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Code Interpretation: 2012 UMC Interpretation 02

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Code/ Edition: 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC)

Section(s): 904.1

Subject: Combustion Air in Dwelling Unit Apartments

Question: Is the removal of a door or installing a slatted door from a mechanical room in a dwelling unit bedroom acceptable in accordance with Section 701.3 of the 2012 UMC, to achieve proper combustion air requirements for combining spaces on the same story?

Answer: No

Commentary: Simply removing the door or installing a slatted door is not acceptable. The intent of the code is to provide a permanent opening when combining communicating spaces. In addition to removing the door, the casing and door hardware would also need to be removed and the opening should be finished to provide a permanent opening so that the door cannot be readily installed. If the door to the mechanical room is in a bedroom or bathroom the door cannot be removed and combustion air shall be provided from outdoors as required in Section 904.1 of the UMC.

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