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APPLICATION NO.: _____

2015 Mechanical & Energy Code – Ventilation, Makeup, and Combustion Air Calculations
Please submit at time of application of a mechanical permit for new construction.
This form must be posted at the jobsite at the time of the rough-in inspection.

Site Address:		Date:	
Contractor:		By:	

Section A

Ventilation Quantity			
(Determine quantity by using Table R403.5.2 or Equation R403.5..2, 2015 Minnesota Energy Code)			
Square feet (Conditioned area including Basement – finished or unfinished):		Total required ventilation:	
Number of Bedrooms:		Continuous ventilation:	

Section B

Ventilation Method			
(Choose either balanced or exhaust only)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Balanced, HRV (Heat Recovery Ventilator) or ERV (Energy Recovery Ventilator) – cfm of unit in low must not exceed continuous ventilation rating by more than 100%.		<input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust Only Continuous fan rating in cfm	
Low cfm:		High cfm:	
		Continuous fan rating in cfm (capacity must not exceed continuous ventilation rating by more than 100%)	

Section C

Ventilation Fan Schedule			
Description	Location	Continuous	Total Ventilation

Section D

Controls	
(Describe operation and control of the continuous ventilation)	

Section E

Make-up air for exhaust appliances in dwelling units	
	Passive (determined from calculations from 2015 Minnesota Mechanical Code, Table 501.4.2)
	Powered (determined from calculations from 2015 Minnesota Mechanical Code, Table 501.4.2)
	Interlocked with exhaust device (determined from calculation from 2015 Minnesota Mechanical Code, Table 501.4.2)
	Other, describe:
Location of duct or system ventilation make-up air: Determined from make-up air opening table. Makeup air requirements of 175 cubic feet per minute and greater must meet the requirements of MMC 2015, Section 501.4.2.3.	
Cfm	Size and type (round, rectangular, flex or rigid)

Section F

Make-up air for combustion		
Not required per mechanical code (No atmospheric or power vented appliances)		
Passive (see IFGC Appendix E, Worksheet E-1)	Size and type	
Other, describe:		

Notes: Instructions and example forms are available at the Olmsted County website and at the Planning Department office.
This form must be submitted at the time of application of a mechanical permit for new construction.
Additional forms may be downloaded and printed at: <https://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/planning/applicationsfees/BldgWellSeptic/Pages/default.aspx>
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Square feet (Conditioned area including Basement – finished or unfinished)		Total required ventilation	
Number of bedrooms		Continuous ventilation	

Directions - Determine the total and continuous ventilation rate by either using Table R403.5.2 or Equation R403.5.2. Insert the square footage, total required ventilation and continuous ventilation in the Mechanical Submittal form. The table and equation are below.

Table R403.5.2 2015 Minnesota Energy Code						
Total and Continuous Ventilation Rates (in cfm)						
	Number of Bedrooms					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 ²
Conditioned space ¹ (in sq. ft.)	Total/ Continuous	Total/ Continuous	Total/ Continuous	Total/ Continuous	Total/ Continuous	Total/ Continuous
1000-1500	60/40	75/40	90/45	105/53	120/60	135/68
1501-2000	70/40	85/43	100/50	115/58	130/65	145/73
2001-2500	80/40	95/48	110/55	125/63	140/70	155/78
2501-3000	90/45	105/53	120/60	135/68	150/75	165/83
3001-3500	100/50	115/58	130/65	145/73	160/80	175/88
3501-4000	110/55	125/63	140/70	155/78	170/85	185/93
4001-4500	120/60	135/68	150/75	165/83	180/90	195/98
4501-5000	130/65	145/73	160/80	175/88	190/95	205/103
5001-5500	140/70	155/78	170/85	185/93	200/100	215/108
5501-6000 ²	150/75	165/83	180/90	195/98	210/105	225/113

¹ Conditioned space includes the basement and conditioned crawl space.

² If conditioned space exceeds 6000 sq.ft. or there are more than 6 bedrooms, use Equation R403.5.2 from Section R403.5.2 to calculate total ventilation rate.

Equation R403.5.2 2015 Minnesota Energy Code

Total ventilation rate (cfm) = (0.02 x square feet of conditioned space) + (15 x (number of bedrooms + 1))

Equation R403.5.2.1 2015 Minnesota Energy Code

Continuous ventilation (cfm) = total ventilation rate/2

R403.5.2 Total ventilation rate (TVR) – The mechanical ventilation system shall provide sufficient outdoor air to equal the total ventilation rate average for each 1-hour period accordance with Table R403.5.2, or Equation R403.5.2, based on the number of bedrooms and square footage of conditioned space, including the basement and conditioned crawl spaces.

R403.5.3 Continuous ventilation rate (CVR) – A minimum of 50 percent of the total ventilation rate (TVR). The CVR shall not be less than 40 cfm (1133L/min) and shall provide a continuous average cfm rate according to Table R403.5.2 or according to Equation R403.5.2 for every 1-hour period. The portion of the ventilation system that is intended to be continuous may have automatic cycling controls provide the average flow rate for each hour.

R403.5.4 2015 Minnesota Energy Code

R403.5.4 Intermittent ventilation rate (IVR) – The difference between the total ventilation rate and the continuous ventilation rate.

R403.5.5 Balanced and HRV/ERV systems – All balanced systems shall be balanced so that the air intake is within 10 percent of the exhaust output. A heat recovery ventilator (HRV) or energy recovery ventilator (ERV) shall meet either:

1. The requirements of HVI Standard 920, 72 hours minus 13°F (-10°C) cold weather test; or
2. Certified by a registered professional engineer and installed per manufacturer's installation instructions.

An HRV or ERV intended to comply with both the continuous and total ventilation rate requirements shall meet the rated design capacity of the continuous ventilation rate specified in Section R403.5.3 under low capacity and meet the total ventilation rate specified in Section R403.5.2 under high capacity.

Exception: The balanced system and HRV/ERV system may include exhaust fans to meet the intermittent ventilation rate. Surface mounted fans shall have a maximum 1.0 sone per HVI Standard 915.

Section B

Ventilation Method			
(Choose either balanced or exhaust only)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balanced, HRV (Heat Recovery Ventilator) or ERV (Energy Recovery Ventilator) – cfm of unit in low must not exceed continuous ventilation rating by more than 100%.		<input type="checkbox"/> Balanced powered intake and exhaust Continuous fan rating in cfm	
Low cfm:		High cfm:	
		Continuous fan rating in cfm (capacity must not exceed continuous ventilation rating by more than 100%)	

Directions - Choose the method of ventilation; balanced utilizing a HRV or ERV, or balanced utilizing a powered intake and exhaust. When utilizing a single stage HRV or ERV, or a powered intake and exhaust, only the low cfm will be entered in the ventilation form. The balance of the total ventilation is required to be provided by additional ventilation fans. Be advised, fans that are utilized for the continuous and total ventilation requirements must be 1/3 or less and be rated for continuous duty. Low cfm air flow must be equal to or greater than the required continuous ventilation rate and less than 100% greater than the continuous rate. (For instance, if the low cfm is 40 cfm, the ventilation fan must not exceed 80 cfm.) Automatic controls may allow the use of a larger fan that is operated a percentage of each hour.

Section C

Ventilation Fan Schedule			
	Location	Continuous	Total Ventilation

Directions - The ventilation fan schedule should describe what the fan is being used for; the location, cfm, and whether it is used for continuous or total ventilation. The HRV, ERV or fan that is being utilized for continuous ventilation must be equal to or greater than the low cfm air rating and less than 100% greater than the continuous rating. (For instance, if the low cfm is 40 cfm, the continuous ventilation HRV or fan must not exceed 80 cfm.) Automatic controls may allow the use of a larger fan that is operated a percentage of each hour.

Section D

Ventilation Controls
(Describe operation and control of the continuous ventilation)

Directions - Describe the operation of the ventilation system. There should be adequate detail for plan reviewers and inspectors to verify design and installation compliance; in addition, related trades also need adequate detail for placement of controls and proper operation of the building ventilation. If exhaust fans are used for building ventilation, describe the operation and location of any controls, indicators and legends. If an ERV or HRV is to be installed, describe how it will be installed and interfaced with the air handling equipment. Installation must conform to the manufactures' installation instructions. The installation must be capable of delivering air to each habitable space in the structure. Air distribution may be provided by a forced air circulation system, separate duct system or individual inlets.

Section E

Make-up air for ventilation
Passive (determined from calculations from 2015 Minnesota Mechanical Code, Table 501.4.1)
Powered (determined from calculations from 2015 Minnesota Mechanical Code, Table 501.4.1)
Interlocked with exhaust device (determined from calculations from 2015 Minnesota Mechanical Code, Table 501.4.1)
Other, describe:
Location of duct or system ventilation make-up air: (Determined from make-up air opening table, Table 501.4.2.)

NR	Cfm:		Size and type (round, rectangular, flex or rigid)
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(NR means not required)

Directions - In order to determine the makeup air for ventilation, Table 501.4.1 must be filled out (see below). For most new installations, column A will be appropriate, however, if kitchen hoods exceed 300 cfm, atmospherically vented appliances or solid fuel appliances are installed, use the appropriate column. Please note, if the makeup air quantity is negative, no additional makeup air will be required for ventilation, if the value is positive refer to Table 501.4.2 and size the opening. Transfer the cfm, size of opening and type (round, rectangular, flex or rigid) to the last line of section D. The ventilation make-up air supply must communicate with the exhaust appliances.

Table 501.4.1, 2015 Minnesota Mechanical Code PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE MAKEUP AIR QUANTITY FOR EXHAUST APPLIANCES IN DWELLING UNITS				
	One or multiple power vent or direct vent appliances or no combustion appliances Column A	One or multiple fan-assisted appliances and power vent or direct vent appliances Column B	One atmospherically vented gas or oil appliance or one solid fuel appliance Column C	Multiple atmospherically vented gas or oil appliances or solid fuel appliances Column D
1. Enter the Appropriate Column to Estimate House Infiltration				
a) pressure factor (cfm/sf)				
b) conditioned floor area (sf) (including unfinished basements)				
Estimated House Infiltration (cfm): [1a x 1b]				
2. Exhaust Capacity				
a) clothes dryer (cfm)				
b) 80% of largest exhaust rating (cfm); (not applicable if recirculating system or if powered makeup air is electrically interlocked and match to exhaust)				
c) 80% of next largest exhaust rating (cfm); (not applicable if recirculating system or if powered makeup air is electrically interlocked and matched to exhaust)	NA			
Total Exhaust Capacity (cfm); [2a + 2b + 2c]				
3. Makeup Air Quantity (cfm)				
a) total exhaust capacity (from above)				
b) estimated house infiltration (from above)				
Makeup Air Quantity (cfm); [3a – 3b] (if value is negative, no makeup air is needed)				
4. For makeup Air Opening Sizing, refer to Table 501.4.2				

- A. Use this column if there are other than fan-assisted or atmospherically vented gas or oil appliance or if there are no combustion appliances.
- B. Use this column if there is one fan-assisted appliance per venting system. (Appliances other than atmospherically vented appliances may also be included.)
- C. Use this column if there is one atmospherically vented (other than fan-assisted) gas or oil appliance per venting system or one solid fuel appliance.
- D. Use this column if there are multiple atmospherically vented gas or oil appliances using a common vent or if there are atmospherically vented gas or oil appliances and solid fuel appliances.

Be advised: 2015 Minnesota Mechanical Code, Section 505.2, Installation of exhaust hood systems capable of exhausting in excess of 400 cfm shall be provide with *makeup air* at a rate approximately equal to the *exhaust air rate*. *Such makeup air systems shall be equipped with a means of closure and shall be automatically controlled to start and operate simultaneously with the exhaust system.*

Makeup Air Opening Table for New and Existing Dwelling Units
Table 501.4.2, 2015 Minnesota Mechanical Code

	One or multiple power vent, direct vent appliances, or no combustion appliances Column A	One or multiple fan-assisted appliances and power vent or direct vent appliances Column B	One atmospherically vented gas or oil appliance or one solid fuel appliance Column C	Multiple atmospherically vented gas or oil appliances or solid fuel appliances Column D	Duct diameter
Passive opening	1 – 36	1 – 22	1 – 15	1 – 9	3
Passive opening	37 – 66	23 – 41	16 – 28	10 – 17	4
Passive opening	67 – 109	42 – 66	29 – 46	18 – 28	5
Passive opening	110 - 163	67 – 100	47 – 69	29 – 42	6
Passive opening	164 – 232	101 – 143	70 – 99	43 – 61	7
Passive opening	233 – 317	144 – 195	100 – 135	62 – 83	8
Passive opening w/motorized damper	318 – 419	196 – 258	136 – 179	84 – 110	9
Passive opening w/motorized damper	420 – 539	259 – 332	180 – 230	111 – 142	10
Passive opening w/motorized damper	540 – 679	333 – 419	231 – 290	143 – 179	11
Powered makeup air	>679	>419	>290	>179	NA

Notes:

- A. Use this column if there are other than fan-assisted or atmospherically vented gas or oil appliances or if there are no combustion appliances.
- B. Use this column if there is one fan-assisted appliance per venting system. Other than atmospherically vented appliances may also be included.
- C. Use this column if there is one atmospherically vented (other than fan-assisted) gas or oil appliance per venting system or one solid fuel appliance.
- D. Use this column if there are multiple atmospherically vented gas or oil appliances using a common vent or if there are atmospherically vented gas or oil appliances and solid fuel appliances.
- E. An equivalent length of 100 feet of round smooth metal duct is assumed. Subtract 40 feet for the exterior hood and ten feet for each 90- degree elbow to determine the remaining length of straight duct allowable.
- F. If flexible duct is used, increase the duct diameter by one inch. Flexible duct shall be stretched with minimal sags. Compressed duct shall not be accepted.
- G. Barometric dampers are prohibited in passive makeup air openings when any atmospherically vented appliance is installed.
- H. Powered makeup air shall be electrically interlocked with the largest exhaust system.

Sections F

Make-up air for combustion			
	Not required per mechanical code (No atmospheric or power vented appliances)		
	Passive (see IFGC Appendix E, Worksheet E-1)	Size and type	
	Other, describe:		

Explanation - If no atmospheric or power vented appliances are installed, check the appropriate box, not required. If a power vented or atmospherically vented appliance installed, use IFGC Appendix E, Worksheet E-1 (see below). Please enter size and type. Combustion air vent supplies must communicate with the appliance or appliances that require the combustion air.

Section F calculations follow on the next 2 pages.

Directions - The Minnesota Fuel Gas Code method to calculate to size of a required combustion air opening, is called the Known Air Infiltration Rate Method (KAIR). For new construction, 4b of step 4 is required to be filled out. The example assumes a typical 3,000 square foot home with a finished basement that has a mechanical room that is 10 feet wide by 12 feet long with an 8 foot ceiling. It also assumes installation of a 70,000 btu, 2 pipe condensing furnace; and a 40,000 Btu, power vented water heater.

IFGC Appendix E, Table E-1					
Residential Combustion air (Required Interior Volume Based on Input Rating of Appliance)					
Input Rating (Btu/hr)	Standard Method	Known Air Infiltration Rate (KAIR) Method (cu ft)			
		Fan Assisted		Non-Fan Assisted	
		1994 to present	Pre-1994	1994 to present	Pre-1994
5,000	250	375	188	525	263
10,000	500	750	375	1,050	525
15,000	750	1,125	563	1,575	788
20,000	1,000	1,500	750	2,100	1,050
25,000	1,250	1,875	938	2,625	1,313
30,000	1,500	2,250	1,125	3,150	1,575
35,000	1,750	2,625	1,313	3,675	1,838
40,000	2,000	3,000	1,500	4,200	2,100
45,000	2,250	3,375	1,688	4,725	2,363
50,000	2,500	3,750	1,675	5,250	2,625
55,000	2,750	4,125	2,063	5,775	2,888
60,000	3,000	4,500	2,250	6,300	3,150
65,000	3,250	4,875	2,438	6,825	3,413
70,000	3,500	5,250	2,625	7,350	3,675
75,000	3,750	5,625	2,813	7,875	3,938
80,000	4,000	6,000	3,000	8,400	4,200
85,000	4,250	6,375	3,188	8,925	4,463
90,000	4,500	6,750	3,375	9,450	4,725
95,000	4,750	7,125	3,563	9,975	4,988
100,000	5,000	7,500	3,750	10,500	5,250
105,000	5,250	7,875	3,938	11,025	5,513
110,000	5,500	8,250	4,125	11,550	5,775
115,000	5,750	8,625	4,313	12,075	6,038
120,000	6,000	9,000	4,500	12,600	6,300
125,000	6,250	9,375	4,688	13,125	6,563
130,000	6,500	9,750	4,875	13,650	6,825
135,000	6,750	10,125	5,063	14,175	7,088
140,000	7,000	10,500	5,250	14,700	7,350
145,000	7,250	10,875	5,438	15,225	7,613
150,000	7,500	11,250	5,625	15,750	7,875
155,000	7,750	11,625	5,813	16,275	8,138
160,000	8,000	12,000	6,000	16,800	8,400
165,000	8,250	12,375	6,188	17,325	8,663
170,000	8,500	12,750	6,375	17,850	8,925
175,000	8,750	13,125	6,563	18,375	9,188
180,000	9,000	13,500	6,750	18,900	9,450
185,000	9,250	13,875	6,938	19,425	9,713
190,000	9,500	14,250	7,125	19,950	9,975
195,000	9,750	14,625	7,313	20,475	10,238
200,000	10,000	15,000	7,500	21,000	10,500
205,000	10,250	15,375	7,688	21,525	10,783
210,000	10,500	15,750	7,875	22,050	11,025
215,000	10,750	16,125	8,063	22,575	11,288
220,000	11,000	16,500	8,250	23,100	11,550
225,000	11,250	16,875	8,438	23,625	11,813
230,000	11,500	17,250	8,625	24,150	12,075

1. The 1994 date refers to dwelling constructed under the 1994 Minnesota Energy Code. The default KAIR used in this section of the table is .20 air changes per hour (ACH).
2. This section of the table is to be used for dwelling constructed prior to 1994. The default KAIR used in this section of the table is 0.40 ACH.

New Construction Energy Code Compliance Certificate

Per R401.3 Certificate. A building certificate shall be posted on or in the electrical distribution panel.

Date Certificate Posted



Mailing Address of the Dwelling or Dwelling Unit

City

Name of Residential Contractor

MN License Number

THERMAL ENVELOPE

Insulation Location	Total R-Value of all Types of Insulation	Type: Check All That Apply							
		Non or Not Applicable	Fiberglass, Blown	Fiberglass, Batts	Foam, Closed Cell	Foam Open Cell	Mineral Fiberboard	Rigid, Extruded Polystyrene	Rigid, Isocynurate
Below Entire Slab									
Foundation Wall									
Perimeter of Slab on Grade									
Rim Joist (1st Floor)									
Rim Joist (2nd Floor+)									
Wall									
Ceiling, flat									
Ceiling, vaulted									
Bay Windows or cantilevered areas									
Floors over unconditioned area									
Describe other insulated areas									

RADON CONTROL SYSTEM

Passive (No Fan)
Active (With fan and monometer or other system monitoring device)
Location (or future location) of Fan:
Other Please Describe Here

Building envelope air tightness: (ACH)	Duct system air tightness: (cfm/100sf)
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Windows & Doors	Heating or Cooling Ducts Outside Conditioned Spaces
Average U-Factor (excludes skylights and one door) U:	Not applicable, all ducts located in conditioned space
Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC):	R-value

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

Appliances	Heating System	Domestic Water Heater	Cooling System	Make-up Air <i>Select a Type</i>
Fuel Type				Not required per mech. code
Manufacturer				Passive
Model				Powered
Rating or Size	Input in BTUS:	Capacity in Gallons:	Output in Tons:	Interlocked with exhaust device. Describe:
Efficiency	AFUE or HSPF%		SEER /EER	Other, describe:
Residential Load Calculation	Heating Loss	Heating Gain	Cooling Load	Location of duct or system:
				Cfm's
				" round duct OR
				" metal duct

MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEM

Describe any additional or combined heating or cooling systems if installed: (e.g. two furnaces or air source heat pump with gas back-up furnace):				Combustion Air <i>Select a Type</i>	
Select Type				Not required per mech. code	
Heat Recover Ventilator (HRV) Capacity in cfm's: Low: High:				Passive	
Energy Recover Ventilator (ERV) Capacity in cfm's: Low: High:				Other, describe:	
Balanced Ventilation capacity in cfm's:				Location of duct or system:	
Location of fan(s), describe:				Cfm's	
Capacity continuous ventilation rate in cfm's:				" round duct OR	
Total ventilation (intermittent + continuous) rate in cfm's:				" metal duct	