and electrical panelboards and equipment shall be in accordance with the *ICC Seattle Electrical Code*. ~~Clearances between oil-fired equipment and oil supply tanks shall be in accordance with NFPA 31. A minimum 5-foot (1524 mm) separation shall be maintained between~~ oil-fired appliances and equipment and fuel-oil supply tanks.

**[B, M, FG] 603.2 Chimneys.** Masonry chimneys shall be constructed in accordance with the *International Building Code*. Factory-built chimneys shall be installed in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*. Metal chimneys shall be constructed and installed in accordance with NFPA 211.

**603.3 Fuel oil storage systems.** Fuel oil storage systems shall be installed in accordance with Chapter 34 of this code. Fuel oil piping systems shall be installed in accordance with the *International Seattle Mechanical Code*.

~~**603.3.1 Maximum outside fuel oil storage above ground.** Where connected to a fuel-oil piping system, the maximum amount of fuel oil storage allowed outside above ground without additional protection shall be 660 gallons (2498 L). The storage of fuel oil above ground in quantities exceeding 660 gallons (2498 L) shall comply with NFPA 31.~~

~~**603.3.2 Maximum inside fuel oil storage.** Where connected to a fuel-oil piping system, the maximum amount of fuel oil storage allowed inside any building shall be 660 gallons (2498 L). Where the amount of fuel oil stored inside a building exceeds 660 gallons (2498 L), the storage area shall be in compliance with the *International Building Code*.~~

~~**603.3.3 Underground storage of fuel oil.** The storage of fuel oil in underground storage tanks shall comply with NFPA 31.~~

**603.4 Portable unvented heaters.** Portable unvented fuel-fired heating equipment shall be prohibited in occupancies in Groups A, E, I, R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4.

**Exceptions:**

1. Listed and approved unvented fuel-fired heaters in one- and two-family dwellings.
2. Gas-fired heating appliances located outdoors at permanent Group A drinking and dining establishments are allowed in accordance with Section 603.4.2.

**603.4.1 Prohibited locations.** Unvented fuel-fired heating equipment shall not be located in, or obtain combustion air from, any of the following rooms or spaces: sleeping rooms, bathrooms, toilet rooms or storage closets.

**603.4.2 Portable gas-fired heating appliances at permanent drinking and dining establishments.** Portable gas-fired heating appliances located outdoors at permanent drinking and dining establishments frequented by the public shall be in accordance with this section.

**603.4.2.1 Location.**

**603.4.2.1.1 Prohibited locations.** The storage or use of portable gas-fired heating appliances are prohibited:

1. Inside Group A occupancies when connected to the fuel gas container.
2. On tabletops, and
3. Inside tents, canopies and membrane structures.

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**603.4.2.1.2 Buildings.** Portable gas-fired heating appliances shall be located at least 5 feet (1524 mm) from buildings.

**603.4.2.1.3 Near combustible materials.** Portable gas-fired heating appliances shall not be located beneath combustible overhangs, awnings, sunshades or similar combustible decorations.

**603.4.2.1.4 Near exits.** Portable gas-fired heating appliances shall not be located within 5 feet (1524 mm) of exits or exit discharges.

#### **603.4.2.2 Portable gas-fired heating appliance.**

**603.4.2.2.1 Listing and approval.** Only listed and approved heating appliances utilizing a gas container that is integral to the appliance shall be used.

**603.4.2.2.2 Installation and maintenance.** Heating appliances shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**603.4.2.2.3 Automatic shutoff device.** Portable gas-fired heating appliances shall be equipped with an automatic device that will shut off the flow of gas to the main burner and, if applicable, the pilot in the event the flame is extinguished.

**603.4.2.2.4 Tip-over switch.** Heating appliances shall be equipped with a tilt or tip-over switch that automatically shuts off the flow of gas if the appliance is tilted more than 19 degrees from vertical.

**603.4.2.2.5 Guard against contact.** The heating element or combustion chamber shall be permanently guarded so as to prevent accidental contact by persons or material.

#### **603.4.2.3 Gas containers.**

**603.4.2.3.1 Approved containers.** Only approved U.S. DOT or ASME gas containers shall be used.

**603.4.2.3.2 Refilling containers.** Gas containers shall not be refilled onsite.

**603.4.2.3.3 Container replacement.** Replacement of gas containers in the heating appliance shall not be conducted while the public is present.

#### **603.4.2.3.4 Gas container storage.**

**603.4.2.3.4.1 Container capacity.** The maximum individual capacity of gas containers used in connection with portable gas-fired heating appliances shall not exceed 20 pounds (9 kg).

**603.4.2.3.4.2 Maximum storage quantity.** The maximum aggregate quantity of gas containers on site awaiting use shall not exceed 100 pounds (45 kg) [5 x 20-pound (2.3 x 9 kg) containers] and shall be stored outside in accordance with Section 603.4.2.3.4.

**603.4.2.3.4.3 Indoor storage prohibited.** Gas containers shall not be stored inside.

**603.4.2.3.4.4 Storage locker.** Gas containers shall be located outside within lockable, ventilated

metal storage lockers or racks to prevent unauthorized access.

**603.4.2.3.4.5 Storage locker location.** Ventilated metal storage lockers or racks shall be located at least 20 feet (6096 mm) from exits, building openings, public ways and designated smoking areas.

**603.4.2.3.4.6 Security of storage locker.** Ventilated metal storage lockers or racks shall be secured against unauthorized entry.

**603.4.2.3.4.7 Vehicle protection.** Ventilated metal storage lockers for gas containers shall be protected from vehicular impact if subject to possible vehicle impact.

**603.4.2.3.4.8 Container position.** Gas containers shall be stored in an upright position such that the pressure relief valve is in direct contact with the vapor phase of the container.

**603.4.2.4 Ignition sources.** Smoking and open-flame devices (e.g. candles, flaming food or beverage preparation) shall be prohibited within 5 feet (1524 mm) of any gas-fired heating appliance. "No Smoking" signs shall be posted at affected areas.

**603.4.2.5 Fire extinguishers.** At least one portable fire extinguisher having a minimum rating of 2A:40BC shall be provided and mounted with the top located no higher than 5 feet (1524 mm) above grade. Travel distance to the extinguisher shall not exceed 50 feet (15 240 mm).

**603.4.2.6 Leaking gas.** In the event of a gas leak or suspected leak, the container shall be immediately removed from the premises. Periodic leak tests (with the use of soapy water) shall be conducted by trained personnel to ensure the container and fittings are tight.

**603.4.2.7 Means of egress.** Drinking and dining areas where portable gas-fired heating appliances are used shall be provided with at least two means of egress.

**603.5 Heating appliances.** Heating appliances shall be listed and shall comply with this section.

**603.5.1 Guard against contact.** The heating element or combustion chamber shall be permanently guarded so as to prevent accidental contact by persons or material.

**603.5.2 Heating appliance installation.** Heating appliances shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, the *International Building Code*, the *International Mechanical Code*, the *International Fuel Gas Code* and the ~~ICC~~ *Seattle Electrical Code*.

**603.6 Chimneys and appliances.** Chimneys, incinerators, smokestacks or similar devices for conveying smoke or hot gases to the outer air and the stoves, furnaces, fireboxes or boilers to which such devices are connected, shall be maintained so as not to create a fire hazard.

**603.6.1 Masonry chimneys.** Masonry chimneys that, upon inspection, are found to be without a flue liner and that have open mortar joints which will permit smoke or gases to be discharged into the building, or which are cracked as to be dangerous, shall be repaired or relined with a listed chimney

liner system installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions or a flue lining system installed in accordance with the requirements of the *International Building Code* and appropriate for the intended class of chimney service.

**603.6.2 Metal chimneys.** Metal chimneys which are corroded or improperly supported shall be repaired or replaced.

**603.6.3 Decorative shrouds.** Decorative shrouds installed at the termination of factory-built chimneys shall be removed except where such shrouds are listed and labeled for use with the specific factory-built chimney system and are installed in accordance with the chimney manufacturer's installation instructions.

**603.6.4 Factory-built chimneys.** Existing factory-built chimneys that are damaged, corroded or improperly supported shall be repaired or replaced.

**603.6.5 Connectors.** Existing chimney and vent connectors that are damaged, corroded or improperly supported shall be repaired or replaced.

**603.7 Discontinuing operation of unsafe heating appliances.** The fire code official is authorized to order that measures be taken to prevent the operation of any existing stove, oven, furnace, incinerator, boiler or any other heat-producing device or appliance found to be defective or in violation of code requirements for existing appliances after giving notice to this effect to any person, owner, firm or agent or operator in charge of the same. The fire code official is authorized to take measures to prevent the operation of any device or appliance without notice when inspection shows the existence of an immediate fire hazard or when imperiling human life. The defective device shall remain withdrawn from service until all necessary repairs or alterations have been made.

**603.7.1 Unauthorized operation.** It shall be a violation of this code for any person, user, firm or agent to continue the utilization of any device or appliance (the operation of which has been discontinued or ordered discontinued in accordance with Section 603.7), unless written authority to resume operation is given by the fire code official. Removing or breaking the means by which operation of the device is prevented shall be a violation of this code.

**603.8 Incinerators.** Commercial, industrial and residential-type incinerators and chimneys shall be constructed in accordance with the *International Building Code*, the *International Fuel Gas Code* and the *International Mechanical Code*.

**603.8.1 Residential incinerators.** Residential incinerators shall be of an approved type.

**603.8.2 Spark arrestor.** Incinerators shall be equipped with an effective means for arresting sparks.

**603.8.3 Restrictions.** Where the fire code official determines that burning in incinerators located within 500 feet (152 m) of mountainous, brush or grass-covered areas will create an undue fire hazard because of atmospheric conditions, such burning shall be prohibited.

**603.8.4 Time of burning.** Burning shall take place only during approved hours.

**603.8.5 Discontinuance.** The fire code official is authorized to require incinerator use to be discontinued immediately if the fire code official determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the use of incinerators is determined by the fire code official to constitute a hazardous condition.

**603.9 Gas meters.** Above-ground gas meters, regulators and piping subject to damage shall be protected by a barrier complying with Section 312 or otherwise protected in an approved manner.

## SECTION 604

### EMERGENCY AND STANDBY POWER SYSTEMS

**604.1 Installation.** Emergency and standby power systems shall be installed in accordance with the ~~IEC~~ *Seattle Electrical Code*, NFPA 110 and NFPA 111. Existing installations shall be maintained in accordance with the original approval.

**604.1.1 Stationary generators.** Stationary emergency and standby power generators required by this code shall be listed in accordance with UL 2200.

**604.2 Where required.** Emergency and standby power systems shall be provided where required by Sections 604.2.1 through 604.2.18.

**604.2.1 Group A occupancies.** Emergency power shall be provided for emergency voice/alarm communication systems in Group A occupancies in accordance with Section 907.2.1.2.

**604.2.2 Smoke control systems.** Standby Emergency power shall be provided for smoke control systems in accordance with Section 909.11.

Exception: Standby power is acceptable for shaft pressurization systems in low-rise buildings in accordance with Section 909.22.

**604.2.3 Exit signs.** Emergency power shall be provided for exit signs in accordance with Section 1011.5.3

**604.2.4 Means of egress illumination.** Emergency power shall be provided for means of egress illumination in accordance with Section 1006.3.

**604.2.5 Accessible means of egress elevators or platform lifts.** Standby power shall be provided for elevators or platform lifts that are part of an accessible means of egress in accordance with Section 1007.4 or 1007.5, respectively.

**604.2.6 Horizontal sliding doors.** Standby power shall be provided for horizontal sliding doors in accordance with Section 1008.1.3.3.

**604.2.7 Semiconductor fabrication facilities.** Emergency power shall be provided for semiconductor fabrication facilities in accordance with Section 1803.15.

**604.2.8 Membrane structures.** Emergency power shall be provided for exit signs in temporary tents and membrane structures in accordance with Section 2403.12.6.1. Standby power shall be provided for auxiliary inflation systems in permanent membrane structures in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

**604.2.9 Hazardous materials.** Emergency or standby power shall be provided in occupancies with hazardous materials in accordance with Sections 2704.7 and 2705.1.5.

**604.2.10 Highly toxic and toxic materials.** Emergency power shall be provided for occupancies with highly toxic or toxic materials in accordance with Sections 3704.2.2.8 and 3704.3.2.6.

**604.2.11 Organic peroxides.** Standby power shall be provided for occupancies with organic peroxides in accordance with Section 3904.1.11.

**604.2.12 Pyrophoric materials.** Emergency power shall be provided for occupancies with silane gas in accordance with Sections 4106.2.3 and 4106.4.3.

**604.2.13 Covered mall buildings.** Covered mall buildings exceeding 50,000 square feet (4645 m<sup>2</sup>) shall be provided with standby emergency power systems which are capable of operating the emergency voice/alarm communication.

**604.2.14 High-rise buildings.** Standby power, light and emergency systems in high-rise buildings shall comply with the requirements of Sections 604.2.14.1 through 604.2.14.3.

**604.2.14.1 Standby Emergency power.** An emergency standby power system shall be provided. Where the emergency standby system is a generator set inside a building, the system shall be located in a separate room enclosed with 2-hour fire-resistance-rated fire barrier assemblies. System supervision with manual start and transfer features shall be provided at the fire command center.

**Exception:** A generator set with a fuel tank system not exceeding 660 gallons (2498L) is not required to be located in a fire-resistance-rated room when installed in a sprinklered parking garage of Type I or II construction, unless a 1-hour separation is required to separate control areas in accordance with Table 2703.1.1(1).

**604.2.14.1.1 Fuel supply.** An on-premises fuel supply, sufficient for not less than 2-hour full-demand operation of the system, shall be provided.

**Exception:** Where the system is supplied with pipeline natural gas and is approved.

**604.2.14.1.2 Capacity.** The emergency standby system shall have a capacity and rating that supplies all equipment required to be operational at the same time. The generating capacity is not required to be sized to operate all of the connected electrical equipment simultaneously.

**604.2.14.1.3 Connected facilities.** Power and lighting facilities for the fire command center and elevators specified in Sections 403.8 and 403.9 of the *International Building Code*, as applicable, and electrically powered fire pumps required to maintain pressure, shall be transferable to the standby source. Standby power shall be provided for at least one elevator to serve all floors and be transferable to any elevator. **Emergency power loads.** The following are classified as emergency power loads:

1. Exit signs and means of egress illumination required by Chapter 10.
2. Elevator car lighting.

3. Emergency voice/alarm communications systems.
4. Automatic fire detection systems.
5. Fire alarm systems.
6. Power and lighting for the fire command center.
7. Lighting for mechanical rooms.
8. Electrically powered fire pumps.
9. Ventilation and automatic fire detection equipment for smokeproof enclosures.
10. Smoke control systems.
11. A selected elevator in each bank in accordance with *Seattle Building Code* Section 3016.7. A bank of elevators is a group of elevators or a single elevator controlled by a common operating system—all elevators that respond to a single call button constitute a bank of elevators. All elevators shall be transferable to emergency power.

**604.2.14.2 Separate circuits and fixtures.** Separate lighting circuits and fixtures shall be required to provide sufficient light with an intensity of not less than 1 foot-candle (11 lux) measured at floor level in all means of egress corridors, stairways, smokeproof enclosures, elevator cars and lobbies, and other areas which are clearly a part of the escape route.

**604.2.14.2.1 Other circuits.** Circuits supplying lighting for the fire command center and mechanical equipment rooms shall be transferable to the standby source.

**604.2.14.3 Emergency systems.** Exit signs, exit illumination as required by Chapter 10, and elevator car lighting are classified as emergency systems and shall operate within 10 seconds of failure of the normal power supply and shall be capable of being transferred to the standby source.

**Exception:** Exit sign, exit and means of egress illumination are permitted to be powered by a standby source in buildings of Group F and S occupancies.

**604.2.15 Underground buildings.** Emergency and standby power systems in underground buildings covered in Chapter 4 of the *International Building Code* shall comply with Sections 604.2.15.1, and 604.2.15.2.

**604.2.15.1 Standby Emergency power.** An emergency standby power system complying with the IEC *Seattle Electrical Code* shall be provided for standby emergency power loads as specified in Section 604.2.15.1.1.

**[B] 604.2.15.1.1 Standby Emergency power loads.** The following loads are classified as standby emergency power loads:

1. Smoke control system.
2. Ventilation and automatic fire detection equipment for smokeproof enclosures.
3. Fire pumps.
4. Standby Emergency power shall be provided for elevators in accordance with Section 3003 of the *International Building Code*.

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5. Emergency voice/alarm communication systems.
6. Fire alarm systems.
7. Automatic fire detection systems.
8. Elevator car lighting.
9. Means of egress lighting and exit sign illumination as required by Chapter 10.

~~[B] 604.2.15.1.2 Pickup time.~~ The standby power system shall pick up its connected loads within 60 seconds of failure of the normal power supply.

**604.2.15.2 Emergency power.** An emergency power system complying with the ICC *Electrical Code* shall be provided for emergency power loads as specified in Section 604.2.15.2.1.

**604.2.15.2.1 Emergency power loads.** The following loads are classified as emergency power loads:

1. ~~Emergency voice/alarm communication systems.~~
2. Fire alarm systems.
3. Automatic fire detection systems.
4. Elevator car lighting.
5. Means of egress lighting and exit sign illumination as required by Chapter 10.

**604.2.16 Group I-3 occupancies.** Power-operated sliding doors or power-operated locks for swinging doors in Group I-3 occupancies shall be operable by a manual release mechanism at the door, and either emergency power or a remote mechanical operating release shall be provided.

**Exception:** Emergency power is not required in facilities where provisions for remote locking and unlocking of occupied rooms in Occupancy Condition 4 are not required as set forth in the *International Building Code*.

**604.2.17 Airport traffic control towers.** A standby power system shall be provided in airport traffic control towers more than 65 feet (19 812 mm) in height. Power shall be provided to the following equipment:

1. Pressurization equipment, mechanical equipment and lighting.
2. Elevator operating equipment.
3. Fire alarm and smoke detection systems.

**604.2.18 Elevators.** In buildings and structures where standby emergency power is required or furnished to operate an elevator, the operation shall be in accordance with Sections 604.2.18.1 through 604.2.18.4 and *Seattle Building Code* Section 3016.7.

**604.2.18.1 Manual transfer.** Standby Emergency power shall be manually transferable to all elevators in each bank.

**604.2.18.2 One elevator.** Where only one elevator is installed, the elevator shall automatically transfer to standby emergency power within 60 10 seconds after failure of normal power.

**604.2.18.3 Two or more elevators.** Where two or more elevators are controlled by a common operating system, all elevators shall automatically transfer to standby emergency power within 60 10 seconds after failure of normal power where the standby emergency power source is of sufficient capacity to operate all elevators at the same time. Where the standby emergency power source is not of sufficient capacity to operate all elevators at the same time, all elevators shall transfer to standby emergency power in sequence, return to the designated landing and disconnect from the standby emergency power source. After all elevators have been returned to the designated level, at least one elevator shall remain operable from the standby emergency power source.

**604.2.18.4 Venting.** Where standby emergency power is connected to elevators, the machine room ventilation or air conditioning shall be connected to the standby emergency power source.

**604.2.19 Refrigeration systems.** When treatment, detection or continuous ventilation systems are required for refrigeration systems, such systems shall be connected to a secondary source of power to automatically supply electrical power in the event of loss from the primary source.

**604.3 Maintenance.** Emergency and standby power systems shall be maintained such that the system is capable of supplying service within the time specified for the type and duration required.

**604.3.1 Schedule.** Inspection, testing and maintenance of emergency and standby power systems shall be in accordance with an approved schedule established upon completion and approval of the system installation.

**604.3.2 Written record.** Written records of the inspection, testing and maintenance of emergency and standby power systems shall include the date of service, name of the servicing technician, a summary of conditions noted and a detailed description of any conditions requiring correction and what corrective action was taken. Such records shall be kept on the premises served by the emergency or standby power system and ~~be available for inspection by~~ submitted to the fire code official in accordance with Administrative Rule 9.02.04, Confidence Test Requirements for Life Safety Systems.

**604.3.3 Switch maintenance.** Emergency and standby power system transfer switches shall be included in the inspection, testing and maintenance schedule required by Section 604.3.1. Transfer switches shall be maintained free from accumulated dust and dirt. Inspection shall include examination of the transfer switch contacts for evidence of deterioration. When evidence of contact deterioration is detected, the contacts shall be replaced in accordance with the transfer switch manufacturer's instructions.

**604.4 Operational inspection and testing.** Emergency power systems, including all appurtenant components shall be inspected and tested under load in accordance with NFPA 110 and NFPA 111.

**Exception:** Where the emergency power system is used for standby power or peak load shaving, such use shall be recorded and shall be allowed to be substituted for scheduled

testing of the generator set, provided that appropriate records are maintained.

**604.4.1 Transfer switch test.** The test of the transfer switch shall consist of electrically operating the transfer switch from the normal position to the alternate position and then return to the normal position.

**604.5 Supervision of maintenance and testing.** Routine maintenance, inspection and operational testing shall be overseen by a properly instructed individual.

## SECTION 605

### ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, WIRING AND HAZARDS

**605.1 Abatement of electrical hazards.** Identified electrical hazards shall be abated. Identified hazardous electrical conditions in permanent wiring shall be brought to the attention of the code official responsible for enforcement of the *IEC Seattle Electrical Code*. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances and other equipment that is modified or damaged and constitutes an electrical shock or fire hazard shall not be used.

**605.2 Illumination.** Illumination shall be provided for service equipment areas, motor control centers and electrical panelboards.

**605.3 Working space and clearance.** A working space of not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in width, 36 inches (914 mm) in depth and 78 inches (1981 mm) in height shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment. Where the electrical service equipment is wider than 30 inches (762 mm), the working space shall not be less than the width of the equipment. No storage of any materials shall be located within the designated working space.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where other dimensions are required or allowed by the *IEC Seattle Electrical Code*.
2. Access openings into attics or under-floor areas which provide a minimum clear opening of 22 inches (559 mm) by 30 inches (762 mm).

**605.3.1 Labeling.** Doors into electrical control panel rooms shall be marked with a plainly visible and legible sign stating ELECTRICAL ROOM or similar approved wording. The disconnecting means for each service, feeder or branch circuit originating on a switchboard or panelboard shall be legibly and durably marked to indicate its purpose unless such purpose is clearly evident.

**605.4 Multiplug adapters.** Multiplug adapters, such as cube adapters, unfused plug strips or any other device not complying with the *IEC Seattle Electrical Code* shall be prohibited.

**605.4.1 Power tap design.** Relocatable power taps shall be of the polarized or grounded type, equipped with overcurrent protection, and shall be listed.

**605.4.2 Power supply.** Relocatable power taps shall be directly connected to a permanently installed receptacle.

**605.4.3 Installation.** Relocatable power tap cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, floors, under doors or floor coverings, or be subject to environmental or physical damage.

**605.5 Extension cords.** Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances.

**605.5.1 Power supply.** Extension cords shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle, power tap or multiplug adapter and, except for approved multiplug extension cords, shall serve only one portable appliance.

**605.5.2 Ampacity.** The ampacity of the extension cords shall not be less than the rated capacity of the portable appliance supplied by the cord.

**605.5.3 Maintenance.** Extension cords shall be maintained in good condition without splices, deterioration or damage.

**605.5.4 Grounding.** Extension cords shall be grounded when serving grounded portable appliances.

**605.6 Unapproved conditions.** Open junction boxes and open-wiring splices shall be prohibited. Approved covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical outlet boxes.

**605.7 Appliances.** Electrical appliances and fixtures shall be tested and listed in published reports of inspected electrical equipment by an approved agency and installed in accordance with all instructions included as part of such listing.

**605.8 Electrical motors.** Electrical motors shall be maintained free from excessive accumulations of oil, dirt, waste and debris.

**605.9 Temporary wiring.** Temporary wiring for electrical power and lighting installations is allowed for a period not to exceed 90 days. Temporary wiring methods shall meet the applicable provisions of the *IEC Seattle Electrical Code*.

**Exception:** Temporary wiring for electrical power and lighting installations is allowed during periods of construction, remodeling, repair or demolition of buildings, structures, equipment or similar activities.

**605.9.1 Attachment to structures.** Temporary wiring attached to a structure shall be attached in an approved manner.

## SECTION 606

### MECHANICAL REFRIGERATION

[M] **606.1 Scope.** Refrigeration systems shall be installed in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

[M] **606.2 Refrigerants.** The use and purity of new, recovered, and reclaimed refrigerants shall be in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

[M] **606.3 Refrigerant classification.** Refrigerants shall be classified in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

[M] **606.4 Change in refrigerant type.** A change in the type of refrigerant in a refrigeration system shall be in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

**606.5 Access.** Refrigeration systems having a refrigerant circuit containing more than 220 pounds (100 kg) of Group A1 or

30 pounds (14 kg) of any other group refrigerant shall be accessible to the fire department at all times as required by the fire code official.

**606.6 Testing of equipment.** Refrigeration equipment and systems having a refrigerant circuit containing more than 220 pounds (100 kg) of Group A1 or 30 pounds (14 kg) of any other group refrigerant shall be subject to periodic testing in accordance with Section 606.6.1. A written record of required testing shall be maintained on the premises. Tests of emergency devices or systems required by this chapter shall be conducted by persons trained and qualified in refrigeration systems.

**606.6.1 Periodic testing.** The following emergency devices or systems shall be periodically tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and as required by the fire code official.

1. Treatment and flaring systems.
2. Valves and appurtenances necessary to the operation of emergency refrigeration control boxes.
3. Fans and associated equipment intended to operate emergency ventilation systems.
4. Detection and alarm systems.

**606.7 Emergency signs.** Refrigeration units or systems having a refrigerant circuit containing more than 220 pounds (100 kg) of Group A1 or 30 pounds (14 kg) of any other group refrigerant shall be provided with approved emergency signs, charts, and labels in accordance with NFPA 704. Hazard signs shall be in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code* for the classification of refrigerants listed therein.

**606.8 Refrigerant detectors.**

**606.8.1 Within machinery rooms.** Machinery rooms shall contain a refrigerant detector connected to an alarm system utilizing listed and approved fire alarm signaling devices capable of generating a sound level, distinctive from other alarm signals, of at least 15dB above the operating ambient sound pressure level of the space in which they are installed and initiating an approved distinctive visual alarm, with an audible and visual alarm.

Where continuous mechanical ventilation is provided, failure of the ventilation system shall activate an audible and visual alarm.

The detector, or a sampling tube that draws air to the detector, shall be located in an area where refrigerant from a leak will concentrate. The alarm shall be actuated at a value not greater than the corresponding TLV-TWA values shown in the *International Mechanical Code* for the refrigerant classification.

**Exception:** Machinery room vapor detectors for ammonia systems shall actuate an alarm at a detection level not to exceed 1,000 ppm and shall automatically exhaust air from the machinery room in accordance with *International Mechanical Code* Section 1105.6.4 for emergency conditions.

Detectors and alarms shall be placed in approved locations.

**Exception:** Detectors are not required for ammonia systems where the machinery room complies with Section 1106.3 of the *International Mechanical Code*.

**606.8.2 Outside of machinery rooms.** Where evaporators and piping containing refrigerants in excess of the quantities in *International Mechanical Code* Table 1103.1 are located within rooms or spaces used exclusively for processing or storage of materials under refrigerated conditions, the refrigerated room or space shall be equipped with a refrigerant-vapor detector and alarm system complying with Section 606.8.1.

Activation of the refrigerant detector shall also automatically stop the flow of refrigerant to evaporators within the space and stop the flow of refrigerant in all supply lines leaving a machinery room whenever the refrigerant vapor concentration is detected at or above 50 percent of the IDLH or 25 percent of the LFL, whichever is lower.

**606.9 Remote controls.** Remote control of the mechanical equipment and appliances located in the machinery room shall be provided at an approved location immediately outside the machinery room and adjacent to its principal entrance.

**606.9.1 Refrigeration system.** A clearly identified switch of the break-glass type shall provide off-only control of electrically energized equipment and appliances in the machinery room, other than refrigerant leak detectors and machinery room ventilation.

**606.9.2 Ventilation system.** A clearly identified switch of the break-glass type shall provide on-only control of the machinery room ventilation fans.

**606.9.3 Emergency control box.** Emergency control boxes shall be provided for refrigeration systems required to be equipped with a treatment system, flaring system or ammonia diffusion system.

**606.9.3.1 Location.** Emergency control boxes shall be located outside of the building at an approved accessible location. All portions of the emergency control box shall be 6 feet (1829 mm) or less above the adjoining grade.

**606.9.3.2 Construction.** Emergency control boxes shall be of iron or steel not less than 0.055 inch (1.4 mm) in thickness and provided with a hinged cover and lock.

**606.9.3.3 Operational procedure.** Valves and switches shall be identified in an approved manner as to the sequential procedure to be followed in the event of an emergency.

**606.9.3.4 Identification.** Emergency control boxes shall be provided with a permanent label on the outside cover reading: FIRE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY—REFRIGERANT CONTROL BOX, and including the name of the refrigerant in the system. Hazard identification in accordance with NFPA 704 shall be posted inside and outside of the control box.

**606.9.3.5 Instructions.** Written instructions and information shall be provided and located in the emergency control box designating the following information:

1. Instructions for suspending operation of the system in the event of an emergency.
2. The name, address and emergency telephone numbers to obtain emergency service.
3. The location and operation of emergency discharge systems.

**606.10 Storage, use and handling.** Flammable and combustible materials shall not be stored in machinery rooms for refrigeration systems having a refrigerant circuit containing more than 220 pounds (100 kg) of Group A1 or 30 pounds (14 kg) of any other group refrigerant. Storage, use or handling of extra refrigerant or refrigerant oils shall be as required by Chapters 27, 30, 32 and 34.

**Exception:** This provision shall not apply to spare parts, tools, and incidental materials necessary for the safe and proper operation and maintenance of the system.

**606.11 Termination of relief devices.** Pressure relief devices, fusible plugs and purge systems for refrigeration systems containing more than 6.6 pounds (3 kg) of flammable, toxic or highly toxic refrigerants shall be provided with an approved discharge system as required by Sections 606.11.1, 606.11.2 and 606.11.3. Discharge piping and devices connected to the discharge side of a fusible plug or rupture member shall have provisions to prevent plugging the pipe in the event of the fusible plug or rupture member functions.

**606.11.1 Flammable refrigerants.** Systems containing flammable refrigerants having a density equal to or greater than the density of air shall discharge vapor to the atmosphere only through an approved treatment system in accordance with Section 606.11.4 or a flaring system in accordance with Section 606.11.5. Systems containing flammable refrigerants having a density less than the density of air shall be permitted to discharge vapor to the atmosphere provided that the point of discharge is located outside of the structure at not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) above the adjoining grade level and not less than 20 feet (6096 mm) from any window, ventilation opening or exit.

**606.11.2 Toxic and highly toxic refrigerants.** Systems containing toxic or highly toxic refrigerants shall discharge vapor to the atmosphere only through an approved treatment system in accordance with Section 606.11.4 or a flaring system in accordance with Section 606.11.5.

**606.11.3 Ammonia refrigerant.** Systems containing ammonia refrigerant shall discharge vapor to the atmosphere through an approved treatment system in accordance with Section 606.11.4, a flaring system in accordance with Section 606.11.5, or through an approved ammonia diffusion system in accordance with Section 606.11.6, or by other approved means.

**Exceptions:**

1. Ammonia/water absorption systems containing less than 22 pounds (10 kg) of ammonia and for which the ammonia circuit is located entirely outdoors.
2. When the fire code official determines, on review of an engineering analysis prepared in accordance with Section 104.7.2, that a fire, health or environmental hazard would not result from discharging ammonia directly to the atmosphere.

**606.11.4 Treatment systems.** Treatment systems shall be designed to reduce the allowable discharge concentration of the refrigerant gas to not more than 50 percent of the IDLH at the point of exhaust. Treatment systems shall be in accordance with Chapter 37.

**606.11.5 Flaring systems.** Flaring systems for incineration of flammable refrigerants shall be designed to incinerate the entire discharge. The products of refrigerant incineration shall not pose health or environmental hazards. Incineration shall be automatic upon initiation of discharge, shall be designed to prevent blowback, and shall not expose structures or materials to threat of fire. Standby fuel, such as LP gas, and standby power shall have the capacity to operate for one and one-half the required time for complete incineration of refrigerant in the system.

**606.11.6 Ammonia diffusion systems.** Ammonia diffusion systems shall include a tank containing 1 gallon of water for each pound of ammonia (4 L of water for each 1 kg of ammonia) that will be released in 1 hour from the largest relief device connected to the discharge pipe. The water shall be prevented from freezing. The discharge pipe from the pressure relief device shall distribute ammonia in the bottom of the tank, but no lower than 33 feet (10 058 mm) below the maximum liquid level. The tank shall contain the volume of water and ammonia without overflowing.

**606.12 Discharge location for refrigeration machinery room ventilation.** Exhaust from mechanical ventilation systems serving refrigeration machinery rooms capable of exceeding 25 percent of the LFL or 50 percent of the IDLH shall be equipped with approved treatment systems to reduce the discharge concentrations of flammable, toxic or highly toxic refrigerants to those values or lower.

**606.13 Notification of refrigerant discharges.** The fire code official shall be notified immediately when a discharge becomes reportable under state, federal or local regulations in accordance with Section 2703.3.1.

**606.14 Records.** A written record shall be kept of refrigerant quantities brought into and removed from the premises. Such records shall be available to the fire code official.

**606.15 Electrical equipment.** Where refrigerants of Groups A2, A3, B2 and B3, as defined in the *International Mechanical Code*, are used, refrigeration machinery rooms shall conform to the Class I, Division 2 hazardous location classification requirements of the *IEC Seattle Electrical Code*.

**Exception:** Ammonia machinery rooms that are provided with ventilation in accordance with Section 1106.3 of the *International Mechanical Code*.

**606.16 Secondary power source.** When treatment, detection, continuous ventilation or alarm systems are required, such systems shall be connected to a secondary source of power to automatically supply electrical power in the event of loss of power from the primary source. See Section 604.2 and the *Seattle Electrical Code*.

## SECTION 607 ELEVATOR RECALL AND MAINTENANCE

**607.1 Required.** Existing elevators with a travel distance of 25 feet (7620 mm) or more above or below the main floor or other level of a building and intended to serve the needs of emergency personnel for fire-fighting or rescue purposes shall be provided with emergency operation in accordance with ASME A17.3. New elevators shall be provided with Phase I emer-

gency recall operation and Phase II emergency in-car operation in accordance with ASME A17.1.

**Exception:** Phase I recall will be initiated on any activation of the building's fire alarm system.

**[B] 607.2 Emergency signs.** An approved pictorial sign of a standardized design shall be posted adjacent to each elevator call station on all floors instructing occupants to use the exit stairways and not to use the elevators in case of fire. The sign shall read: IN FIRE EMERGENCY, DO NOT USE ELEVATOR. USE EXIT STAIRS. The emergency sign shall not be required for elevators that are part of an accessible means of egress complying with Section 1007.4.

**607.3 Elevator keys.** Keys for the elevator car doors and fire-fighter service keys shall be kept in an approved location for immediate use by the fire department.

### SECTION 608 STATIONARY LEAD-ACID BATTERY SYSTEMS

**608.1 Scope.** Stationary lead-acid battery systems using vented (flooded) lead-acid batteries having an electrolyte capacity of more than 50 gallons (189 L) used for facility standby power, emergency power, or uninterrupted power supplies shall comply with this section. Valve-regulated lead-acid batteries are not subject to the requirements of this section, but shall comply with Section 609.

**608.2 Safety venting.** Batteries shall be provided with safety venting caps.

**608.3 Room design and construction.** Enclosure of stationary lead-acid system rooms shall comply with the *International Building Code* (see *Seattle Building Code* Section 302). The battery systems are permitted to be in the same room with the equipment they support.

**608.4 Spill control and neutralization.** An approved method and materials for the control and neutralization of a spill of electrolyte shall be provided. The method and materials shall be capable of controlling and neutralizing a spill from the largest lead-acid battery to a pH between 7.0 and 9.0.

**608.5 Ventilation.** Ventilation shall be provided in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code* and the following:

1. The ventilation system shall be designed to limit the maximum concentration of hydrogen to 1.0 percent of the total volume of the room; or
2. Continuous ventilation shall be provided at a rate of not less than 1 cubic foot per minute per square foot (1 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup>) [(0.0051 m<sup>3</sup>/(s · m<sup>2</sup>))] of floor area of the room.

**608.6 Signs.** Doors into rooms or buildings containing stationary lead-acid battery systems shall be provided with approved signs. The signs shall state that the room contains lead-acid battery systems, that the battery room contains energized electrical circuits, and that the battery electrolyte solutions are corrosive liquids.

**608.7 Seismic protection.** The battery systems shall be seismically braced in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

**608.8 Smoke detection.** An approved automatic smoke detection system shall be installed in battery rooms in accordance with Section 907.2.23.

### SECTION 609 VALVE-REGULATED LEAD-ACID (VRLA) BATTERY SYSTEMS

**609.1 Scope.** Valve-regulated lead-acid (VRLA) battery systems having an electrolyte capacity of more than 50 gallons (189 L) used for facility standby power, emergency power or uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) shall comply with this section.

**609.2 Safety vents.** VRLA batteries shall be equipped with self-resealing flame-arresting safety vents.

**609.3 Thermal runaway.** VRLA battery systems shall be provided with a listed device or other approved method to preclude, detect and control thermal runaway.

**609.4 Room design and construction.** Enclosure of VRLA battery system rooms shall comply with the *International Building Code* (see *Seattle Building Code* Section 302). The battery systems are permitted to be in the same room with the equipment they support. When VRLA battery systems are installed in a separate equipment room accessible only to authorized personnel, they shall be allowed to be installed on an open rack for ease of maintenance. When a VRLA battery system is situated in an occupied work center, it shall be housed in a noncombustible cabinet or other enclosure to prevent access by unauthorized personnel.

**609.5 Neutralization.** An approved manual method and materials for the neutralization of a release of electrolyte shall be provided. The method and materials shall be capable of controlling and neutralizing a release of 3 percent of the capacity of the largest VRLA cell or block in the room to a pH between 7.0 and 9.0.

**609.6 Room ventilation.** Ventilation shall be provided to limit the maximum concentration of hydrogen to 1 percent of the total volume of the room during the worst-case event of simultaneous "boost" charging of all batteries in the room. Where calculations are not provided to substantiate the ventilation rate, continuous ventilation at a rate of not less than 1 cubic foot per minute per square foot (1 ft<sup>3</sup>/min/ft<sup>2</sup>) [(0.0051 m<sup>3</sup>/(s · m<sup>2</sup>))] of floor area of the room shall be provided. The ventilation shall be either mechanically or naturally induced.

**609.7 Cabinet ventilation.** Where VRLA batteries are installed inside a cabinet, the cabinet shall be vented. The cabinet ventilation shall limit the maximum concentration of hydrogen to 1 percent of the total volume of the cabinet during the worst-case event of simultaneous "boost" charging of all batteries in the cabinet. Where calculations are not provided to substantiate the ventilation rate, continuous ventilation at a rate of not less than 1 cubic foot per minute per square foot (1 ft<sup>3</sup>/min/ft<sup>2</sup>) [(0.0051 m<sup>3</sup>/(s · m<sup>2</sup>))] of floor area covered by the cabinet shall be provided. The ventilation shall be either mechanically or naturally induced. The room in which the cabinet is installed shall also be ventilated as required in Section 609.6.

**609.8 Signs.** Doors into electrical equipment rooms containing VRLA battery systems shall be provided with approved signs.

The signs shall state that the room contains lead-acid battery systems and contains energized electrical circuits. Where VRLA batteries are contained in cabinets in occupied work centers, the cabinet enclosures shall be located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of the equipment that they support. The cabinets shall have exterior labels that identify the manufacturer and model number of the system and electrical rating (voltage and current) of the contained battery system. Within the cabinet there shall be signs that indicate the relevant electrical, chemical and fire hazards.

**609.9 Seismic protection.** The battery systems shall be seismically braced in accordance with the *International Building Code*.

**609.10 Smoke detection.** An approved automatic smoke detection system shall be installed in rooms containing VRLA battery systems in accordance with Section 907.2.23.

## SECTION 610 COMMERCIAL KITCHEN HOODS

[M] **610.1 General.** Commercial kitchen exhaust hoods shall comply with the requirements of this code and the *International Mechanical Code* (see also Section 904.11).

[M] **610.2 Where required.** A Type I hood shall be installed at or above all commercial cooking appliances and domestic cooking appliances used for commercial purposes that produce grease vapors.

