



# Washington State Building Code Council

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## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 18-10

**CODE:** 2015 International Mechanical Code

**SECTION:** 404.4, Automobile repair facilities  
502.14, Motor vehicle operations

**QUESTION:** 1) Is it the intent of the amendment to Section 404.4 that exhaust extension ducts less than 10 feet in length would not require mechanical activation (non-mechanized, relying only on the vehicle's exhaust pressure), or that mechanical activation is required, but at rates less than 300 cfm?

2) Is it also the intent of the amendment to Section 404.4 to create an exception to the source capture requirements of Section 502.14 of the 2015 IMC, and as defined in Chapter 2 for repair garages?

**ANSWER:** **The intent is that under 10 feet no mechanical activation is required. For applicable exhaust extension ducts less than 10 feet this exception also exempts the mechanical system required by 502.14 for this duct.**

**SUPERSEDES:** None

**REQUESTED BY:** Spokane County