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As the 2018 legislative session draws to a close, I wanted to make you aware of some plumbing and HVAC code changes that have been adopted this year. Rules become law at Sine Die (the end of the session), and statutes or bills, go into effect July 1 of the year adopted.

Below are the new rules soon to be in effect.

Removal of the Cross Connection Control Manual, published by the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) from IDAPA 07.02.04.012.01.

All backflow requirements will be enforced from the Idaho State Plumbing Code (ISPC). The major change is double check backflow assemblies (DCBA) will no longer be allowed in lawn sprinkler applications. Any DCBAs installed prior to the code change will not need to be removed unless they can no longer be repaired and must be replaced.

The Division of Building Safety will be doing a 'soft' implementation of this rule until May 1, 2018.

Section 603.5.7 of the ISPC, adds, 'freeze resistant yard hydrants' to the list of fixtures that DO NOT need a hose bibb-type backflow preventer.

Section 604.10.1-Tracer Wire, states "Where electrical wiring for the pump is installed in the same trench as the water line, from the point of origin to the structure, a tracer wire shall not be required."

HVAC-IDAPA rule 07.07.01.006(k) regarding mechanical ventilation has been deleted.

Mechanical ventilation requirements will need to meet the requirements of the 2012 International Residential Code.

There were four proposed statute changes. They all passed the House, but yesterday, the Senate Commerce & Human Resources Committee voted to table HB 481 and 482. HB 483 and 484 will go to the Senate floor with a 'do pass' recommendation. If passed, the bills will go into effect July 1, 2018.

You can view HB 481, 482, 483, and 484 by clicking on the link.

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2018/legislation/>.

Plumbing Journeyman Exam. With the adoption of the 2017 ISPC, based on the 2015 UPC last year, a person may test using the 2009 UPC through December 31, 2018, or, as of March 1, may test using the 2015 UPC.

You can view the currently adopted plumbing or mechanical codes on our website,

<https://dbs.idaho.gov>.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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