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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION NO. 24-17

CODE: 2021 International Mechanical Code

SECTION: 1109.2.5 Exception 3, Exterior Refrigerant Piping Enclosure Venting

QUESTION: The 2021 IMC does not require a rated vented shaft for refrigerant piping located on the exterior of the building where vented to outdoors. Are there specific requirements in the IMC or ASHRAE 15 on minimum free area and acceptable location on building exterior (distance from windows, operable openings, ventilation openings, exits, etc.) for the vent openings in exterior refrigerant piping enclosures?

ANSWER: **No. There is no specific guidance in the 2021 IMC or ASHRAE 15-2022 on vent opening minimum free area, distribution, or locations for exterior refrigerant piping enclosures.**

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Bellevue