

**ORDINANCE MC49-16**  
**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2015**  
**INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE AND AMENDMENTS AND**  
**ADDITIONS THERETO; AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND**  
**RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY MINNEHAHA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. Adoption International Residential Building Code 2015.**

The International Residential Code, 2015 edition including Appendix E, Appendix G, and Appendix H as published by the International Code Council Inc. as amended is hereby adopted as the residential building code by the county for regulating the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, movement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, removal, and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings and town houses not more than three stories in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures, and provides for the issuance of permits and the collection of fees therefore. The minimum building standards in the 2015 edition of the International Residential Code and amendments thereto shall be applied to any building permit issued after September 6, 2016. The adoption of the International Residential Building Code, 2015 edition will become effective September 7, 2016. A printed copy as amended is on file in the Auditor's Office.

**SECTION 2. Repeal.**

Ordinance MC44-13 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS TO THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE.**

*The following sections and subsections of the 2015 International Residential Code adopted in this article shall be amended, added, or not adopted by the county as follows. All other sections or subsections of the 2015 International Residential Code as published shall remain the same.*

**R101.1 Title.** These provisions shall be known as the *Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings* of Minnehaha County, and shall be cited as such and will be referred to herein as "this code."

**R101.2 Scope.** The provisions of the *International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings* shall apply to the construction, *alteration*, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, *equipment*, use and occupancy, location, removal and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings and *townhouses* not more than three stories above *grade plane* in height with a separate means of egress and their *accessory structures* not more than three stories above grade plane in height.

**Exceptions:** 1. Live/work units located in townhouses and complying with the requirements of Section 419 of the *International Building Code* shall be permitted to be constructed in accordance with the *International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings*. Fire suppression if installed may conform to Section P2904.

2. Owner-occupied lodging houses with five or fewer guestrooms shall be permitted to be constructed in accordance with the *International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings*. A fire sprinkler system if installed may be in accordance with Section P2904.

3. Existing buildings undergoing repair, alteration or additions, and change of occupancy may be permitted to comply with the *International Existing Building Code*.

**R103.1 Enforcement agency.** Minnehaha County Planning and Zoning is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the *building official*.

**R103.2 Appointment.** Not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**R104.8.1 Legal defense.** Any suit or criminal complaint instituted against an officer or employee because of an act performed by that officer or employee in the lawful discharge of duties and under the provisions of this code shall be afforded all the protection provided by the County's liability insurance and any immunities and defenses provided by other applicable state and federal law and defended by legal representatives of the *jurisdiction* until the final termination of the proceedings. The *building official* or any subordinate shall not be liable for cost in any action, suit or proceeding that is instituted in pursuance of the provisions of this code.

This code shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility of any person owning, operating, or controlling any building or structure for any damages to persons or property caused by defects, nor shall the code enforcement agency or the county be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspection authorized by this code or any permits or certificates issued under this code.

**R105.1 Required.** Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the *building official* and obtain the required *permit*. The building official may exempt permits for minor work.

**R105.2 Work exempt from permit.** Exemption from *permit* requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this *jurisdiction*. Permits shall not be required for the following:

**Building:** 1. One-story detached *accessory structures*, provided that the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11 m<sup>2</sup>). Such structures must still meet applicable setback requirements of the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County, the 2001 Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Dell Rapids, and the 2002 Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Sioux Falls.

2. Fences not over 6 feet (1829 mm) high. Fences must still meet applicable requirements of the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County, the 2001 Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Dell Rapids, and the 2002 Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Sioux Falls.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the grade elevation to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon *grade* if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Sidewalks and driveways. A driveway permit may be required by the applicable road authority.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 18 inches (457 mm) deep.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1,372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m<sup>2</sup>) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above *grade* at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.

**Electrical:**

1. *Listed* cord-and-plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
2. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets therefor.
3. Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location.
4. Electrical wiring, devices, *appliances*, apparatus or *equipment* operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
5. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of *approved* portable electrical *equipment* to *approved* permanently installed receptacles.

**Gas:**

1. Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying *appliances*.

2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of *equipment* or make such *equipment* unsafe.
3. Portable-fuel-cell *appliances* that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

**Mechanical:**

1. Portable heating *appliances*.
2. Portable ventilation *appliances*.
3. Portable cooling units.
4. Steam, hot- or chilled-water piping within any heating or cooling *equipment* regulated by this code.
5. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of *equipment* or make such *equipment* unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative coolers.
7. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.
8. Portable-fuel-cell *appliances* that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

**Plumbing:**

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a *permit* shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code.
2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

**R105.5 Expiration.** Every *permit* issued shall become invalid 365 days after its issuance. The *building official* is authorized to grant, in writing, one extension of time, for a period not more than 180 days. The extension shall be requested in writing and any fees paid before the original permit expires.

**R106.1 Submittal documents.** Submittal documents consisting of *construction documents*, and other data shall be submitted with each application for a *permit*. The *construction documents* shall be prepared by a registered *design professional* where required by the statutes of the *jurisdiction* in which the project is to be constructed. Where special conditions exist, the *building official* is authorized to require additional *construction documents* to be prepared by a registered *design professional*.

**Exception:** The *building official* is authorized to waive the submission of *construction documents* and other data not required to be prepared by a registered *design professional* if it is found that the nature of the work applied for is such that reviewing of *construction documents* is not necessary to obtain compliance with this code.

**R106.1.5 Energy efficiency.** Construction documents for detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhomes shall be provided with the intended R-value for the ceilings, walls, floors, basement walls (if finished), slab perimeter R-value and depth, and crawl space walls.

**R106.1.6 Foundation reinforcement.** Construction for detached one- and two-family dwellings and town houses shall be provided with the intended reinforcement of foundation walls referenced in Tables R404.1.1(2), R404.1.1(3), and R404.1.1(4) for reinforced masonry foundation walls; Tables R404.1.2(2), R404.1.2(3), R404.1.2(4), and R404.1.1(8) for flat concrete foundation walls; Tables 404.1.2(5) and R404.1.2(6) for waffle-grid basement walls; and Table R404.1.2(7) for screed-grid basement walls where the foundation wall exceeds the provisions for plain masonry and concrete foundation walls.

**R106.3.1 Approval of construction documents.** Where the *building official* issues a *permit*, the *construction documents* shall be submitted and reviewed One set of *construction documents* so reviewed shall be retained by the *building official*.

**R108.2 Schedule of permit fees.** On buildings, structures, electrical, gas, mechanical and plumbing systems or *alterations* requiring a *permit*, a fee for each *permit* shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by Minnehaha County.

The fee schedules for the issuance of a building permit shall be as follows:

**Table No. 1-A. Building Permit Fees**

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| 1. Residential Structures _____           | \$60.00 or 0.4% of the construction costs, whichever is greater. |
| 2. Commercial/Industrial Structures _____ | \$100.00 or 1% of the construction costs, whichever is greater.  |
| 3. Agricultural Structures _____          | \$30.00 or 0.2% of the construction costs, whichever is greater. |
| 4. Temporary Building Permit Fee _____    | \$60.00  |
| 5. Building Permit Extension _____        | \$50.00 (maximum 180 days)                                       |

**Table No. 1-B. Other Inspections and Fees**

1. Inspections outside of normal business hours, per hour\*  
(minimum charge – one hour) \_\_\_\_\_ \$70.00
2. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated, per hour\*  
(minimum charge – one hour) \_\_\_\_\_ \$70.00
3. Change of Occupancy/Use Zoning Permit \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00
4. Board of Appeals. Before the board takes any action, the party or parties requesting such hearing shall pay the fee of \$250.00. Under no condition shall said sum or any part thereof be refunded for failure of said request to be approved.
5. A mileage fee based on the current rate per mile authorized by the Internal Revenue Service shall be charged for any inspection occurring outside Minnehaha County.

**R108.3 Building permit valuations.** Building permit valuation shall include total value of the work for which a permit is being issued, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment, and other permanent systems, including materials and labor. If, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation is underestimated on the application, the permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the building official.

**R108.6 Work commencing before permit issuance.** Any person who commences work requiring a *permit* on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to a fee established by the applicable governing authority that shall be in addition to the required *permit* fees. Administrative citations and legal and/or civil proceedings may also be commenced.

**R109.1.1 Footing inspection.** Inspection of the footing shall be made after poles or piers are set or trenches or *basement* areas are excavated and any required forms erected and any required reinforcing steel is in place and supported prior to the placing of concrete. The footing inspection shall include excavations for thickened slabs intended for the support of bearing walls, partitions, structural supports, or *equipment* and special requirements for wood foundations.

**R109.1.2 Plumbing, mechanical, gas and electrical systems inspections.** Shall be made by the State of South Dakota.

**R109.1.3 Floodplain inspections.** For construction in flood hazard areas as established by 2011 Floodplain Management Ordinance for Minnehaha County, upon placement of the lowest floor, including *basement*, and prior to further vertical construction, the floodplain administrator shall require submission of documentation, prepared and sealed by a registered *design professional*, of the elevation of the lowest floor, including *basement*, required in 2011 Floodplain Management Ordinance for Minnehaha County.

**R109.1.6.1 Elevation documentation.** If located in a flood hazard area, the documentation of elevations required in Section R322.1.10 shall be submitted to the floodplain administrator prior to the final inspection.

**R110.1 Use and occupancy.** No building or structure shall be used or occupied, and no change

in the existing use or occupancy classification of a building or structure or portion thereof shall be made until the building official has completed a final inspection and all construction and code requirements have been met to the building official's satisfaction. Approval of a final inspection shall not be construed as an approval of a violation of the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the county.

**[A] 110.3 Certificate issued.** After the *building official* inspects the building and does not find violations of the provisions of this code or other laws that are enforced by Planning and Zoning Department, the *building official* may issue a certificate of occupancy containing the following:

1. The building permit number.
2. The address of the structure.
3. A statement that the described portion of the structure has been inspected for compliance with the requirements of this code for the occupancy and division of occupancy and the use for which the proposed occupancy is classified.
4. The name of the *code official*.
5. The edition of the code under which the permit was issued.
6. If an automatic sprinkler system is provided and whether the sprinkler system is required.
7. Any special stipulations and conditions of the building permit.

**R110.6 Placards.** Placards or inspection record tags placed on the job by the inspectors to indicate approval of the work inspected shall not be removed, except when authorized by the building official.

**R112.1 General.** In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the building official or employee 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 Minnehaha County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission acting as the board of appeals may call upon experts in the field of architecture, engineering and construction before making a decision on any appeal coming before them.

**R112.2 Limitations on authority.** An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. The board shall not have authority relative to the interpretation of the administrative provisions of this code nor shall the board be empowered to waive requirements of this code.

**R113.3 Prosecution of violation.** If the notice of violation is not complied with in the time prescribed by such notice, the *building official* is authorized to request the legal counsel of the

*jurisdiction* to deem the violation as a strict liability offense and institute the appropriate proceeding at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such violation, or to require the removal or termination of the unlawful occupancy of the building or structure in violation of the provisions of this code or of the order or direction made pursuant thereto.

**R113.4 Violation penalties.** Pursuant to the County’s authority South Dakota Codified Laws Chapter 7-18A-2, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a violation of said ordinance and be punishable by a fine not to exceed the fine established by SDCL 22-6-2(2) for each violation, or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty days for each violation, or by both the fine and imprisonment; in addition the County may institute an action for civil injunctive relief as provided by SDCL Chapter 21-8. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

**Section R202. Definitions.** Add the following definition.

**Strict liability offense.** An offense in which the prosecution in a legal proceeding is not required to prove criminal intent as a part of its case. It is enough to prove that the defendant either did an act which was prohibited or failed to do an act which the defendant was legally required to do.

**Table R301.2(1)  
Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria**

GROUND SNOW LOAD <sup>n</sup> .....	40 psf contour
WIND DESIGN	
Wind Speed <sup>d</sup> .....	115 mph
Topographic Effects <sup>k</sup> .....	No
SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY <sup>f</sup> .....	A
SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM	
Weathering <sup>a</sup> .....	Severe
Frost Line Depth <sup>b</sup> .....	42 inches (1,067 mm)
Termite Damage <sup>c</sup> .....	Slight to Moderate
WINTER DESIGN TEMPERATURE <sup>e</sup> .....	-11 degrees Fahrenheit
ICE BARRIER UNDERLAYMENT REQUIREMENT <sup>h</sup> .....	Yes
FLOOD HAZARDS <sup>g</sup> Minnehaha County entered the regular phase of the National Flood Insurance Program on September 5, 1979.	
AIR FREEZING INDEX <sup>i</sup> .....	3,000
MEAN ANNUAL TEMPERATURE <sup>j</sup> .....	46 degrees Fahrenheit

For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479 kPa, 1 mile per hour = 0.447 m/s.

- a. Weathering may require a higher strength concrete or grade of masonry than necessary to satisfy the structural requirements of this code. The weathering column shall be filled in with the weathering index "negligible," "moderate" or "severe" for concrete as determined from Figure R301.2(3). The grade of masonry units shall be determined from ASTM C 34, C 55, C 62, C 73, C 90, C 129, C 145, C 216 or C 652.
- b. The frost line depth may require deeper footings than indicated in Figure R403.1(1). The jurisdiction shall fill in the frost line depth column with the minimum depth of footing below finish grade.
- c. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table to indicate the need for protection depending on whether there has been a history of local subterranean termite damage.
- d. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the wind speed from the basic wind speed map [Figure R301.2(4)A]. Wind exposure category shall be determined on a site-specific basis in accordance with Section R301.2.1.4.
- e. The outdoor design dry-bulb temperature shall be selected from the columns of 97 ½ percent values for winter from Appendix D of the *International Plumbing Code*. Deviations from the Appendix D temperatures shall be permitted to reflect local climates or local weather experience as determined by the building official.
- f. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the seismic design category determined from Section R301.2.2.1.
- g. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with (a) the date of the jurisdiction's entry into the National Flood Insurance Program (date of adoption of the first code or ordinance for management of flood hazard areas), (b) the date(s) of the Flood Insurance Study and (c) the panel numbers and dates of the currently effective FIRMs and FBFMs or other flood hazard map adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, as amended.
- h. In accordance with Sections R905.1.2, R905.4.3.1, R905.5.3.1, R905.6.3.1, R905.7.3.1 and R905.8.3.1, where there has been a history of local damage from the effects of ice damming, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with "YES." Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with "NO."
- i. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the 100-year return period air freezing index (BF-days) from Figure R403.3(2) or from the 100-year (99 percent) value on the National Climatic Data Center data table "Air Freezing Index-USA Method (Base 32° F)."
- j. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the mean annual temperature from the National Climatic Data Center data table "Air Freezing Index-USA Method (Base 32° F)."
- k. In accordance with Section R301.2.1.5, where there is local historical data documenting structural damage to buildings due to topographic wind speed-up effects, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with "YES." Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall indicate "NO" in this part of the table.

l. In accordance with Figure 301.2(4)A, where there is local historical data documenting unusual wind conditions, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with “YES” and identify the specific requirements. Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall indicate “NO” in this part of the table.

m. In accordance with Section R301.2.1.2.1, the jurisdiction shall indicate the wind-blown debris zone(s). Otherwise the jurisdiction shall indicate “NO” in this part of the table.

n. On roof systems that are not engineered, conventionally framed roof slopes with a rise of 3 inches (76.2 mm) or less to 12 inches (305 mm) shall be designed for a full or unbalanced snow load of not less than 30 pounds per square foot (1.44 kN/square meter) of horizontal projection. Where a roof system is designed to slope less than 1/4 inch (6.35 mm) per 12 inches (305 mm), a surcharge load of not less than 5 pounds per square foot (0.24 kN/square meter) in addition to the required live load due to snow shall be designed for. Roof slopes with over 3 inches (76.2 mm) of rise per 12 inches (305 mm) shall be designed for a full or unbalanced snow load of not less than 25 pounds per square foot (1.2 kN/square meter) of horizontal projection. Potential unbalanced accumulation of snow at valleys, parapets, roof structures, and offsets in roofs of uneven configuration shall be considered.

**Table R301.5**  
**Minimum Uniformly Distributed Live Loads**  
**(in pounds per square foot)**

USE	LIVE LOAD
Uninhabitable attics without storage <sup>b</sup>	10
Uninhabitable attics with limited storage <sup>b, g</sup>	20
Habitable attics and attics served with fixed stairs	30
Balconies (exterior) and decks <sup>e</sup>	40
Fire escapes	40
Guardrails and handrails <sup>d</sup>	200 <sup>h</sup>
Guardrails in-fill components <sup>f</sup>	50 <sup>h</sup>
Passenger vehicle garages <sup>a</sup>	50 <sup>a</sup>
Rooms	40
Stairs	40 <sup>c</sup>

For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479 kPa, 1 square inch = 645 mm<sup>2</sup>, 1 pound = 4.45 N.

a. Elevated garage floors shall be capable of supporting a 2,000-pound load applied over a 20-square-inch area.

b. Uninhabitable *attics* without storage are those where the clear height between joists and rafters is not more than 42 inches, or where there are not two or more adjacent trusses with web configurations capable of accommodating an assumed rectangle 42 inches in height by 24 inches in width, or greater, within the plane of the trusses. This live load need not be assumed to act concurrently with any other live load requirements.

c. Individual stair treads shall be designed for the uniformly distributed live load or a 300-pound concentrated load acting over an area of 4 square inches, whichever produces the greater stresses.

d. A single concentrated load applied in any direction at any point along the top.

e. See Section R507.1 for decks attached to *exterior walls*.

f. *Guard* in-fill components (all those except the handrail), balusters and panel fillers shall be designed to withstand a horizontally applied normal load of 50 pounds on an area equal to 1 square foot. This load need not be assumed to act concurrently with any other live load requirement.

g. Uninhabitable *attics* with limited storage are those where the clear height between joists and rafters is not greater than 42 inches, or where there are two or more adjacent trusses with web configurations capable of accommodating an assumed rectangle 42 inches in height by 24 inches in width, or greater, within the plane of the trusses. The live load need only be applied to those portions of the joists or truss bottom chords where all of the following conditions are met:

1. The *attic* area is accessible from an opening not less than 20 inches in width by 30 inches in length that is located where the clear height in the *attic* is not less than 30 inches.
2. The slopes of the joists or truss bottom chords are not greater than 2 inches vertical to 12 inches horizontal.
3. Required insulation depth is less than the joist or truss bottom chord member depth.

The remaining portions of the joists or truss bottom chords shall be designed for a uniformly distributed concurrent live load of not less than 10 pounds per square foot.

h. Glazing used in handrail assemblies and *guards* shall be designed with a safety factor of 4. The safety factor shall be applied to each of the concentrated loads applied to the top of the rail, and to the load on the infill components. These loads shall be determined independent of one another, and loads are assumed not to occur with any other live load.

**TABLE R302.1(1)  
EXTERIOR WALLS**

Exterior Wall Element		Minimum Fire-Resistance Rating	Minimum Fire Separation Distance
Walls	Fire-resistance rated	1 hour—tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 with exposure from both sides	< 5 feet
	Not fire-resistance rated	0 hours	≥ 5 feet
Projections	Fire-resistance rated	1 hour on the underside	≥ 2 to < 3 feet
	Not fire-resistance rated	0 hours	≥ 3 feet
Openings	Not allowed	N/A	< 3 feet
	25% Maximum of Wall Area	0 hours	3 feet
	Unlimited	0 hours	5 feet
Penetrations	All	Comply with Section R317.3	< 5 feet
		None required	5 feet

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

N/A = Not Applicable.

a. Roof eave fire-resistance rating shall be permitted to be reduced to 0 hours on the underside of the eave if fireblocking is provided from the wall top plate to the underside of the roof sheathing.

b. Roof eave fire-resistance rating shall be permitted to be reduced to 0 hours on the underside of the eave provided that gable vent openings are not installed.

**R302.2 Townhouses.** Common walls separating *townhouses* shall be assigned a fire-resistance rating in accordance with Section R302.2, Item 1 or 2. The common wall shared by two *townhouses* shall be constructed without mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior walls and the underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be in accordance with the National Electrical Code. Penetrations of the membrane of common walls for electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4. Plumbing installations shall be in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code. Membrane or through penetrations of common walls for plumbing systems shall be in accordance with Section 302.4.

1. Where a fire sprinkler system in accordance with Section P2904 is provided, the common wall shall be not less than a 1-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263.

2. Where a fire sprinkler system in accordance with Section P2904 is not provided, the common wall shall be not less than a 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly or equivalent tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263.

**R302.2.1 Continuity.** The fire-resistance-rated wall or assembly separating *townhouses* shall be continuous from the foundation to the underside of the roof sheathing, deck or slab. The fire-resistance rating shall extend the full length of the wall or assembly, including wall extensions through and separating attached enclosed *accessory structures*.

Exterior walls that extend beyond an adjacent structure that has a fire separation distance less than 5 feet (1,523 mm) to a common property line shall have not less than a one-hour fire rating with exposure from both sides with no openings allowed therein.

Projections such as a deck that have a fire separation distance of less than 3 feet (914 mm) to a common property line shall have a 1-hour fire rating with exposure from both sides with no openings allowed therein that extends at least 30 inches (762 mm) above the projection.

**R302.2.4 Structural independence.** Each individual *townhouse* shall be structurally independent.

**Exceptions:** 1. Foundations supporting *exterior walls* or common walls.

2. Structural roof and wall sheathing from each unit fastened to the common wall framing.

3. Nonstructural wall and roof coverings.

4. Flashing at termination of roof covering over common wall.

5. *Townhouses* separated by a common wall as provided in Section R302.2, Item 1.

**R302.13 Fire protection of floors.** Not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**R303.5.1 Intake openings.** Mechanical and gravity outdoor air intake openings shall be located not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from any hazardous or noxious contaminant, such as vents, chimneys, plumbing vents, streets, alleys, parking lots and loading docks.

For the purpose of this section, the exhaust from *dwelling* unit toilet rooms, bathrooms and kitchens shall not be considered as hazardous or noxious.

**Exceptions:** 1. The 10-foot (3048 mm) separation is not required where the intake opening is located 3 feet (914 mm) or greater below the contaminant source.

2. Vents and chimneys serving fuel-burning appliances shall be terminated in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 18 and 24.

3. Clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall be terminated in accordance with Section M1502.3.

4. For equipment replacements on existing structures, gravity outdoor intake openings for combustion air shall be located a minimum of 3 feet (914 mm) from any hazardous or noxious contaminant.

**R309.5 Fire sprinklers.** Not adopted by the Minnehaha County.

**R310.2.1 Minimum opening area.** Emergency and escape rescue openings shall have a net clear opening of not less than 5.0 square feet (0.465 m<sup>2</sup>). The net clear opening dimensions required by this section shall be obtained by the normal operation of the emergency escape and rescue opening from the inside. The net clear height opening shall be not less than 24 inches (610 mm) and the net clear width shall be not less than 20 inches (508 mm).

**R310.2.2 Window sill height.** Where a window is provided as the emergency escape and rescue opening, it shall have a sill height of not more than 48 inches (1,219 mm) above the floor; where the sill height is below grade, it shall be provided with a window well in accordance with Section R310.2.3.

**R310.2.3.1 Ladder and steps.** Window wells with a vertical depth greater than 48 inches (1,219 mm) shall be equipped with a permanently affixed ladder or steps usable with the window in the fully open position. Ladders or steps required by this section shall not be required to comply with Sections R311.7 and R311.8. Ladders or rungs shall have an inside width of not less than 12 inches (305 mm), shall project not less than 3 inches (76 mm) from the wall and shall be spaced not more than 18 inches (457 mm) on center vertically for the full height of the window well.

**R311.3.1 Floor elevations at the required egress doors.** Landings or finished floors at the required egress door shall be not more than 1 1/2 inches (38 mm) lower than the top of the threshold.

**Exception:** The landing or floor on the exterior side shall be not more than 8 inches (202 mm) below the top of the threshold provided the door does not swing over the landing or floor.

Where exterior landings or floors serving the required egress door are not at *grade*, they shall be provided with access to *grade* by means of a ramp in accordance with Section R311.8 or a stairway in accordance with Section R311.7.

**R311.3.2 Floor elevations for other exterior doors.** Doors other than the required egress door shall be provided with landings or floors not more than 8 inches (202 mm) below the top of the threshold.

**Exception:** A top landing is not required where a stairway of not more than two risers is located on the exterior side of the door, provided that the door does not swing over the stairway.

**R311.7.5.1 Risers.** The riser height shall be not more than 8 inches (202 mm). The riser shall be measured vertically between leading edges of the adjacent treads. The greatest riser height within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8 inch (9.5 mm). Risers shall be vertical or sloped from the underside of the nosing of the tread above at an angle not more than 30 degrees (0.51 rad) from the vertical. Open risers are permitted.

**Exceptions:** 1. The opening between adjacent treads is not limited on spiral stairways.

2. The riser height of spiral stairways shall be in accordance with Section R311.7.10.1.

**R311.7.8.2 Continuity.** Handrails for stairways shall extend for the full length of the flight, from a point directly above the top riser of the flight to a point directly above the lowest riser of the flight. Handrail ends shall be returned or shall terminate in newel posts or safety terminals. Handrails adjacent to a wall shall have a space of not less than 1 1/2 inches (38 mm) between the wall and the handrails.

**Exceptions:** 1. Handrails shall be permitted to be interrupted by a newel post at the turn.

2. The use of a volute, turnout, starting easing or starting newel shall be allowed over the lowest tread.

**R311.7.8.3 Grip-size.** Required handrails shall be of one of the following types or provide equivalent graspability.

1. Type I. Handrails with a circular cross section shall have an outside diameter of not less than 1 1/4 inches (32 mm) and not greater than 2 inches (51 mm). If the handrail is

not circular, it shall have a perimeter dimension of not less than 4 inches (102 mm) and not greater than 6 1/4 inches (160 mm) with a cross section of dimension of not more than 2 1/4 inches (57 mm). Edges shall have a radius of not less than 0.01 inch (0.25 mm).

2. Type II. Handrails with a perimeter greater than 6 1/4 inches (160 mm) shall have a graspable finger recess area on both sides of the profile. The finger recess shall begin within a distance of 3/4 inch (19 mm) measured vertically from the tallest portion of the profile and achieve a depth of not less than 5/16 inch (8 mm) within 7/8 inch (22 mm) below the widest portion of the profile. This required depth shall continue for not less than 3/8 inch (10 mm) to a level that is not less than 1 3/4 inches (45 mm) below the tallest portion of the profile. The width of the handrail above the recess shall be not less than 1 1/4 inches (32 mm) and not more than 2 3/4 inches (70 mm). Edges shall have a radius of not less than 0.01 inch (0.25 mm).

**Exception:** Exterior stairs are allowed to have a horizontal 2X member to form a 1 1/2-inch graspable dimension in lieu of the above-referenced perimeter dimensions.

**R312.1.3 Opening limitations.** Required *guards* shall not have openings from the walking surface to the required *guard* height that allow passage of a sphere 5 inches (127 mm) in diameter.

**Exception:** The triangular openings at the open side of stair, formed by the riser, tread and bottom rail of a *guard*, shall not allow passage of a sphere 6 inches (153 mm) in diameter.

**R313.1 Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems.** Not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**R313.1.1 Design and installation.** When automatic residential fire sprinkler systems for *townhouses* are installed, it shall be designed and installed in accordance with Section P2904 or NFPA 13D.

**R313.2 One- and two-family dwellings automatic fire systems.** Not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**R313.2.1 Design and installation.** When automatic residential fire sprinkler systems are installed, it shall be designed and installed in accordance with Section P2904 or NFPA 13D.

**R314.2.2 Alterations, repairs and additions.** Where *alterations*, *repairs* or *additions* requiring a permit occur with a valuation of more than \$1000, or where one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing *dwellings*, the individual *dwelling unit* shall be equipped with smoke alarms located as required for new *dwellings*.

**Exceptions:** 1. Work involving the exterior surfaces of *dwellings*, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, the *addition* or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck, are exempt from the requirements of this section.

2. Installation, alteration or repairs of plumbing or mechanical systems are exempt from the requirements of this section.

**R314.3 Location.** Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

1. In each sleeping room.
2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
3. On each additional *story* of the *dwelling*, including *basements* and *habitable attics* and not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable *attics*. In *dwelling*s or *dwelling units* with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full *story* below the upper level.
4. Smoke alarms shall be installed not less than 3 feet (914 mm) horizontally from the door or opening of a bathroom that contains a bathtub or shower unless this would prevent placement of a smoke alarm required by Section R314.3.
5. Where the ceiling height of a room is open to the hallway serving a bedroom exceeds that of the hallway by 24 inches (610 mm) or more, smoke detectors shall be installed in the hallway and in the adjacent room.

**Exception.** Hallways less than 4 feet (1,220 mm) in length are allowed to omit the smoke detector within the hallway adjacent to the bedrooms.

**R315.2.2 Alterations, repairs, and additions.** Where *alterations*, repairs or *additions* requiring a permit occur with a valuation of more than \$1000, or where one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing *dwelling*s, the individual *dwelling unit* shall be equipped with carbon monoxide alarms located as required for new *dwelling*s.

**Exceptions:** 1. Work involving the exterior surfaces of *dwelling*s, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck, is exempt from the requirements of this section.

2. Installation, alteration or repairs of plumbing or mechanical systems are exempt from the requirements of this section.

**R319.1 Address numbers.** This section not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**R326.1 General.** The design and construction of barriers for pools and spas shall comply with the following.

**R326.2 Definitions.** For the purposes of these requirements, the terms used shall be defined as follows and as set forth in Chapter 2.

**ABOVEGROUND/ON-GROUND POOL.** See “Swimming pool.”

**BARRIER.** A fence, wall, building wall or combination thereof that completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool.

**HOT TUB.** See “Swimming pool.”

**IN-GROUND POOL.** See “Swimming pool.”

**RESIDENTIAL.** That which is situated on the premises of a detached one- or two-family dwelling or a one-family *town house* not more than three stories in height.

**SPA, NONPORTABLE.** See “Swimming pool.”

**SPA, PORTABLE.** A nonpermanent structure intended for recreational bathing in which all controls, water-heating and water-circulating *equipment* are an integral part of the product.

**SWIMMING POOL.** Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water more than 18 inches (457 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, aboveground, and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

**SWIMMING POOL, INDOOR.** A swimming pool that is totally contained within a structure and surrounded on all four sides by the walls of the enclosing structure.

**SWIMMING POOL, OUTDOOR.** Any swimming pool that is not an indoor pool.

**R326.3 Application.** The provisions of this appendix shall control the design of barriers for residential swimming pools, spas and hot tubs. These design controls are intended to provide protection against potential drownings and near-drownings by restricting access to swimming pools, spas and hot tubs.

This requirement shall be applicable to all new swimming pools hereafter constructed, other than indoor pools, and shall apply to all existing pools, which have a depth of 18 inches (457 mm) or more of water. No person in possession of land within the county, either as owner, purchaser, lessee, tenant, or a licensee, upon which is situated a swimming pool having a depth of 18 inches (457 mm) or more shall fail to provide and maintain such barrier as herein provided.

**R326.4 Outdoor swimming pool.** An outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, aboveground, or on-ground pool, hot tub or spa, shall be surrounded by a barrier that shall be installed, inspected, and approved prior to filling with water that completely surrounds and obstructs access to the swimming pool, which shall comply with the following:

1. The top of the barrier shall be at least 42 inches (1067mm) above *grade* measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51 mm) measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the swimming pool. Where the

top of the pool structure is above grade, such as an aboveground pool, the barrier may be at ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted on top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (102 mm).

2. Openings in the barrier shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.
3. Where an aboveground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps, then:
  - 3.1. The ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked, or removed to prevent access; or
  - 3.2. The ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier, which meets the requirements of Item 1 above. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked, or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.
4. All gates or door openings through the barrier shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices for keeping the door or gate securely closed at all times when the pool is not in actual use, except that the door of any dwelling that forms part of the enclosure need not be so equipped.

**Exception:** A property which meets all of the following standards and has an outdoor swimming pool shall be exempt from the requirements of Sections R326.4

1. The property is not within a residential zoning district.
2. The property is not located within a platted subdivision of five or more lots.
3. The swimming pool is greater than 500 feet from any dwelling other than a dwelling located on the same property.

**R326.4.1 Barrier exceptions.** Spas or hot tubs with a safety cover that comply with ASTM F 1346 shall be exempt from the provisions of this appendix. Modifications in individual cases, upon a showing of good cause with respect to height, nature, or location of a fence, wall, gates, or latches, or the necessity thereof, may be made by the building official, provided the protection as sought hereunder is not reduced thereby. The building official may grant permission for other protective devices or structures to be used as long as the degree of protection afforded by this substitute device or structure is not less than the protection afforded by the wall, fence, gate, and latch described herein. A reasonable period within which to comply with the requirements of this section for existing swimming pools shall be allowed, which period shall not exceed 90 days after notification by the building official.

**R403.1.4.1 Frost protection.** Except where otherwise protected from frost, foundation walls, piers, and other permanent supports of buildings and structures shall be protected from frost by one or more of the following methods:

1. Extended below the frost line specified in Table R301.2.(1).
2. Constructed in accordance with Section R403.3.
3. Constructed in accordance with ASCE 32.
4. Erected on solid rock.

**Exceptions:** 1. Protection of freestanding *accessory structures* with an area of 1500 square feet (139 m<sup>2</sup>) or less, of light-frame construction, with an eave height of 10 feet (3048 mm) or less shall not be required.

2. Protection of freestanding *accessory structures* with an area of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>) or less, of other than light-frame construction, with an eave height of 10 feet (3048 mm) or less shall not be required.

3. Decks not supported by a dwelling need not be provided with footings that extend below the frost line.

Footings shall not bear on frozen soil unless the frozen condition is permanent.

**R502.3.1 Sleeping areas and attic joists.** Table R502.3.1(1) shall be used to determine the maximum allowable span of floor joists that support sleeping areas and *attics* that are accessed by means of a fixed stairway in accordance with Section R311.7 provided that the design live load does not exceed 40 pounds per square foot (1.92 kPa) and the design dead load does not exceed 20 pounds per square foot (0.96 kPa). The allowable span of ceiling joists that support *attics* used for limited storage or no storage shall be determined in accordance with Section R802.4.

**R602.10.1.2 Offsets along a braced wall line.** Exterior walls parallel to a *braced wall line* shall be offset not more than 4 feet (1219 mm) from the designated *braced wall line* location as shown in Figure R602.10.1.1. Interior walls used as bracing shall be offset not more than 4 feet (1219 mm) from a *braced wall line* through the interior of the building as shown in Figure R602.10.1.1.

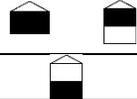
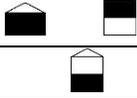
**Exception:** The offset out-of-plane may exceed 4 feet (1219 mm) and the out-to-out offset dimension may exceed 8 feet (2438 mm) if the area of the offset is less than 200 square feet (18.6 m<sup>2</sup>).

**R602.12 Simplified wall bracing.** Buildings meeting all of the conditions listed below shall be permitted to be braced in accordance with this section as an alternate to the requirements of Section R602.10. The entire building shall be braced in accordance with this section; the use of other bracing provisions of Section R602.10, except as specified herein, shall not be permitted.

1. There shall be not more than three stories above the top of a concrete or masonry foundation or basement wall. Permanent wood foundations shall not be permitted.
2. Floors shall not cantilever more than 24 inches (607 mm) beyond the foundation or bearing wall below.
3. Wall height shall not be greater than 12 feet (3,658 mm).
4. The building shall have a roof eave-to-ridge height of 20 feet (6096 mm) or less.
5. Exterior walls shall have gypsum board with a minimum thickness of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) installed on the interior side fastened in accordance with Table R702.3.5.
6. The structure shall be located where the ultimate design wind speed is less than or equal to 130 mph (58 m/s), and the exposure category is B or C.
7. The structure shall be located in Seismic Design Category A, B or C for detached one- and two-family dwellings or Seismic Design Category A or B for townhouses.
8. Cripple walls shall not be permitted in three-story buildings.

**R602.12.1 Circumscribed rectangle.** The bracing required for each building shall be determined by circumscribing a rectangle around the entire building on each floor as shown in Figure R602.12.1. The rectangle shall surround all enclosed offsets and projections such as sunrooms and attached garages. Open structures, such as carports and decks, shall be permitted to be excluded. The rectangle shall not have a side greater than 80 feet (24,384 mm), and the ratio between the long side and short side shall be not greater than 3:1.

**TABLE R602.12.4  
MINIMUM NUMBER OF BRACING UNITS ON EACH SIDE  
OF THE CIRCUMSCRIBED RECTANGLE**

STORY LEVEL	EAVE-TO-RIDGE HEIGHT (feet)	MINIMUM NUMBER OF BRACING UNITS ON EACH LONG SIDE								MINIMUM NUMBER OF BRACING UNITS ON EACH SHORT SIDE							
		Length of short side (feet)								Length of long side (feet)							
		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
	10	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	5
		2	3	3	4	5	6	6	7	2	3	3	4	5	6	6	7
	20	1	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	1	2	3	3	4	4	5	5
		2	3	4	5	6	7	7	8	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	8

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

a. Interpolation shall not be permitted.

b. Cripple walls or wood-framed basement walls in a walk-out condition shall be designated as the first story and the stories above shall be redesignated as the second and third stories, respectively, and shall be prohibited in a three-story structure.

c. Actual lengths of the sides of the circumscribed rectangle shall be rounded to the next highest unit of 10 when using this table.

d. For Exposure Category C, multiply bracing units by a factor of 1.20 for a one-story building, 1.30 for a two-story building and 1.40 for a three-story building.

**R602.12.3 Bracing unit.** A bracing unit shall be a full height sheathed segment of the exterior wall without openings or vertical or horizontal offsets and a minimum length as specified herein for intermittent sheathing. Bracing units shall be considered per story for continuously sheathed structural wood panels. Interior walls shall not contribute toward the amount of required bracing. Mixing of Items 1 and 2 is prohibited on the same story.

1. Where all framed portions of all exterior walls are sheathed in accordance with Section R602.12.2, including wall areas between bracing units, above and below openings and on gable end walls, the minimum length of a bracing unit shall be 3 feet (914 mm).

2. Where the exterior walls are braced with sheathing panels in accordance with Section R602.12.2 and areas between bracing units are covered with other materials, the minimum length of a bracing unit shall be 4 feet (1219 mm).

**R802.11.1 Uplift resistance.** Roof assemblies shall have uplift resistance in accordance with Sections R802.11.1.1 and R802.11.1.2.

Where the uplift force does not exceed 200 pounds (90.8 kg), rafters and trusses spaced not more than 24 inches (610 mm) on center shall be permitted to be attached to their supporting wall assemblies in accordance with Table R602.3(1) and be connected to wall plate by the use of approved connectors, consisting of truss/rafter to wall connector, having a resistance to uplift of not less than 175 installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications or.

Where the basic wind speed does not exceed 115 mph, the wind exposure category is B, the roof pitch is 5:12 or greater, and the roof span is 32 feet (9754 mm) or less, rafters and trusses spaced not more than 24 inches (610 mm) on center shall be permitted to be attached to their supporting wall assemblies in accordance with Table R602.3(1).

**N1101.2 (R101.3) Intent.** This chapter shall regulate the design and construction of buildings for the effective use and conservation of energy over the useful life of each new *building*. Additions, alterations, renovations, or repairs to an existing building, building system or portion thereof may conform to the provisions of this code as they relate to new construction without requiring the unaltered portion(s) of the existing building or building system to comply with this code. This chapter is intended to provide flexibility to permit the use of innovative approaches and techniques to achieve this objective. This chapter is not intended to abridge safety, health or environmental requirements contained in other applicable codes or ordinances.

**TABLE N1102.1.2 (R402.1.2)  
INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT<sup>a</sup>**

CLIMATE ZONE	FENESTRATION U-FACTOR <sup>b</sup>	SKYLIGHT <sup>b</sup> U-FACTOR	GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC <sup>b,e</sup>	CEILING R-VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL R-VALUE	MASS WALL R-VALUE	FLOOR R-VALUE	BASEMENT WALL R-VALUE	SLAB <sup>d</sup> R-VALUE	CRAWL SPACE <sup>c</sup> WALL VALUE
6	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20 or 13 + 5 <sup>h</sup>	15/19	30 <sup>e</sup>	10/13	10, 4 ft	10/13

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

a. *R*-values are minimums. *U*-factors and SHGC are maximums. When insulation is installed in a cavity which is less than the label or design thickness of the insulation, the installed *R*-value of the insulation shall not be less than the *R*-value specified in the table.

b. The fenestration *U*-factor column excludes skylights. The SHGC column applies to all glazed fenestration.

**Exception:** Skylights may be excluded from glazed fenestration SHGC requirements in Climate Zones 1 through 3 where the SHGC for such skylights does not exceed 0.30.

c. “15/19” means R-15 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home or R-19 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall. “15/19” shall be permitted to be met with R-13 cavity insulation on the interior of the basement wall plus R-5 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home. “10/13” means R-10 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home or R-13 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall. The perimeter wall of an enclosed mechanical room is allowed to not be a component of the thermal envelope.

d. R-5 shall be added to the required slab edge *R*-values for heated slabs. Insulation depth shall be the depth of the footing or 2 feet, whichever is less in Zones 1 through 3 for heated slabs.

e. There are no SHGC requirements in the Marine Zone.

f. Basement wall insulation is not required in warm-humid locations as defined by Figure N1101.10 and Table N1101.10.

g. Or insulation sufficient to fill the framing cavity, R-19 minimum.

h. The first value is cavity insulation, the second value is continuous insulation, so “13+5” means R-13 cavity insulation plus R-5 continuous insulation.

i. The second *R*-value applies when more than half the insulation is on the interior of the mass wall.

j. The minimum *R*-value for ceilings is further based on a minimum 6-inch (152 mm) heel height to allow the ceiling insulation to extend over the top plate.

**N1102.2.9 (R402.2.9) Basement walls.** Walls associated with conditioned basements shall be insulated from the top of the *basement wall* down to 10 feet (3048 mm) below grade or to the basement floor, whichever is less. Walls associated with unconditioned basements shall meet this requirement unless the floor overhead is insulated in accordance with Sections N1102.1.2 and N1102.2.8.

**Exception:** Exterior basement walls of enclosed mechanical rooms.

**N1102.4.1.2 (R402.4.1.2) Testing.** Not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**N1102.4.4 (R402.4.4) Rooms containing fuel-burning appliances.** Not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**N1103.3.2.1 (R403.3.2.1) Sealed air handler.** Not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**N1103.3.3 (R403.3.3) Duct testing (Mandatory).** Not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**N1103.3.5 (R403.3.5) Building cavities (Mandatory).** Building framing cavities shall not be used as ducts or plenums.

**Exception:** Stud spaces and floor joist cavities may be used for return air plenums

**N1103.5 (R403.5) Service hot water systems.** Energy conservation measures for service hot water systems shall be in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code.

**N1104.1 (R404.1) Lighting equipment (Mandatory).** Not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**N1107.1.1 (R501.1.1) Additions, alterations, or repairs: General.** Additions, alterations, or repairs to an existing building, building system or portion thereof may comply with Section N1108, N1109 or N1110. Unaltered portions of the existing building or building supply system shall not be required to comply with this chapter.

**N1109.1 (R503.1) General.** *Alterations* to any building or structure may comply with the requirements of the code for new construction. *Alterations* shall be such that the existing building or structure is no less conforming with the provisions of this chapter than the existing building or structure was prior to the *alteration*.

Alterations to an existing building, building system or portion thereof may conform to the provisions of this chapter as they relate to new construction without requiring the unaltered portions of the existing building or building system to comply with this chapter. Alterations shall not create an unsafe or hazardous condition or overload existing building systems. *Alterations* shall be such that the existing building or structure uses no more energy than the existing building or structure prior to the *alteration*. Alterations to existing buildings shall comply with Sections N1109.1.1 through N1109.2.

**N1110.1 (R504.1) General.** Buildings, structures and parts thereof may be repaired in compliance with Section N1107.3 and this section. Work on non-damaged components necessary for the required *repair* of damaged components shall be considered part of the *repair* and shall not be subject to the requirements for *alterations* in this chapter. Routine maintenance required by Section N1107.3, ordinary repairs exempt from *permit*, and abatement of wear due to normal service conditions shall not be subject to the requirements for *repairs* in this section.

**M1301.4 Plastic pipe, fittings and components.** Not adopted by Minnehaha County.

**M1305.1.4.1 Ground clearance.** *Equipment* and *appliances* supported from the ground shall be level and firmly supported on a concrete slab or other *approved* material extending not less than 1 ½ inches (38 mm) above the adjoining ground. Such support shall be in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions. *Appliances* suspended from the floor shall have a clearance of not less than 6 inches (152 mm) from the ground.

Equipment and appliances including the service areas shall be provided with a minimum 80-inch (2032 mm) headroom clearance.

**M1411.9 Minimum Duct size.** The minimum unobstructed total area of the outside and return air ducts or openings and supply air ducts to a heat pump and/or air conditioners shall be not less than 6 square inches per 1000Btu/h (13,208 mm<sup>2</sup>/kW) output rating or as indicated by the conditions of the listing of the heat pump or air conditioner.

**M1502.4.2 Duct installation.** Exhaust ducts shall be supported at 4-foot (1219 mm) intervals and shall be secured in place. The insert end of the duct shall extend into the adjoining duct or fitting in the direction of airflow. Exhaust duct joints shall be sealed in accordance with Section M1601.4.1. Ducts shall not be joined with screws or similar fasteners that protrude into the inside of the duct.

**M1506.2 Duct length.** The length of exhaust and supply ducts used with ventilating equipment shall not exceed the lengths determined in accordance with Table M1506.2 as revised.

**Exception:** Duct length shall not be limited where the duct system complies with the manufacturer’s design criteria or where the flow rate of the installed ventilating equipment is verified by the installer or approved third party using a flow hood, flow grid or other airflow measuring device.

**TABLE M1506.2  
DUCT SIZE**

Fan Airflow Rating (CFM)	0-80	81-125	126-200	201-300	Over 300
Minimum duct diameter (inches)	4	5	6	7	8

**M1506.3 Exhaust openings.** Air exhaust openings shall terminate not less than 3 feet (914 mm) from property lines; 3 feet (914 mm) from operable openings into the building and 10 feet (3048 mm) from mechanical air intakes except where the opening is located 3 feet (914 mm) above the air intake. Openings shall comply with Sections R303.5.2 and R303.6. Minimum clearance between the exhaust and intake openings of an HRV/PRV system shall be in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

**Section M1508 Subslab Soil Exhaust Systems.**

**M1508.1 General.** When a subslab soil exhaust system is provided, the duct shall conform to the requirements of this section.

**M1508.2 Materials.** Subslab soil exhaust system duct material shall be air duct material listed and labeled to the requirements of UL 181 for Class 0 air ducts, or any of the following piping materials that comply with the *Plumbing Code* as building sanitary drainage and vent pipe: cast iron; galvanized steel; brass or copper pipe; copper tube of a weight not less than that of copper drainage tube, Type DWV; and plastic piping.

**M1508.3 Grade.** Exhaust system ducts shall not be trapped and shall have a minimum slope of 1/8 unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (1 percent slope).

**M1508.4 Termination.** Subslab soil exhaust system ducts shall extend through the roof and terminate at least 6 inches (152 mm) above the roof and at least 10 feet (3,048 mm) from any operable openings or air intake.

**M1601.1.1 Above-ground duct systems.** Above-ground *duct systems* shall conform to the following:

1. *Equipment* connected to *duct systems* shall be designed to limit discharge air temperature to not greater than 250°F (121°C).
2. Factory-made ducts shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 181 and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Flexible air ducts shall be limited in length to 14 feet. Flexible air connectors are not allowed.
3. Fibrous glass duct construction shall conform to the SMACNA *Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards* or NAIMA *Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards*.
4. Field-fabricated and shop-fabricated metal and flexible duct constructions shall conform to the SMACNA HVAC Duct Construction Standards—Metal and Flexible except as allowed by Table M1601.1.1. Galvanized steel shall conform to ASTM A 653, except that sheet steel and strip used for duct, connectors, and round duct shall be G40 galvanized steel of lock-forming quality.
5. The use of gypsum products to construct return air ducts or plenums is permitted, provided that the air temperature does not exceed 125°F (52°C) and exposed surfaces are not subject to condensation.
6. *Duct systems* shall be constructed of materials having a flame spread index of not greater than 200.
7. Stud wall cavities and the spaces between solid floor joists to be used as air plenums shall comply with the following conditions:
  - 7.1. These cavities or spaces shall not be used as a plenum for supply air.

7.2. These cavities or spaces shall not be part of a required fire-resistance-rated assembly.

7.3. Stud wall cavities shall not convey air from more than one floor level.

7.4. Stud wall cavities and joist-space plenums shall be isolated from adjacent concealed spaces by tight-fitting fire blocking in accordance with Section R602.8.

7.5. Stud wall cavities in the outside walls of the building envelope assemblies shall not be utilized as air plenums.

**M1601.4.1 Joints, seams and connections.** Longitudinal and transverse joints, seams and connections in metallic and nonmetallic ducts shall be constructed as specified in SMACNA HVAC Duct Construction Standards—Metal and Flexible and NAIMA Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards. Joints, longitudinal and transverse seams, and connections in ductwork outside the building thermal envelope; all return ducts located within 10 feet (3.05 m) of any appliance or all return ducts within a mechanical room; and all supply main trunk ducts and branch duct connections to the main trunk ducts shall be securely fastened and sealed with welds, gaskets, mastics (adhesives), mastic-plus-embedded-fabric systems, liquid sealants or tapes. Tapes and mastics used to seal fibrous glass ductwork shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 181A and shall be marked “181A-P” for pressure-sensitive tape, “181 A-M” for mastic or “181 A-H” for heat-sensitive tape.

Tapes and mastics used to seal metallic and flexible air ducts and flexible air connectors shall comply with UL 181B and shall be marked “181 B-FX” for pressure-sensitive tape or “181 BM” for mastic. Duct connections to flanges of air distribution system equipment shall be sealed and mechanically fastened. Mechanical fasteners for use with flexible nonmetallic air ducts shall comply with UL 181B and shall be marked 181B-C. Crimp joints for round metallic ducts shall have a contact lap of not less than 1 inch (25 mm) and shall be mechanically fastened by means of not less than three sheet-metal screws or rivets equally spaced around the joint.

Closure systems used to seal all ductwork shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturers’ instructions.

- Exceptions:**
1. Spray polyurethane foam shall be permitted to be applied without additional joint seals.
  2. Where a duct connection is made that is partially inaccessible, three screws or rivets shall be equally spaced on the exposed portion of the joint so as to prevent a hinge effect.
  3. For ducts having a static pressure classification of less than 2 inches of water column (500 Pa), additional closure systems shall not be required for continuously welded joints and seams and locking-type joints and seams of other than the snap-lock and button-lock types.

**M1601.4.4 Support.** Factory-made ducts listed in accordance with UL 181 shall be supported in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions. Field- and shop-fabricated fibrous glass ducts shall be supported in accordance with the SMACNA *Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards* or the NAIMA *Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards*. Field- and shop-fabricated metal and flexible ducts shall be supported in accordance with the SMACNA *HVAC Duct Construction Standards—Metal and Flexible*. Metal ducts shall be supported by 1/2-inch-wide (13 mm) 18-gage, 1-inch-wide (25 mm) 24-gage, or 1 1/2-inch-wide (39 mm) 26-gage metal straps or 12-gage galvanized wire at intervals not exceeding 10 feet (3048 mm) or other *approved* means.

**M2101.1 General.** Hydronic piping shall conform to Table M2101.1. *Approved* piping, valves, fittings and connections shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. Pipe and fittings shall be rated for use at the operating temperature and pressure of the hydronic system. Used pipe, fittings, valves or other materials shall be free of foreign materials.

**Exception:** Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) plastic pipe conforming to ASTM D1785 or ASTM D2241 is an allowable material for hydronic piping.

**G2407.6 (304.6) Outdoor combustion air.** Outdoor *combustion* air shall be provided through opening(s) to the outdoors in accordance with Section G2407.6.1, G2407.6.2, or G2407.6.3. The minimum dimension of air openings shall be not less than 3 inches (76 mm).

Combustion air intake opening shall be located a minimum of 3 feet (914 mm) from a gas meter.

**G2407.6.3 Alternate combustion air sizing.** As an alternate the net free area of openings, ducts, or plenums supplying air to an area containing gas- and oil-burning appliances shall be in accordance with B149.1-10, Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, published by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA).

The combustion air duct is required to be upsized one diameter size when a dryer is installed in the same room as the combustion air.

**G2408.1 (305.1) General.** *Equipment* and *appliances* shall be installed as required by the terms of their approval, in accordance with the conditions of listing, the manufacturer’s instructions and this code. Manufacturer’s installation instructions shall be available on the job site at the time of inspection. Where a code provision is less restrictive than the conditions of the listing of the *equipment* or *appliance* or the manufacturer’s installation instructions, the conditions of the listing and the manufacturer’s installation instructions shall apply.

After completion of the installation, all safety and operating controls and venting shall be tested before placing the burner in service in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions. The following requirements need to be recorded and affixed to the inside of the gas train access panel:

1. The rate of flow of the gas or fuel shall be adjusted to within plus or minus 5 percent of the required Btu/hr rating at the manifold pressure specified by the manufacturer. When

the prevailing pressure is less than the manifold pressure specified, the rates shall be adjusted at the prevailing pressure.

2. The gas inlet pressure per the manufacturer's installation settings.
3. The temperature rise across the heat exchanger per the manufacturer's installation settings.
4. The static pressure of the supply and return ducts per the manufacturer's installation settings.

Unlisted *appliances approved* in accordance with Section G2404.3 shall be limited to uses recommended by the manufacturer and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, the provisions of this code and the requirements determined by the *code official*.

**G2415.2 (404.2) CSST.** CSST piping systems shall be installed in accordance with the terms of their approval, the conditions of listing, the manufacturer's instructions and this code.

The piping located on the exterior extending from the gas meter to the inside of the structure shall be a metallic pipe in compliance with Section G2414.4. The entrance into the structure shall be provided with the appropriate transition flange where an alternate gas piping material is utilized on the inside of the structure.

**G2415.3 (404.3) Prohibited locations.** *Piping* shall not be installed in or through a ducted supply, return or exhaust, or a clothes chute, *chimney* or gas vent, dumbwaiter or elevator shaft.

**G2427.4.1.1 (503.4.1.1) (IFGS) Plastic vent joints.** Plastic *pipe* and fittings used to vent *appliances* shall be installed in accordance with the *appliance* manufacturer's instructions. Solvent cement joints between CPVC and PVC pipe fittings shall be primed. The primer shall be of a contrasting color.

**Exception:** Where compliance with this section would conflict with the appliance manufacturer's installation instructions.

**Part VII—Plumbing.** The following chapters are not adopted by Minnehaha County: Chapter 25—Plumbing Administration; Chapter 26—General Plumbing Requirements; Chapter 27—Plumbing Fixtures; Chapter 28—Water Heaters; Chapter 29—Water Supply and Distribution; Chapter 30—Sanitary Drainage; Chapter 31—Vents; Chapter 32—Traps; and Chapter 33—Storm Drainage.

The provisions of the most current plumbing code adopted by the South Dakota State Plumbing Commission shall apply to the installation, alterations, repairs, and replacement of plumbing systems, including equipment, appliances, fixtures, and appurtenances, and where connected to a water or sewage system for detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (town houses) not more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures.

**Part VIII—Electrical.** The following chapters are not adopted by the Minnehaha County: Chapter 34—General Requirements; Chapter 35—Electrical Definitions; Chapter 36—Services; Chapter 37—Branch Circuit and Feeder Requirements; Chapter 38—Wiring Methods; Chapter 39—Power and Lighting Distribution; Chapter 40—Device and Luminaires; Chapter 41—Appliance Installation; Chapter 42—Swimming Pools; Chapter 43—Class 2 Remote-Control, Signaling and Power-Limited Circuits.

The provisions of the National Electrical Code as adopted by the South Dakota State Electrical Commission shall apply to the installation, alteration, repair, relocation, replacement, addition to, use, or maintenance of any electrical system, apparatus, wiring, or equipment for electrical, light, heat, power, fire alarms, and associate controls for detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (town houses) not more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures.

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