

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**A RESOLUTION MODIFYING SECTION 2.4.310 OF THE WICHITA-  
SEDGWICK COUNTY UNIFIED BUILDING AND TRADE CODE  
REGARDING STAIRWAY GUARD OPENING LIMITATIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita City Council have hereby adopted the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Building and Trade Code ("UBTC") through Resolution No. 175-2012 and Ordinance No. 49-412; and

WHEREAS, the UBTC is the joint building and trade code within the city limits of the City of Wichita, the unincorporated area of Sedgwick County, and the second- and third-class cities within Sedgwick County that agree to have Sedgwick County inspect and/or enforce such codes within their city limits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to amend Section 2.4.310 regarding stairway guard opening limitations, as identified within this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, AMENDS THE UBTC AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2.4.310.**

**Section 2.4.310 of the UBTC is amended to read as follows:**

**Sec. 2.4.310. - Guard opening limitations.**

Section R312.1.3 of the International Residential Code is amended to read as follows:

*R312.1.3 Opening limitations.* Required guards on open sides of stairways, raised floor areas, balconies and porches shall have intermediate rails or ornamental closures which do not allow passage of a sphere 4 ½ inches (114.3 mm) or more in diameter.

**Exception:**

1. The triangular openings formed by the riser, tread and bottom rail of a guard at the open side of a stairway are permitted to be of such a size that a sphere 6 inches (152 mm) cannot pass through.
2. Openings for required guards on the sides of stair treads shall not allow sphere 4 ½ inches (114.3 mm) to pass through.

**SECTION 2. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Upon the adoption of this Resolution, the Clerk of Sedgwick County shall publish this Resolution once in the official County newspaper and it shall become effective upon publication.

Commissioners present and voting were:

DAVID M. UNRUH  
MICHAEL B. O'DONNELL, II  
DAVID T. DENNIS  
RICHARD RANZAU  
JAMES M. HOWELL

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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

ATTEST:

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KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk

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DAVID T. DENNIS, Chairman  
Commissioner, Third District

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DAVID M. UNRUH, Chair Pro Tem  
Commissioner, First District

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