

## POLICY:

*Policy effective: November 20, 2018*

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AIR EXHAUST.**

### **2015 IMC 501.3.1 #3 Location of Exhaust Outlets.**

#### *CODE SECTION:*

**501.3.1 Location of Exhaust Outlets. #3.** For all *environmental air* exhaust: 3 feet (914 mm) from the property lines; 3 feet (914 mm) from operable openings into buildings for all occupancies other than Group U, and 10 feet (3048 mm) from mechanical air intakes. Such exhaust shall not be considered hazardous or noxious

#### *POLICY:*

The Building Official may approve an alternative design for exhaust discharge that accounts for factors such as height above adjoining grade, horizontal distance from walkways, horizontal distance from property lines, filtering of exhaust air, or other elements of the design or the site conditions that affect the exhaust air quality and potentially the public way.

#### *COMMENTARY:*

*The intent of this policy is to provide an alternative compliance path of relief for structures located in close proximity to property lines for environmental air exhaust. This scenario is typically prevalent in downtown development and in-fill areas where available land is sparse and structures are built with exterior walls at or near property lines. Because every property is unique, there is no generic solution and this policy allows for licensed design professionals to submit for review an alternative design that takes the previously mentioned factors into account with a goal of meeting the intent of the code.*