

SECTION 5: Section 103 is hereby amended by deleting the definitions of the terms “Building Code,” “Mechanical Code,” “Plumbing Code” and “UBC Standards.”

SECTION 6: Section 103 is hereby amended by adding thereto, at the appropriate locations, the following terms and corresponding definitions:

**BUILDING CODE** refers to the International Building Code and the International Residential Code promulgated by the International Code Council, as adopted by the City.

**MECHANICAL CODE** is the Uniform Mechanical Code promulgated by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, as adopted by the City.

**PLUMBING CODE** is the Uniform Plumbing Code promulgated by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, as adopted by the City.

SECTION 7: Section 202 is hereby amended by deleting Subsections 202.1 and 202.6 and substituting therefor new Subsections 202.1 and 202.6 reading as follows:

**202.1 General.** The Building Official is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions of this code and the referenced technical codes. For such purposes, the Building Official shall have the powers of a law enforcement officer. The Building Official shall have the sole power and discretionary authority to render interpretations, to modify or to suspend portions of this code and the referenced technical codes and to adopt and enforce additional rules and regulations supplemental to this code and the referenced technical codes as may be deemed necessary to clarify and apply the provisions of this code and the referenced technical codes.

**202.6 Authority to Disconnect Utilities.** The Building Official or his authorized representative shall have the authority to disconnect any utility service or energy supplied to the building, structure or building service equipment therein regulated by this Code or by the technical codes, in case of emergency, where such building, structure or equipment is hazardous to life or property. The Building Official shall whenever possible notify the serving utility, the owner and the occupant of the building, structure or building service equipment of the decision to disconnect prior to taking such action, and shall notify in writing such utility, owner and occupant of such disconnection immediately thereafter. Such disconnection is also authorized in cases where a building or structure has been constructed, remodeled, repaired, energized or occupied in violation of this Code or any of the technical codes; provided, however, that notice and an opportunity for informal hearing shall first be afforded the owner and occupant.

SECTION 8: Section 204 is hereby amended by deleting Section 204.1 and 204.2 and substituting therefor a new Section 204.1 and Subsections 204.1.1 through 204.1.5, reading as follows:

**204.1 Board of Appeals.** The Board of Appeals is created to hear and decide

appeals of determinations made by the Building Official or Fire Marshal relative to the application and interpretation of the technical codes. The Board of Appeals is authorized to hear appeals relating to this Chapter and the technical codes, and to review proposed alternate materials and methods of construction. Members of the Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the Las Vegas City Council and shall serve a term of four years, or until their successors are appointed. Members may be removed from office at any time by a majority vote of the City Council.

**204.1.1 Members.** The members of the Board of Appeals shall be qualified by training and experience to decide matters pertaining to building construction and building service equipment. The members shall not be employees of the City of Las Vegas. The members of the Board of Appeals shall consist of the following:

1. Two general contractors.
2. One electrical contractor or electrical engineer.
3. Two mechanical/plumbing contractors.
4. One fire protection engineer.
5. One lay member.
6. One architect registered by the State of Nevada.
7. One structural engineer registered by the State of Nevada.

**201.1.2 Procedures.** The Board of Appeals may adopt rules and procedures for conducting its hearings and investigations. A person (the appellant) who wishes to appeal a determination of the Building Official or Fire Marshal to the Board of Appeals shall submit a written request for appeal to the Building Official or Fire Marshal, as applicable. The Building Official or Fire Marshal, as applicable, shall provide the appellant a copy of the guidelines for preparing an appeal and a copy of any Board-adopted rules and procedures. The appellant is responsible to prepare the written appeal in compliance with the guidelines. In order to provide for timely hearing and resolution of appeals, the Building Official or Fire Marshal shall schedule a hearing before the Board upon a determination of the Building Official or Fire Marshal that a written appeal is in substantial compliance with the Board guidelines for preparing an appeal. In addition to information and evidence submitted by the appellant, information and evidence may be submitted in support of the determination by the Building Official or Fire Marshal. The Board shall issue a written decision based on the evidence presented at the hearing. The decision shall be signed by the chairman of the Board and shall be filed with the Building Official or Fire Marshal, as applicable. A copy of the Board decision shall be delivered to the appellant in person or by U.S. Certified Mail.

**201.1.3 Limitation and Scope of Authority.** The Board of Appeals shall not have authority relative to the interpretation of the administrative provisions of this Chapter or the adopted administrative provisions of the technical codes, nor shall the Board be empowered to waive any requirements of this Chapter or the technical codes.

**201.1.4 Tests.** The appellant shall, at the appellant's expense, cause to be performed and produced any tests or research necessary to support appellant's claims before the Board of Appeals and any tests or research as may be required by the Board in its consideration of the claims

of the appellant.

**201.1.5 Liability.** No member of the Board of Appeals shall be personally liable for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any good faith act or any good faith act omission in the discharge of the duties specified herein. Any suit brought against the Board or any member thereof resulting from such act or omission performed, or not performed, by a member of the Board acting in an official capacity in the performance of Board duties as specified in this Chapter shall be considered an act of the City of Las Vegas and shall be subject to all applicable immunities and rights conferred by law upon the City of Las Vegas, as well as subject to applicable City of Las Vegas liability self-insurance or insurance coverage.

SECTION 9: Section 301 is hereby amended by deleting Subsection 301.1 and substituting therefor a new Subsection 301.1 and new Subsections 301.1.1, 301.1.2, and 301.1.3, reading as follows:

**301.1 Permits Required.** Except as specified in this Section 301 or in Section 28 of this Supplemental Document, no building, structure, building service equipment or onsite improvement regulated by this Code or any of the technical codes shall be erected, constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, improved, removed, converted, or demolished unless a separate, appropriate permit for each building, structure, building service equipment or onsite improvement has first been obtained from the Building Official. If work is commenced before a necessary and appropriate permit for the work has been obtained, the Building Official is authorized to charge:

1. An additional fee in the amount of the building permit fees chargeable under Section 304 (i.e., double fees); and
2. An investigation inspection fee pursuant to Table No. 3-E, if an inspector or inspections supervisor is sent to inspect the work.

**NOTE:** Requirements concerning swimming pools and spas are contained in Sections 39 to 44, inclusive, of this Supplemental Document.

**301.1.1 Licensing and Contractor Requirements.** No building permits shall be issued for building work which is required to be performed by a licensed contractor under NRS Chapter 624 unless the applicant is appropriately licensed by the State of Nevada and is licensed to do business within the City. Where State law requires that a general contractor be retained for a particular project, the general contractor shall be responsible for acquiring the permits for all the trades to be involved in the work, and shall be responsible for paying all fees associated with the work in accordance with Table Nos. 3-A, 3-B and 3-C. A general contractor to whom a permit is issued shall be responsible for all work authorized for the project and shall post at the job site a list of all subcontractors doing work on the job with their names, their State subcontractor's license numbers and classifications and their City business license numbers. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing subcontractors shall register with the Department when all permits have been taken out by the general contractor. The general contractor and subcontractors must meet all applicable qualifications and requirements described in the technical codes. All building permit applications