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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 4406

AN ORDINANCE regarding the Mechanical Code; amending Bellevue City Code 23.50.010; repealing Bellevue City Code Sections 23.50.020, 23.50.030 and 23.50.040; and adding new sections 23.50.025 and 23.50.026.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 23.50.010 of the Bellevue City Code is amended to read as follows:

23.50.010 Uniform Mechanical Code adopted, as amended, added to and excepted.

Uniform Mechanical Code, 1991 Edition, except Part 1, as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and International Conference of Building Officials, and Rules for Mechanical Installations issued pursuant to RCW 19.27, are adopted and shall be applicable within the City, as amended, added to and excepted in this Chapter.

Section 2. Bellevue City Code Sections 23.50.020, 23.50.030 and 23.50.040 are repealed.

Section 3. A new section 23.50.025 is adopted, to provide as follows:

23.50.025 Permit Exemptions. A mechanical permit shall not be required for the following:

1. A portable heating appliance, portable ventilating equipment, portable cooling unit or portable evaporative cooler.
2. A closed system of steam, hot or chilled water piping within heating or cooling equipment regulated by the Uniform Mechanical Code.
3. Replacement of any component part or assembly of an appliance which does not alter its original approval and complies with other applicable requirements of the Uniform Mechanical Code.
4. Refrigerating equipment which is part of the equipment for which a permit has been issued pursuant to the requirements of the Uniform Mechanical Code.

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5. A unit refrigerating system.

Exemption from the permit requirements of this chapter shall not be deemed to grant authorization for work to be done in violation of the provisions of the Uniform Mechanical Code or other laws or ordinances of the City.

Section 4. A new section 23.50.026 is adopted, to provide as follows:

23.50.026 Inspections. Mechanical systems for which a permit is required by this chapter shall be subject to inspection by the building official and such mechanical systems shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes until approved by the building official. It shall be the duty of the permit applicant to cause the mechanical systems to remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes. The City shall not be liable for expense entailed in the removal or replacement of material required to permit inspection. When the installation of a mechanical system is complete, an additional and final inspection shall be made. Mechanical systems regulated by the Uniform Mechanical Code shall not be connected to the energy fuel-supply lines until authorized by the building official.

Approval as a result of an inspection shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of the Uniform Mechanical Code or of other ordinances of the City. Inspections presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of the Uniform Mechanical Code or other ordinances of the City shall not be valid.

a. Operation of Mechanical Equipment. The requirements of this section shall not be considered to prohibit the operation of mechanical systems installed to replace existing equipment or fixtures serving an occupied portion of the building in the event a request for inspection of such equipment or fixture has been filed with the City not more than 48 hours after such replacement work is completed, and before any portion of such mechanical system is concealed by any permanent portion of the building.

b. Testing of Equipment. Refrigeration equipment regulated by the Uniform Mechanical Code shall be tested and approved as required by Section 1520 of the UMC.

Where applicable (see UMC Section 103), steam and hot-water boilers and piping shall be tested and approved as required by UMC Sections 2123 and 2127 of Appendix B of the UMC.

Where applicable (see UMC Section 103), fuel-gas piping shall be tested and approved as required by Section 2206 of Appendix B of the UMC.

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Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its passage by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 8th day of September, 1992, and signed in authentication of its passage this 8th day of September 1992.

(SEAL)


Cary Bozeman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Richard L. Andrews, City Attorney


Richard Gidley, Deputy City Attorney

Attest:


City Clerk

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