AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	**Item ID**	25042	**Agenda Number**	90.
Meeting Date:	6/6/2013	**Department:**	Planning and Development Review	

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance repealing and replacing Article 5 of City Code Chapter 25-12 to adopt the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code and local amendments.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 24, 2010 – Council adopted the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code with local amendments.
For More Information:	Dan McNabb, 974-2752; Leon Barba, 974-7254.
Boards and Commission Action:	December 19, 2012 – Unanimously approved by the Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Board on a 7-0 vote.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The proposed amendments to the Uniform Mechanical Code provide for changes to equipment access, electrical connections, condensate termination, environmental air duct termination, smoke control systems and duct and transfer openings.

Highlights of the draft ordinance are as follows:

- Section 303.9.3 Roof Drainage and Rails - Added language from 2012 IBC increasing distance from fall hazards to ten (10) feet to require rails.
- Section 304.2.1.1 Door or Scuttle - Added language from 2012 IBC increasing distance from fall hazards to ten (10) feet to require rails.
- Section 308.0 Electrical Connections - Amended the language to accept unit mounted shutoff as positive means of disconnect.
- Section 604.0 Insulation of Ducts - References the energy code increasing the R value needed on ductwork.
- Section 1109.4 Emergency Control - Added an exception for machinery rooms with non-flammable refrigerants.