

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture

Article 27.—Lodging Establishments

4-27-20. Plumbing systems.

(a) Each licensee shall ensure that all plumbing is installed and maintained in accordance with all applicable local plumbing codes. In the absence of local plumbing codes, all plumbing shall be installed and maintained by a licensed plumber.

(b) Each licensee shall ensure that all of the following requirements are met:

(1) Potable water under pressure shall be available at all times at each fixture designed to provide water. Hot water shall be provided to each fixture designed to use hot water.

(2) Each toilet room, bathing facility, and laundry area shall be provided with ventilation to minimize condensation and to prevent mold, algae, and odors.

Each newly constructed lodging establishment and each lodging establishment undergoing major renovation shall be required to have mechanical ventilation in each toilet room, bathing facility, and laundry area.

(3) Each fixture drain shall be plumbed with a P-trap.

(4) All openings for the passage of plumbing shall be verminproof.

(5) No fitting, connection, device, or method of installation of plumbing shall obstruct or retard the flow of water, wastes, sewage, or air in the drainage or venting system.

(c) All backflow devices shall meet the design specifications for their intended use. All potable water supplies shall be protected from sources of potential contamination. Each licensee shall ensure that all of the following requirements are met:

(1) If provided, each boiler unit, fire sprinkler system with chemical additives, lawn sprinkler with a means for injection of pesticides, herbicides, or other chemicals, and pumped or repressurized cooling or heating system shall be protected by a reduced-pressure-principle backflow prevention assembly.

(A) The backflow prevention assembly shall be tested at least annually.

(B) Documentation of each test shall be maintained at the lodging establishment for at least one year and shall be made available to the secretary upon request.

(2) If provided, each fire sprinkler system not using chemical additives and lawn sprinkler system without a means for injection of pesticides, herbicides, or other chemicals shall be protected by a double-check valve assembly.

(A) The double-check valve assembly shall be tested at least annually.

(B) Documentation of each test shall be maintained at the lodging establishment for at least one year and shall be made available to the secretary upon request.

(3) If provided, each threaded faucet to which a hose is connected, flush valve, and any similar device shall be protected by a vacuum breaker. Each commercial dishwasher and each commercial laundry machine shall be protected by either a vacuum breaker or an air gap.

(4) If provided, each relief valve discharge line from a water heater, water-holding tank, cooling tower, or water softener, each discharge line from a commercial laundry machine, and each condensation line shall be protected by an air gap.

(5) Each swimming pool water supply line shall be protected by either an air gap or a double-check valve assembly.

(6) Fire sprinklers plumbed into a waterline over gas water heaters or furnaces, or both, shall not be required to have a backflow device unless required by local ordinance.

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