## Section 101 General

**101.1 Incorporation by Reference, Title and Rules of Construction.** Except as provided in Chapters 4101:2-1 to 4101:2-15 of the Administrative Code, the International Mechanical Code 2021 edition, Chapters 2 through 10 and Chapters 12 through 15, and the International Mechanical Code 2024 edition, Chapter 11, as published by the "International Code Council, Inc." including all subsequently published errata and printings, and readily available at <a href="https://www.iccsafe.org">https://www.iccsafe.org</a>, are hereby incorporated by reference in accordance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code as if set out at length herein.

**101.1.1 Rules of Construction.** The following rules of construction are to be applied to Sections 4101:2-1 to 4101:2-15 of the Administrative Code:

- 1. All references to the International Building Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, and International Residential Code mean the Ohio Building Code, Ohio Mechanical Code, Ohio Plumbing Code, and Residential Code of Ohio, respectively, unless otherwise noted. References to "this code" in Chapters 4101:2-1 to 4101:2-15 of the Administrative Code mean the "Ohio Mechanical Code." References to "mechanical code" in divisions 4101:1, 4101:2, 4101:3 and 4101:8 of the Administrative Code mean "Ohio Mechanical Code."
- 2. The phrase "applicable energy conservation code referenced in Chapter 13 of the building code" is substituted for "International Energy Conservation Code."
- 3. Except as otherwise noted, "Chapter 34 of the building code" is substituted for "International Existing Building Code."
- 4. The terms "approval" or "approvals" are substituted for "permit" or "permits," respectively, when referring to documentation indicating compliance with this code.
- 5. The phrase "owner's representative" is substituted for "owner's authorized agent."
- 6. Except as otherwise noted, "building official" is substituted for "fire code official."
- 7. The phrase "building official" is substituted for "code official."
- 8. The phrase "one-, two- and three-family" is substituted for "one- and two-family."
- <u>9</u>. The provisions of this code are mandatory whether or not the term "shall" is used.

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**101.2 Scope.** The provisions of this code apply to the design, installation, maintenance, alteration, repair, relocation, replacement, addition to, use and inspection of mechanical systems within buildings. This code also applies to those systems, system components, equipment and appliances specifically addressed herein.

- **101.3** Administrative and enforcement. For administrative and enforcement provisions of this code, refer to sections 101.2 to 114 of the building code.
- **101.4 Referenced standards.** When a reference is made within the building, mechanical, or plumbing codes to a federal statutory provision, an industry consensus standard, or any other technical publication, the specific date and title of the publication as well as the name and address of the promulgating agency are listed in Chapter 35 of the building code, Chapter 15 of the mechanical code, or Chapter 15 of the plumbing code.

The codes and standards referenced in the building, mechanical, and plumbing codes are considered part of the requirements of these codes as though the text were printed in this code, to the prescribed extent of each such reference. Where differences occur between provisions of these codes and the referenced standards, the provisions of these codes apply.