

CHAPTER 154
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MECHANICAL CODE

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154.01 MECHANICAL CODE ADOPTED. Except as hereinafter added to, deleted, modified or amended, there is hereby adopted as the Mechanical Code of the City that certain Mechanical Code known as the *International Mechanical Code, 2024 Edition*, as prepared and published by the International Code Council, which code is hereby specifically incorporated by reference and shall be known as the Robins Mechanical Code. The provisions of said Mechanical Code shall be controlling in the erection, installation, alteration, repair, relocation, replacement, addition to, use, maintenance or removal of heating, ventilation, cooling or refrigerating systems, incinerators or other miscellaneous heat-producing or refrigerating appliances and in all matters covered by said Mechanical Code within the corporate limits of the City.

154.02 AMENDMENTS TO THE MECHANICAL CODE. Certain sections of the *International Mechanical Code, 2024 Edition*, are hereby amended, deleted, modified or added to as more specifically set forth in the following sections of this chapter.

154.03 CONFLICTS. If conflicts arise in requirements with regards to specifications of materials or methods between portions of this code, between this code and other local codes or between this code and applicable State or Federal requirements, the more stringent shall apply.

154.04 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE. The Robins Mechanical Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 101.2.7 to the *International Fuel Gas Code* as follows:

101.2.2 The *International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 Edition*, as further amended is hereby adopted and shall be considered as part of this code.

154.05 PERMIT FEES. The Robins Mechanical Code is hereby amended by deleting Section 109.2-108.2 from the *International Mechanical Code, 2024 Edition*, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

109.2108.2 SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES. Where work requires a permit, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required in accordance with the schedule as established as set forth in Table M-1, Mechanical Fees, as adopted by resolution of the City of Robins Council.

154.06 VIOLATION. The Robins Mechanical Code is hereby amended by deleting Section 114.4 of the International Mechanical Code in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

114.4 Violations. Any person who violates a provision of this Code or who shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter or repair plumbing work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the Code Official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this Code, shall be subject to the provisions of City of Robins Code of Ordinances Chapter 1, Article 14.

154.07 EXPIRATION. The Robins Mechanical Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 105.4.3 to the *International Mechanical Code, 2024 Edition* as Follows:

105.4.3 EXPIRATION. Every Mechanical permit issued under the provisions of the Code shall expire twenty-four (24) months from the date of issue, unless the application is accompanied by a construction schedule of specific longer duration, in which instance the permit may be issued for the term of the construction schedule. If the work has not been completed by the expiration date of the permit, no further work shall be done until the permit shall have been renewed by the owner or his or her agent and by payment of the new permit fee as set forth in Table 1-A SCHEDULE OF FEES as adopted by resolution of the Robins City Council and provided no changes have been made in plans or location. No permit shall be renewed.

154.08 BOARD OF APPEALS. The Robins Mechanical Code is hereby amended by repealing Section 113 from the *International Mechanical Code*, and by replacing said section with a new section as follows:

113 BOARD OF APPEALS. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the Building Official relative to the application and interpretation of this Code, there shall be and is hereby created a Board of Appeals, consisting of the members of the Construction Codes Review Board as established in City of Robins Code of Ordinances Section 155.12. The Building Official or designated representative shall be an ex-officio member without a vote and shall act as secretary of the Board.

The Board shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for conducting its investigations and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the Building Official with a duplicate copy to the appellant and may recommend to the City Council such new legislation as is consistent therewith. The Board shall hold a regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month, unless there are no appeals or business on file for a hearing.

Nominal appeal fee to the Board of Appeals shall be paid as set forth in Table M-1 SCHEDULE OF FEES as adopted by resolution of the City Council. The appeal shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of the Board approval to the commencement of work and to the completion of work undertaken pursuant to the approval.

The Board shall have no authority to interpretation of the administration of this code nor shall such board be empowered to waive requirements of this code.

154.09 GAS PIPE JOINTS. The Robins Mechanical Code is hereby amended by adding a

new Section 403.9.1.1 to the *International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 Edition*, as follows:

403.9.1.1 PIPE JOINTS. All joints of wrought iron steel gas piping larger than two inches (2") standard iron pipe size or providing gas pressure greater than two (2) PSIG shall be welded steel. All welded joints shall comply with the State of Iowa requirements and the work shall be performed by certified welders, whose current certification is on file with the City of Robins.

154.10 FUEL GAS PIPE LOCATION. The Robins Mechanical Code is hereby amended by deleting Section 404.3 from the *International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 Edition*, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

404.3 Prohibited Locations. Piping shall not be installed in or through a duct supply, return or exhaust, or a clothes chute, chimney or gas vent, dumbwaiter, or elevator shaft.

154.11 CODE ON FILE. An official copy of the Robins Mechanical Code hereby adopted, including a certificate by the City Clerk as to its adoption and the effective date thereof, is on file in the Office of the Clerk in City Hall and shall be kept on file, and copies shall be available in the Building Department for public inspection.

154.12 LICENSING OF MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS.

1. **Title and purpose.** This section shall be known as the "City of Robins, Iowa, Mechanical Heating/Cooling Licensing Code." The purpose of this section is to provide for the licensing and insuring of heating/cooling apprentices, journeymen/installers and contractors in order to protect public health, safety and welfare.
2. **Licensing required.** No person shall install, alter, and add to, repair, relocate, replace or maintain any mechanical system within the City unless such person meets the requirements of licensing rules as established by the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Examining Board, and has obtained a permit for said mechanical work from the Building Official according to the provisions of the Robins Mechanical Code.
3. **Violations.** Violations of this section shall be punished as provided in section 1.14 of the Code of Ordinances or may be cited as a municipal infraction under Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances.

