



**St. Louis County
Department of Public Works**

**Mechanical
Code Interpretation**

**SECTION: Code
Enforcement**

**INTERPRETATION NO :
CI \ M-01-14**

**EFFECTIVE :
January 14, 2014**

SUBJECT: Licensing

Code in Effect: 2009 International Mechanical Code and the 2009 International Fuel Gas Code as adopted by Ordinances 24438 and 24624

Background: This Interpretation replaces a July 31, 2002 interpretation on the same subject. The following question relates to air intake or exhaust grilles/louvers that are field installed in exterior walls of buildings and connected to mechanical system components in order to provide code required air or exhaust in mechanical systems.

Question: Does the Mechanical Code require the work directly associated with the installation of Mechanical Code required air intake or exhaust grilles/louvers that are field installed in an exterior wall and directly connected to the mechanical system components be performed by a contractor licensed under Section 101A of this code?

Answer: Air Intake or exhaust grilles/louvers that are connected to ductwork, mechanical equipment, and/or control devices (excluding grilles/louvers for natural ventilation) are considered an integral part of the Mechanical Code required system. Installation of these grilles/louvers, if not placed correctly, may intake air of poor quality or exhaust air in a location that may cause a nuisance. Consequently, this work shall be performed by contractors licensed Section 101A of this code.

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