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**Planning Development Review Department**

**To:** All Internal and External Stakeholders  
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**INTERPRETATION NUMBER: 2012.0002**

**TITLE:** Domestic Dryer vents

**CODE EDITION:** 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code

**SECTIONS:** 504.3.2.2 Length Limitations

**PURPOSE:** Alternate Method of Compliance (AMOC) allowing the use of engineering calculations to determine the length of clothes dryer exhaust ducts that exceed the 14 feet length limitation.

**Questions:** Can an alternate method of compliance in accordance with the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code, Section 504.2.2 be utilized for sizing ducts be used to develop a specified static pressure drop based on calculations follow general practice described by the American Society for Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association, Inc.

**Answer:** Yes. The Engineer of Record must provide certification that will include sizing and distance calculations based on the ANSI Z21.5.2 for natural gas or propane dryer vents, and UL 2158 for electric dryers.

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