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Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department

Attention Contractors:

There are several important changes that we all need to be aware of with the adoption of the 2017 Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts along with the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Building and Trade Code.

Chapter 2 (ASME 18.1): Section 2.1.1.7.1 – Runway Enclosure Provided. The code now requires edge protection at the top edge of the platform enclosure wall when the running clearance between the platform enclosure wall is less than Two (2) inches.

Chapter 2 (ASME 18.1): Section 2.1.5 – Relocatable Lifts. This Section was added to address relocatable lifts.

Chapter 9 (ASME 18.1): Section 9.1 – Engineering Type Testing and Design. This section was added to address testing of this type of equipment.

Chapter 10 (ASME 18.1): Section 11.1 – Maintenance of Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts. This section was added to address the need for a written maintenance program.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.5.020 – Installation Standards. This changes the current adopted code to the latest edition.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.5.190 – Alterations and Repairs. This section added the requirement for permits on two new items, escalator handrail replacement and safety operating switches or devices.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.5.230 & 240 – Sprinkler heads in elevator equipment rooms or hoistways. Both of these sections were removed from the UBTC. Newer equipment requires the use of sprinklers to protect the equipment and the public.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.5.270 – Emergency communications for commercial installations. This section was deleted due to new technology and advancements in wireless communications.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.5.290 – Car Enclosures. This section was removed as ADA does not require handrails within elevators.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.6.010 – Scope. This addition clarifies that other types of equipment are addressed in this section.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.6.020 – Installation Standards. This addition clarifies that other types of equipment are addressed in this section.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.6.060 – Car Enclosures. This section was amended as ADA does not require handrails within elevators.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.6.070 - Key-operated switches. This section deleted because ADA requires un-assisted access to lifts.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.6.090 – Emergency communications. This section was deleted due to new technology and advancements in wireless communications.

Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.7.090 – Emergency communications. This section was deleted due to new technology and advancements in wireless communications.

This is not a complete list of all the changes, but a list of highlights that will affect the Elevator and Handicap Accessibility Lift industry.