

# KEYSTONE

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### CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS MINIMUM DESIGN GUIDELINES

TABLE R301.2 (1)

#### CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA

GROUND SNOW LOAD	WIND	SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY <sup>f,g</sup>	SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM				DESIGN TEMP <sup>h</sup>
			Weathering <sup>a</sup>	Frost line depth <sup>b</sup>	Termite <sup>c</sup>	Decay <sup>d</sup>	
30	115 Exposure C	B	Severe	36"	Moderate to heavy	Slight to moderate	Win 6 Sum 91

#### BUILDING CODE DESIGN DATA

All construction within Lower Gwynedd Township shall comply with the following codes and amendments per their adopting ordinances:

- 2018 International Residential Code
- 2018 International Fire Code

#### APPLICANT: Plan submittal shall include the following plans:

- Site Plan
- Floors
- Foundation and Roof Plans
- Elevations and Building Sections (minimum two building sections)
- Building Details
- Plumbing Plan (water supply line sizes, gas supply line sizes, water-heating equipment, hot water recirculation pump controls, fixture flow and flush rates)
- Mechanical Plan (equipment type/size, supply/return, outside air ventilation, exhaust fan systems)
- Electrical Plan (lighting, power, load calculation, single line diagram)
- Plans must be readable and to "scale".
- Place all required notes on the drawings.

**A. Standard Plans**

1. Provide a soils report and a compaction tests for the subdivision.
2. Per the soils report provide over-excavation and / or re-compaction for foundations and slabs on grade.
3. Note a provision for a continuous three foot wide path of travel from all bedroom egress windows to a public way.
4. Show minimum allowable dimensions from stem wall to property lines on foundation plan.
5. Remove all parcel/lot specific information from plan set. (i.e. site plan).
6. The cover sheet must have key plans drawn to scale indicating each possible combination of footprint options with corresponding building ridge lines to ensure conformance with varying lot configurations.

**B. Add/ Alt/ Remodels**

1. Provide scope of work.
2. Provide separate existing and demolition plans.
3. Clearly identify throughout, existing vs. new vs. remodeled area.
4. Complete and return fire sprinkler worksheet. (IFC903)
5. Address smoke and CO detectors throughout house with additions/alterations/remodels. (R314-315)

**C. Site Plan**

1. Provide a complete site plan, grading and drainage where required. Show flow direction arrows, contour grades, and top of curb grades
2. Provide a complete project address. (R319.1)
3. Show location of structure(s) with setback dimensions on site plan. (IBC 107.2.5 & R302.1).
4. Show location of all site fences and retaining walls on site plan. Provide lineal footage of fences and retaining walls including wall grades.
5. Reference on site plan, structural details for each site retaining wall and fence. (TF, T/RW, TW, TR)
6. Provide structural calculations for retaining walls.
7. Show sewer tap and water meter locations at street with sizes indicated.
8. Include lowest floor elevation of livable space. Show and identify next upstream manhole rim location and elevation, address backwater valve. (P3008.1).
9. If septic system, provide copy of septic system permit application from Montgomery County. (P2602.1)

**D. Floor plans**

**a) Doors and Windows**

1. Provide a 1-3/8" solid wood / solid or honeycomb-core steel / 20-minute fire-rated self-closing doors between residence and garage. (R302.5.1)
2. Provide permanent landing at exterior doors. (R311.3)
3. Doors shall not open directly between a sleeping room and a garage. (R302.5.1)
4. Shower doors shall have safety glazing; hinged shower doors shall open outward. (R308.4.5 & P2708.1)
5. Provide and identify all required safety glazing. (R308)
6. Indicate emergency escape and rescue openings in basements and bedrooms. (R310.1)
7. Show direction of door swing. (R311.3)
8. Show size of each window and type of operation. (R303.1 & 310.2)
9. Site built windows shall comply with section 2404 of the IBC. (R308.5)
10. Glazing maximum U-factor 0.35, Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) maximum 0.40 (N1102)
11. Skylight - maximum U-factor 0.55, SHGC maximum 0.40. Provide manufacture and ICC-ES number. (N1102.1.2)

**b) Light and Ventilation**

1. Provide required natural light and ventilation for habitable rooms- Light: 8%, ventilation: 4%. (R303.1)
2. Provide mechanical exhaust ventilation for bathrooms, water closet rooms, laundry room, and kitchen, ducted direct to outside. (R303.3 & M1507.2)
3. Provide attic ventilation per (R806.1) unless insulation is applied on the under-side of roof sheathing. (R806.5)

**c) Stairways, handrails, guardrails**

1. Show handrail, notes and dimensions. (R311.7.8)
2. Show guardrails where required. (R312.1)
3. Provide a floor or landing at the top and bottom of each stairway. (R311.7.6)
4. Provide code complying stairways. Address tread and riser dimensions per type of stairway. (R311.7)
5. Provide stairway illumination per (R303.7 & R303.8)
6. Stairway maximum 12'-3" vertical rise between floor/landing (R311.7.3)

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## e) Fire Places/Gas Appliances

1. Provide manufacture, model number and ICC report or equal for each fireplace. (R1002, R1004 & R1005)
2. Provide a permanently installed approved decorative appliance/gas log set. (R1004.4)
3. Fireplace dampers: Where a listed decorative appliance is installed, the fireplace damper opening shall comply with listed decorative appliance manufacture's installation instructions. (G2453.1)
4. Decorative shrouds shall not be installed at the termination of chimneys of factory-built fireplaces except where listed and labeled for such use. (R1004.3)
5. Provide outside combustion air for interior fireplaces. (R1006.2).

## f) General Floor Plan

1. Show ceiling heights for all rooms, spaces and hallways. (R305)
2. Show thermal envelope (exterior insulated walls) that encloses interior conditioned space. (N1101.5.1)
3. Show minimum clearances from centerline of water closets to finished wall, cabinets, and other plumbing fixtures. (R307.1)
4. **Gypsum Board applied to a ceiling shall be 1/2" when framing members are 16" o.c. or 5/8" when framing members are 24" o.c. or use labeled 1/2" sag-resistant gypsum ceiling board. (Table R702.3.5)**

## g) Manufacturers' Installation Instructions

1. Manufacture's installation instructions, as required by this code, shall be available on the job site at the time of inspection (R106.1.2)
2. **RANGES AND COOKTOPS:** Show note on plans. Provide a listed and approved range and/or cooktop unit installed in accordance with the listing and with the manufacturer's

installation instructions. **VERIFY AND MAINTAIN REQUIRED HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL CLEARANCES ABOVE THE FINISHED COUNTERTOP SURFACE BEFORE ORDERING OR INSTALLING CABINETS.**

## E Braced/Shear wall Plan

1. Provide a complete braced/shear wall plan and reference a braced /shear wall schedule at each braced/shear wall location. (R602.10)
2. Braced/Shear wall schedule to include anchor bolts, holdowns, studs and spacing, sheathing and nailing. (R602)
3. Address "alternate braced wall panels" per (R602.10.6)
4. Coordinate post locations with holdowns on foundation plan. (R602.11)
5. Show and identify each required holdown on foundation plan.
6. Provide Wood-Stud wall Engineering Analysis for bearing walls Over 10 Feet High (T. R602.3 (5))

## F. Elevation Plan

1. Provide minimum of four elevation drawings of building: typical front, back, left and right.
2. Show building heights and dimensions.
3. Show and label all exterior surface building materials. (R703)
4. Show manufacture, model number and ICC/NER Report Number for stucco, roof materials, stone veneer. (R703.7)
5. Provide weather flashing/proofing and exterior wall penetrations/openings. (R703.1 & 703.2)

## G. Sections

1. Provide minimum two building cross sections.
2. Cut cross-sections on foundation, floor and roof framing plans.
3. Show thermal envelope (insulated walls, floors, ceilings, roofs) with continuous air barrier around interior conditioned space. (N1101.5.1)
4. Foam plastics shall be separated from the interior of a building including attics and crawl spaces by an approved thermal barrier. (R316.4)
5. Show required fire blocking on each section. (R602.8)
6. Show height dimensions on each cross-section.
7. Label all rooms, spaces, and hallways on each section.
8. Provide and reference/key structural details for critical connections for cross-sections.

**I. Wall Construction**

1. Provide a cross section detail and wall legend for each type of wall.
2. Callout exterior materials, including, stucco system, lath, building paper, foam, and sheathing where required. (R703)
3. Specify on plans, interior wall materials. (R702)
4. Specify on plans, interior wall construction, coverings, and backings for tile and in wet locations. (R702.1)
5. Provide weepscreed and dimensions from soil and paved surfaces. (R703.7.2.1)
6. Provide nailing schedule. (R602.3)

**J. Foundation Plan**

1. For single-family custom submittal, provide a soils report or a soils waiver signed by owner.
2. Provide a complete fully dimensioned and detailed foundation plan.
3. Address foundation drainage per (R405.1)
4. Address foundation damp proofing (R406.1)
5. Show isolated footing dimensions, and reinforcing. (R403.1)
6. Show note: Exterior and interior footings shall bear minimum 36 inches below undisturbed soil or engineers certified compacted fill. (R403.1)

7. Show required reinforcing steel for all footings and stem. (R 403.1.3.5)
8. Reference a complete set of structural details, footing, stem, turndown, pad footing, post at stem, etc.
9. Clearly show, dimension and detail interior bearing footings and shearwall footings.
10. Clearly show each required post location on foundation plan, coordinate with shearwall and roof framing plans.
11. Clearly show and label each required holdown on foundation plan. (R403.1.6)
12. Show and detail building retaining walls and basement and foundation walls, including drainage. (R405.1)
13. Provide any/all slab elevations.

**K. Floor and Roof Framing Plans**

1. Provide a complete fully detailed floor and/or roof-framing plan. (R107.2)
2. Clearly identify all framing members, including posts/columns, headers, beams, joists, and trusses. (R107.2).
3. Clearly show each required post and size, coordinate with foundation plan.
4. Show and identify posts from above framing.
5. Show floor-to-floor tie, mechanical connectors.
6. Clearly show and identify all truss/joist hangers.
7. Clearly show and identify beam to post mechanical connectors.
8. Clearly show and key detail reference(s) for each beam to post, beam-to-beam, and girder to beam connections.
9. Detail typical truss/joist to wall, beam, and girder connections.
10. If pre-qualifying conditions are met, **deferred submittals** for truss design drawing may be allowed.
11. Show lateral full height blocking at braced/shear wall line for joists, rafters and trusses.
12. Framing details shall reflect types of framing members, trusses flat and sloped, I-joists, dimension lumber rafters, etc.
13. Show stair mechanical attachment at top and bottom.
14. Framing members to accommodate masonry fireplace clearances to combustibles. (Table R1001.11)
15. Provide seismic strap per (R1003.4)
16. Provide detail showing how lateral forces are transferred from roof diaphragm into shear wall.
17. Identify all trusses used as drag struts, and show loads on framing plan

18. Framing members to accommodate mechanical equipment requirements if installed in attic.

**L. Structural Calculations**

1. Provide the following structural engineering calculations:
  - a. Gravity loads analysis.
  - b. Lateral loads analysis.
  - c. Retaining wall calculations.
  - d. Provide special inspection.

**M. Building Thermal Envelope**

1. Energy compliance shall be demonstrated by prescriptive, UA trade-off (REScheck) or performance (REM/Rate) compliance path.
2. Mechanical closets requiring outside combustion air for gas furnace or water heater shall be thermally isolated from the building unless the equipment is direct-vent.
3. Recessed luminaires installed in the building thermal envelope shall be sealed to limit air leakage between conditioned and unconditioned spaces. All recessed luminaires shall be IC-rated and labeled as having an air leakage rate not more than 2.0 cfm. All recessed luminaires shall be sealed with a gasket or caulk between the housing and the interior wall or ceiling covering. (N1102.4.5).
4. The building or dwelling unit shall be tested and verified as having an air leakage rate of not exceeding five air changes per hour for detached dwelling units. Testing shall be conducted with a blower door at a pressure of 0.2 inches w.g. (50 Pascal's). Testing shall be conducted by an approved third party. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the building official. Testing shall be performed at any time after creation of all penetrations of the building thermal envelope. (N1102.4.1.2).

**N. Mechanical plan**

1. Show mechanical equipment and water heaters on 18-inch platform if placed in garage or room with direct access to garage. (M1307.3).
2. Provide combustion air and show hi and low vent opening sizes for gas fuel appliances located in *confined* spaces. (G2407).

3. Provide and reference approved detail for gas piping to gas island cooktop. (G2415.14).
4. Provide kitchen exhaust fan vented direct to outside. (M1507.2 Table M1507.4).
5. Show mechanical system design criteria, types, sizes, efficiencies and controls (N1101.5).
6. Provide HVAC equipment sizing calculations. Heating and cooling equipment shall be sized in accordance with ACCA Manual S based on building loads calculated in accordance with ACCA Manual J or other approved calculation methodologies (N1103.7).
7. Provide minimum 13 SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio) for air conditioning equipment.
8. Provide minimum 92% AFUE (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency) for weatherized gas heating equipment.
9. Each separate heating and cooling system shall be provided with at least one programmable thermostat (N1103.1.1).
10. Show how the building is provided with outside air ventilation in accordance with Section M1507. Outdoor air intakes and exhausts shall have automatic or gravity dampers that close when the ventilation system is not operating. (N1103.6).
11. Bathrooms, water closet compartments and other similar rooms shall be provided with: a mechanical ventilation system, with a minimum ventilation rate of 50 cfm (23.6 L/s) for intermittent ventilation, or 20 cfm (9.4 L/s) for continuous ventilation. Ventilated air shall be exhausted directly to the outside. Except where functioning as a component of a whole house ventilation system, exhaust fans in bathrooms with a shower or tub shall be provided with a delay timer or humidity/condensation control sensor. Exhaust fans shall be switched separately from lighting systems.
12. Duct systems serving heating, cooling and ventilation equipment shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of this section and ACCA Manual D or other approved methods. (M1601.1)
13. Show supply and return air ducts and registers. (IBC 107.2.1 ).
14. Supply and return ducts in attics shall be insulated to a minimum **R-8** where 3 inches in diameter or greater. Ducts in other portions of the building shall be insulated to minimum R-6 where 3 inches in diameter or greater

Ducts and air handlers located completely inside the building thermal envelope are exempt. (N1103.3.1).

15. Ducts, air handlers, and filter boxes shall be sealed in accordance with Sections N1103.3.2 and M1601.4.1. Ducts shall be pressure tested to determine air leakage by one of the following methods (N1103.3.3):

- a) **Rough-in test:** Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure if installed at the time of the test. All registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.
- b) **Post construction test:** Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure. Registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.

A written report of results shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. A duct air leakage test shall not be required where the ducts and air handlers are located completely inside the building thermal envelope. (N1103.3.3)

## **O. Electrical Plan and Lighting**

1. Provide a complete Electrical Plan (IBC 107.2)
2. Provide fully noted plan showing, all required receptacles, light fixtures, switches, exhaust fans, smoke detectors, service panels and sub-panels. (E3703 & E3901)
3. Provide notes and symbols legend.
4. Show and label all required **GFCI** and **WP/GFCI** receptacles. (E3902)
5. Show and label all required **AFCI** circuits. (E3902.16)
6. In areas specified in Section E3901.1, 125-volt, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles shall be listed tamper-resistant receptacles. (E4002.14)
7. Show that a minimum 90 percent of the permanently installed lighting fixtures contain only high-efficacy lamps (N1104.1)
8. Show and label all **WP/DP** lighting fixtures as **SUITABLE FOR WET OR DAMP LOCATIONS** accordingly. (E4001.7)
9. Show and label all smoke alarms. Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations:
  - 1) In each sleeping room.
  - 2) Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.

3) On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

4) Smoke alarms shall be installed not less than 3 feet horizontally from the door or opening of a bathroom that contains a bathtub or shower unless this would prevent placement of a smoke alarm required by Section R314.3.

10. Show and label all **carbon monoxide alarms**, an approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms in dwelling units within which fuel-fired appliances are installed and in dwelling units that have attached garages. (R315)
11. For Electrical Services greater than 400 amps, **PROVIDE ELECTRICAL LOAD CALCULATIONS.**
12. Provide an **ELECTRICAL SINGLE LINE DIAGRAM** for Services 200 amps and larger.

## **P. Plumbing Plan**

1. Provide a single line gas-piping diagram; include all gas burning appliances and BTUs of each appliance, show pipe *lengths* and *sizes* from gas meter to each branch line and to each appliance. (G2413)
2. Show type of gas piping. (G2414)
3. Do not place gas piping under slab. (G2415.14)
4. Provide approved detail for gas piping to kitchen island gas cook top. (G2415.14)
5. Show all drainage/sewer piping materials. (Tables P3002.1, P3002.2)
6. Show high efficiency plumbing fixtures that meet the following maximum flow and flush rates: Faucets: 2.2 gal. /minute, Shower heads: 2.5 gal. /minute, water closets: 1.6 gal. /flush. (Table P2903.2.).

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7. Provide roof drains and over-flow/scuppers. (R903.4).
8. Show service water heating system design criteria, types, sizes, efficiencies and controls (N1101.5).
9. Storage-tank type water heaters shall be installed with a drain pan and drain line. (P2801.6)
10. WH-pan drain-line shall terminate per (P2801.6.2)
11. Show minimum R-3 insulation for hot water pipes. (N1103.5.3).

### **Q. Fire Sprinklers**

1. Provide fire sprinklers per LGT Code and (IFC903) *if required*.

### **R. Additional Energy Requirements**

1. A permanent energy certificate shall be completed by the builder or registered design professional and posted in accordance with N1101.14 and U103.8.

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## REQUIRED RESIDENTIAL NOTES

*The following notes shall be incorporated into the plans. If these notes are reproduced on the plans as a block, it will facilitate the review of the project.*

## PLACE THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED NOTES ON THE DRAWING

2018 International Building Code  
2018 International Residential Code  
2018 International Fire Code

1. All products listed by an Evaluation Service Report (ESR) shall be installed per the report and the manufactures written instructions. Product substitutions shall also be listed by an ESR.
2. Provide Fire Sprinkler System per LGT Code and Fire Code (IRC R313)
3. Separate permits required: generators, pools, spas, fences, site walls, retaining walls, and gas storage tanks.
4. Foundation & Footing depth shall be a minimum of 36 inches **below grade** (provide a minimum of 3-inch clearance between Rebar and soil. (R403.1)
5. Doors between the garage and residence shall be self-closing minimum 1 3/8" thick solid core or 20-minute fire rated. (R302.5.1)
6. Exterior wall penetrations by pipes, ducts or conduits shall be sealed. (R703.1)
7. Wood sill plates shall be pressure treated or decay resistant. Exterior sill plates shall bear a minimum of 6 inches above finish grade. (R317.1)
8. Gypsum board applied to a ceiling shall be 1/2" when framing members are 16" o.c. or 5/8" when framing members are 24" o.c. or use labeled 1/2" sag-resistant gypsum ceiling board. (Table R702.3.5 (d))
9. Showers and tub-shower combinations shall be provided with individual control valves of the pressure balance or thermostatic mixing valve type. (P2708.4)
10. Shower area walls shall be finished with a smooth, hard non-absorbent surface, such as ceramic tile, to a height of not less than 72 inches above the drain inlet. Cement, fiber-cement or glass mat gypsum backers installed in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations shall be used as backers for wall tile in tub and shower areas and wall panels in shower areas. (R702.4.2)
11. Plumbing fixtures shall comply with the following conservation requirements: Water closets-Tank type 1.6 gal. /flush. Shower heads- 2.5 gpm. Sinks-2.2 gpm. Lavatory-2.2 gpm (Table P2903.2)
12. Storage-tank type water heaters shall be installed with a drain pan and drain line. (P2801.6)
13. A demand-controlled hot water circulation system shall be provided in accordance with Sections N1103.5.1.1 and N1103.5.1.2.
14. Provide roof/attic ventilation unless insulation is applied directly to underside of roof sheathing. (R806.1)
15. The building thermal envelope shall comply with climate zone 4 nonmarine. Energy compliance shall be demonstrated by UA trade- off (REScheck) **OR** performance (REM/Rate) compliance path **OR** PAAEP **OR** by the following prescriptive values (Table N1102.1.2):
  - i. Prescriptive **minimum** R-values : Ceiling=R-49 / <Walls=R-20 or 13 +5
  - ii. Prescriptive **maximum** Window Fenestration values: U-Factor=0.35 / <SHGC=0.40
16. Provide Minimum R-3 insulation on hot water pipes. (N1103.5.3)



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17. Supply and return ducts in attics shall be insulated to a minimum **R-8**. Ducts in other portions of the building shall be insulated to minimum R-6. Ducts and air handlers located completely inside the building thermal envelope are exempt. (N1103.3.1).
18. Registers, diffusers and grilles shall be mechanically fastened to rigid supports or structural members on at least two opposite sides.
19. Exhaust air from bathrooms and toilet rooms shall be exhausted directly to the outdoors, not recirculated or discharged indoors. (M1507.2)
20. Exhaust fans in bathrooms with a shower or tub shall be provided with a delay timer or humidity/condensation control sensor. Exhaust fans shall be switched separately from lighting systems. (R303.3)
21. Provide a wall mounted GFCI protected receptacle outlet within 36" of a bathroom or powder room lavatory. (E3901.6)
22. Receptacles serving kitchen countertops installed in bathrooms, garages, unfinished accessory buildings, outdoors and located within 6 feet of sinks shall have **GFCI** protection for personnel. (E3902)
23. All branch circuits that supply 15- and 20-ampere outlets installed in kitchens, family rooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms, recreations rooms, closets, hallways, laundry areas and similar rooms or areas shall be protected by a combination type arc-fault circuit interrupter (**AFCI**) installed to provide protection of the branch circuit. (E3902.12)
24. General purpose 15- and 20-ampere receptacles shall be listed **tamper-resistant**. (E4002.14)
25. Provide **Smoke Alarms** in new and existing areas of home. (R314)
26. Approved **Carbon Monoxide Alarms** shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms in dwelling units within which fuel-fired appliances are installed and in dwelling units that have attached garages. (R315)
27. A minimum of 75 percent of the permanently installed lighting fixtures shall contain only high-efficacy lamps. (N1104.1)
28. Recessed luminaires installed in the building thermal envelope shall be IC-rated and labeled as having an air leakage rate not more than 2.0 cfm. All recessed luminaires shall be sealed with a gasket or caulk between the housing and the interior wall or ceiling covering. (N1102.4.5).
29. Provide illumination with wall switches for stairways when there are 6 or more risers. (R303.7)
30. Receptacle outlets shall be installed so that no point along the floor line in any wall space is more than 6 feet, measured horizontally, from an outlet in that space, including any wall space 2 feet or more in width. (E3901.2)
31. Provide a minimum of two 20-amp small appliance branch circuits for the kitchen/dining/breakfast. (E3703.2)
32. Both metal piping systems and grounded metal parts in contact with the circulating water associated with a hydro massage tub shall be bonded together using an insulated, covered, or bare solid copper bonding jumper not smaller than 8 AWG. (E4209)
33. Provide outside combustion air to all indoor fireplaces with air intake located not higher than the firebox. (R1006.1)
34. At least one thermostat shall be provided for each separate heating and cooling system. (N1103.1)

### **The following three notes are applicable to New Construction only**

35. The building shall be provided with a whole-house mechanical ventilation system that meets the requirements of Section M1507. Outdoor air intakes and exhausts shall have automatic or gravity dampers that close when the ventilation system is not operating. (N1103.6)
36. The building or dwelling unit shall be tested and verified as having an air leakage rate not exceeding five air changes per hour for detached dwelling units and seven air changes per hour for attached dwelling units. Testing shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM E 779 or ASTM E 1827 and reported at a pressure of 0.2 inch w.g. (50 Pascals). Testing shall be conducted by an approved third party (RESNET certified). A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. (N1102.4.1.2)

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37. Ducts, air handlers, and filter boxes shall be sealed in accordance with N1103.3.2. Joints and seams shall comply with Section M1601.4.1. Ducts shall be pressure tested to determine leakage by one of the following methods (N1103.3.3):
1. Rough-in test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure if installed at the time of the test. All registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.
  2. Post-construction test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inches w.g. (25 Pa) across the system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure. Registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.

**Exception:** A duct leakage test shall not be required where the ducts and air handlers are located entirely within the building thermal envelope.

**A written report of the results shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official prior to the Building Final.**