

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT AND
MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING AND DEPUTY PREMIER

Building Act

Ministerial Order No. M438

I, Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier, order that the British Columbia Building Code Regulation, B.C. Reg. 264/2012, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.

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Minister of Natural Gas Development and
Minister Responsible for Housing and
Deputy Premier

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Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Building Act, S.B.C. 2015, c. 2, s. 3

Other: _____

December 4, 2015

SCHEDULE

1 *Article 9.36.2.7. of Division B of Book I (General) of the British Columbia Building Code established by the British Columbia Building Code Regulation, B.C. Reg. 264/2012, is amended*

(a) *by repealing Sentence (5) and substituting the following:*

5) [Reserved.] , *and*

(b) *by adding the following Sentences:*

9) A door separating a *conditioned space* from an unconditioned space or the exterior is not required to conform to Sentence (1) if,

- a) in the case of a *building* in a location with a heating degree-day value of less than or equal to 3999, the door is one of not more than three nonconforming doors, each of which has an overall thermal transmittance not greater than 2.10 W/m²K,
- b) in the case of a *building* in a location with a heating degree-day value of at least 4000 and not greater than 5999, the door is one of not more than two nonconforming doors, each of which has an overall thermal transmittance not greater than 2.10 W/m²K,
- c) in the case of a *building* in a location with a heating degree-day value of greater than or equal to 6000, the door is one of not more than two nonconforming doors, each of which has an overall thermal transmittance not greater than 2.00 W/m²K, or
- d) in any case, the door is the only nonconforming door and has an overall thermal transmittance not greater than 2.60 W/m²K.

10) A *building* described in Clause (9)(a) or (b) is permitted to have an additional nonconforming door with an overall thermal transmittance not greater than 2.10 W/m²K if the effective thermal resistance of the ceilings of the *building* is at least 0.88 m²K/W greater than the relevant value shown in Table 9.36.2.6.A. or Table 9.36.2.6.B., as applicable.

2 *Articles 9.37.2.17. and 9.37.2.18. are repealed and the following substituted:*

9.37.2.17. Air Ducts and Fire Dampers

(See Appendix A.)

1) Except as provided in Sentences (2) and (3) and notwithstanding Sentences 9.32.1.1.(1) and 9.33.1.1.(1), Sections 9.32 and 9.33 apply to *buildings* that contain *secondary suites*.

2) Where a heating or ventilation duct system serves more than one *suite*, the system shall be designed and installed to prevent the circulation of smoke upon a signal from a duct-type *smoke detector*.

3) Ducts penetrating *fire separations* need not be equipped with *fire dampers* in conformance with Article 3.1.8.9. provided they are *noncombustible* with all openings in the duct system serving only one *fire compartment*.

9.37.2.18. Spatial Separation

1) Notwithstanding Sentence 9.10.15.1.(1), Subsection 9.10.15. applies to *buildings* that contain *secondary suites*.