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**Add new text as follows:**

**C103.2.2 Electrification system**. The construction documents shall provide details for additional electric infrastructure, including conduit, panel capacity, and electrical service capacity, as well as interior and exterior spaces designated for future electric equipment.

**Revise text as follows:**

**C105.2.5 Electrical system.** Inspection shall verify lighting system controls, components, ~~and~~ meters, and additional electric infrastructure as required by the code, approved plans and specifications.

**Add new definitions as follows:**

**APPLIANCE.**A device or apparatus that is manufactured and designed to utilize energy and for which this code provides specific requirements.

**COMBUSTION EQUIPMENT.**Anyequipment or *appliance* used for space heating, *service water heating*, cooking, clothes drying or lighting that uses a fossil fuel.

**COMMERCIAL COOKING APPLIANCES.** *Appliances* used in a commercial food service establishment for heating or cooking food and which produce grease vapors, steam, fumes, smoke or odors that are required to be removed through a local exhaust ventilation system. Such appliances include deep fat fryers, upright broilers, griddles, broilers, steam-jacketed kettles, hot-top ranges, under-fired broilers (charbroilers), ovens, barbecues, rotisseries, and similar appliances.

**Revise text as follows:**

**C405.5.3 ~~Fuel~~ Gas lighting.** *~~Fuel gas~~*-Gas fired lighting ~~appliances~~*appliances* shall not be ~~equipped with continuously burning pilot ignition systems~~ permitted.

**Add new text as follows:**

**C403.15 Hydronic Heating Design Requirements**. For all hydronic space heating systems, the design entering water temperature for coils, radiant panels, radiant floor systems, radiators, baseboard heaters, and any other device that uses hot water to provide heat to a space shall be not more than 130°F (55°C).

**Add new text as follows:**

**C405.17 Additional electric infrastructure.**  Electric infrastructure in buildings that contain combustion equipment shall be installed in accordance with this section*.*

**C405.17.1 Combustion space heating.** Spaces containing *combustion equipment* for space heating shall comply with Sections C405.17.1.1, C405.17.1.2 and C405.17.1.3.

**C405.17.1.1 Designated exterior locations for future electric space heating equipment**.Spaces containing *combustion equipment* for space heating shall be provided with designated exterior location(s) shown on the plans and of sufficient size for outdoor space heating heat pump equipment, with a chase that is sized to accommodate refrigerant lines between the exterior location and the interior location of the space heating equipment, and with natural drainage for condensate from heating operation or a condensate drain located within 3 feet (914 mm) of the location of the future exterior space heating heat pump equipment.

**C405.17.1.2 Dedicated branch circuits for future electric space heating equipment.** Spaces containing combustion space heating equipment with a capacity not more than 65,000 Btu/h shall be provided with a continuous raceway or cable assembly sized to accommodate a 208/240v, 50Amp branch circuit between a panelboard and an enclosure or outlet located within 6 feet (1829 mm) of the space heating equipment and in a location with *ready access*. The electrical enclosure or outlet and the electrical distribution equipment directory shall be marked: “For Future Electric Space Heating Equipment”.  The panelboard shall have reserved space to allow installation of a two-pole circuit breaker.

Spaces containing *combustion equipment* for space heating with a capacity of not less than 65,000 Btu/h shall be provided with a continuous raceway or cable assembly sized to accommodate a branch circuit rated and sized in accordance with Section C405.17.1.3 between a panelboard and enclosure or outlet within 3 feet (914 mm) of the location the space heating equipment with *ready access*. The electrical enclosure or outlet and the electrical distribution equipment directory shall be marked: “For Future Electric Space Heating Equipment”.  The panelboard shall have reserved space to allow installation of an overcurrent protection device sized to accommodate a branch circuit rated and sized in accordance with Section C405.17.1.3.

**Exceptions:**

1. Where a branch circuit provides electricity to the space heating *combustion equipment* and is rated and sized in accordance with Section C405.17.1.3
2. Where a branch circuit provides electricity to space cooling equipment and is rated and sized in accordance with Section C405.17.1.3.
3. Buildings where the 99.6 percent design heating temperature is not less than 50⁰F (10°C)

**C405.17.1.3 Additional space heating electric infrastructure sizing.** Electric infrastructure accommodations for future electric space heating equipment shall be sized to accommodate ~~at least~~ not less than one of the following:

1. An electrical capacity not less than the nameplate space heating *combustion equipment* heating capacity multiplied by the value in Table C405.17.1

Where:

VAs = The required electrical capacity of the electrical infrastructure in volt-amps

Qcom = The nameplate heating capacity of the combustion equipment in kBtu/h

Ps = The VA per kBtu/h from Table C405.17 in VA/kBtu/h

2. An electrical capacity not less than the peak space heating load of the building areas served by the space heating *combustion equipment*, calculated in accordance with Section C403.1.1, multiplied by the value for the 99.6 percent design heating temperature in Table C405.17.1per the equation below, or

Where:

VAs = The required electrical capacity of the electrical infrastructure in volt-amps

Qdesign = The 99.6 percent design heating load of the spaces served by the *combustion equipment* in kBtu/h

Ps = The VA per kBtu/h from Table C405.17.1 in VA/kBtu/h

3. An *approved* alternate design that uses no energy source other than electricity or *on-site renewable energy*.

**TABLE C405.17.1ALTERNATE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATING EQUIPMENT CONVERSION FACTORS (VA/kBtu/h)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **99.6% Heating Design Temperature** | | **Ps** |
| **Greater Than**  **(⁰F)** | **Not Greater Than** | **VA/kBtu/h** |
| 50 | N/A | N/A |
| 45 | 50 | 94 |
| 40 | 45 | 100 |
| 35 | 40 | 107 |
| 30 | 35 | 115 |
| 25 | 30 | 124 |
| 20 | 25 | 135 |
| 15 | 20 | 149 |
| 10 | 15 | 164 |
| 5 | 10 | 184 |
| 0 | 5 | 210 |
| -5 | 0 | 243 |
| -10 | -5 | 289 |
| -15 | -10 | 293 |

**C405.17.2 Combustion *service water heating*.** Spaces containing *combustion equipment* for *service water heating*shall comply with Sections C405.17.2.1, C405.17.2.2 and C405.17.2.3.

**C405.17.2.1** For combustion equipment for water heating with an input capacity not more than 75,000 Btu/h, the following electrical infrastructure is required:

1. A continuous raceway or cable assembly sized to accommodate a 208/240v, 30Amp branch circuit between a panelboard and an enclosure or outlet located within 6 ft (2 m) of the water heater and in a location with *ready access*.

2. The electrical enclosure or outlet and the electrical distribution equipment directory shall be marked: “For Future Electric Water Heating Equipment”.  The panelboard shall have reserved space to allow installation of a two-pole circuit breaker.

3. The space for containing the future water heater shall include the space occupied by the *combustion equipment* and shall have a height not less than 7 ft (2 m), a width not less than 3 ft (1 m), a depth not less than 3ft (1 m) and with a volume of not less than 700 ft3 (20 m3).

**Exception to C405.17.2.1:** Where the space containing the water heater is provided with air circulation sufficient for the operation of a heat pump water heater, the minimum room volume shall not be required.

**C405.17.2.2 Designated locations for future electric heat pump water heating equipment.** Spaces containing *combustion equipment* with a capacity greater than 75,000 Btu/h for water heating shall be provided with one of the following:

1. Designated exterior location(s) shown on the plans and of sufficient size for outdoor water heating heat pump equipment, with a chase that is sized to accommodate refrigerant lines between the exterior location and the interior location of the water heating equipment.
2. An interior location with a volume the greater of 700 cubic feet (2000 L) or 7 cubic feet (20 L) per 1,000 Btu/h *combustion equipment* water heating capacity. The interior location shall include the space occupied by the *combustion equipment*.
3. An interior location with sufficient airflow to exhaust cool air from future water heating heat pump equipment provided by no less than one 16-inch (406 mm) by 24-inch (610 mm) grill to a heated space and one 8-inch (203 mm) duct of no more than 10 feet (3048 mm) in length for cool exhaust air.

**C405.17.2.3 Dedicated branch circuits for future electric heat pump water heating equipment.** Spaces containing *combustion equipment* for *service water heating* with a capacity greater than 75,000 Btu/h shall be provided with a continuous raceway or cable assembly sized to accommodate a branch circuit in accordance with Section C405.17.2.4 between a panelboard and an enclosure or outlet located within 3 feet (914 mm) of the location the water heating equipment and in a location with *ready access*. The electrical enclosure or outlet and the electrical distribution equipment directory shall be marked: “For Future Electric Water Heating Equipment”.  The panelboard shall have reserved space to allow installation of an overcurrent protection device sized to accommodate a branch circuit rated and sized in accordance with Section C405.17.2.4.

**Exception:** Where future electric water heating equipment would require three-phase power and the main electrical service panel has a reserved space fora bus bar rated and sized in accordance with Section C405.17.2.4 and labeled “For Future Electric Water Heating Equipment.”

**C405.17.2.4 Additional water heating electric infrastructure sizing.** Electric infrastructure accommodations for future water heating equipment with a capacity of greater than 75,000 Btu/h shall be sized to accommodate one of the following:

1. An electrical capacity not less than the *combustion equipment* water heating capacity multiplied by the value in Table C405.17.2 plus electrical capacity to serve recirculating loads as shown in the equation below.

Where:

VAw = The required electrical capacity of the electrical infrastructure for water heating in volt-amps

Qcapacity = The water heating capacity of the *combustion equipment* in kBtu/h

Pw = The VA per kBtu/h from Table C405.17.2 in VA/kBtu/h

Qrecirc  = The capacity required for temperature maintenance by recirculation, if applicable, in Btu/h

1. An *approved* alternate design that uses no energy source other than electricity or *on-site renewable energy*.

**Table C405.17.2 ALTERNATE ELECTRIC WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT CONVERSION FACTORS (VA/kBtu/h)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **99.6% Heating Design Temperature** | | **Pw** |
| **Greater Than (⁰F)** | **Not More Than** | **VA/kBtu/h** |
| 55 | 60 | 118 |
| 50 | 55 | 123 |
| 45 | 50 | 129 |
| 40 | 45 | 136 |
| 35 | 40 | 144 |
| 30 | 35 | 152 |
| 25 | 30 | 162 |
| 20 | 25 | 173 |
| 15 | 20 | 185 |
| 10 | 15 | 293 |
| 5 | 10 | 293 |
| 0 | 5 | 293 |
| Less than 0 ⁰F (-17.8°C) | | 293 |

**C405.17.3 Combustion cooking**. Spaces containing combustion equipment for cooking shall comply with Section C405.17.3.1 or Section C405.17.3.2

**C405.17.3.1 Commercial cooking.** Spaces containing *commercial cooking appliances* shall be provided with a continuous raceway or cable assembly sized to accommodate a branch circuit in accordance with Table C405.17.3.1 based on the *appliance* in the space. The continuous raceway or cable assembly shall be between a panelboard and an enclosure or outlet located within 3 feet (914 mm) of the *appliance* and in a location with *ready access*. The electrical enclosure or outlet and the electrical distribution equipment directory shall be marked: “For Future Electric Cooking Equipment”.  The panelboard shall have reserved space to allow installation of an overcurrent protection device sized to accommodate a branch circuit rated and sized in accordance with Table C405.17.3.1.

**Table C405.17.3.1 COMMERCIAL COOKING MINIMUM BRANCH CIRCUIT AMPACITY**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Commercial Cooking ~~A~~*ppliance* | Minimum Branch Circuit Ampacity |
| Range | 114 VA/kBtu/h |
| Steamer | 469 VA/kBtu/h |
| Fryer | 200 VA/kBtu/h |
| Oven | 266 VA/kBtu/h |
| Griddle | 195 VA/kBtu/h |
| All other commercial cooking *appliances* | 114 VA/kBtu/h |

**C405.17.3.2 All other cooking.** Spaces containing all other cooking equipment not designated as *commercial cooking appliances* shall be provided with a continuous raceway or cable assembly sized to accommodate a branch circuit in compliance with NFPA 70 Section 422.10 between a panelboard and an enclosure or outlet locatedwithin 6 feet (1829 mm) of fossil fuel ranges, cooktops and ovens and in a location with *ready access*. The electrical enclosure or outlet and the electrical distribution equipment directory shall be marked: “For Future Electric Cooking Equipment”.

**C405.17.4 Combustion clothes drying.** Spaces containing combustion equipment for clothes drying shall comply with either C405.17.4.1 or C405.17.4.2

**C405.17.4.1 Commercial drying.** Spaces containing clothes drying equipment*,* and end-uses for commercial laundry applications shall be provided with conduit that is continuous between a junction box located within 3 feet (914 mm) of the equipment and an electrical panel. The junction box, conduit and bus bar in the electrical panel shall be rated and sized to accommodate a branch circuit with sufficient capacity for an equivalent electric equipment with an equivalent equipment capacity. The electrical junction box and electrical panel shall have labels stating, “For Future Electric Clothes Drying Equipment.”

**C405.17.4.2 Residential drying.** Spaces containing clothes drying equipment*, appliances,* and end-uses serving multiple *dwelling units*or sleeping areas with a capacity less than or equal to 9.2 cubic feet shall be provided with continuous raceway or cable assembly sized to accommodate 208/240v, 30Amp branch circuit between a panelboard and an enclosure or outlet located within 6 feet (1829 mm) of fossil fuel clothes dryers and in a location with *ready access*. The electrical enclosure or outlet and the electrical distribution equipment directory shall be marked: “For Future Electric Clothes Drying Equipment”.  The panelboard shall have reserved space to allow installation of a two-pole circuit breaker.

**C405.17.5 Onsite Transformers**. Enclosed spaces and underground vaults containing onsite electric transformers on the *building* side of the electric utility meter shall have sufficient space to accommodate transformers sized to serve the additional electric loads identified in C405.17.1, C405.17.2, C405.17.3 and C405.17.4.

**Reason Statement:**

In order for the U.S. to reach net zero carbon emissions, the country must not only reduce energy use through energy efficiency and move to utility scale and on-site renewable energy, but also begin to transition away from using combustion equipment in buildings that run on fossil fuels to electric equipment. In 2021, combustion equipment in commercial and residential buildings accounted for 35% of US greenhouse gas emissions.[1] The cost of installing electric-ready infrastructure when a building is under construction, walls are open, and the trades are already on-site, is small in comparison to the cost of retrofitting a building to install the same level of electric equipment. Having electric-ready infrastructure in place gives building owners or occupants the choice to shift to electric appliances at time of replacement or retrofit without incurring the costs and delays of retrofitting panels, opening walls to install conduit, etc. The residential 2024 IECC has included mandatory electric-ready requirements for water heating, cooktops and clothes drying into the public comment review draft #1. The California Building Energy Efficiency Standards 2022 update (Title 24, Part 6) has also moved in this direction, including electric-ready requirements for heat pump space heating, cooktops and clothes drying in both single family homes and multifamily buildings, and for water heating in single family homes. The Chicago Energy Transformation Code has also included electric-ready requirements for residential single family and multifamily buildings in their energy code. Attached is a letter with others stating the support for this proposal from 50 organizations, 16 of which are from local or state governments and universities, 12 of which are from NGOs, and 22 of which are from design and construction industry. In addition to the letter of support, this proposal includes more than 30 co-proponents.

Requiring buildings to be electric-ready will not only reduce costs for building owners who choose to electrify their building at a later date but it will also give building residents the option to improve their own health. Gas appliances release harmful pollutants like nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and carbon monoxide (CO) either indoors because of gas stoves or outdoors because of space-heating and water heating equipment. A recent study from the Harvard Chang School of Public Health and RMI shows that in Illinois in 2017, air pollution from burning fuels in buildings led to an estimated 1,123 early deaths and $12.574 billion in health impact costs.[2] These emissions can particularly affect children. In a meta-analysis analyzing the connections between gas stoves and childhood asthma, children in homes with gas stoves were 42% more likely to experience asthma symptoms, and 32% more likely to be diagnosed with asthma. [3] Therefore, ensuring all-electric appliances can be installed in our buildings in the future is critical to reducing air pollution, protecting public health, reducing utility and construction costs, and meeting climate goals.

NBI, ACEEE, and 2050 Partners on behalf of the California Investor Owned Utilities worked together to address many of the technical concerns raised when NBI’s original proposal, CEPI-22, was discussed by the Commercial Consensus Committee in June of 2022. The main revisions to this proposal include:

1. Separating the original CEPI-22 proposal into three pieces, an electric-ready proposal, an all-electric appendix, and a requirement for more energy efficiency credits in buildings that do not primarily use heat pumps for space and water heating. Each piece stands alone with its own independent support,  so each proposal can be discussed and voted on separately.
2. Requiring buildings with central water heating or space heating systems to have the electrical capacity but not conduit for a new system to ensure that unnecessary conduit is not placed in buildings that choose to install distributed and not central systems at a future date.
3. Clear electrical capacity requirements for electric-ready space and water heating based on occupancy type and climate zone to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to install efficient heat pumps for space heating and water heating without requiring full design and sizing of an all-electric alternative to a fuel-based system (though that option remains for flexibility). 2050 Partners is conducting energy modeling to determine capacity requirements. This modeling is not yet complete but will be complete before this proposal is considered by the commercial consensus committee.
4. Clear capacity requirements for commercial cooking appliances based on research conducted by NBI on the minimum branch circuits needed for a variety of commercial cooking appliances.
5. Additional flexibility that allows designers to submit an alternate design for the electrical infrastructure needed for water and space heating that would allow the building to use no energy source other than electricity or on-site renewable energy in the future.
6. Restructuring of the proposal to make it easier to understand and enforce.

**Cost Impact:**

The code change proposal will increase the cost of construction.

Recent analysis by NBI and partners using cost data from RSMeans for a medium office indicates that additional electrical infrastructure costs for water-heating and space-heating would cost a typical office building an additional $0.09 per square foot of conditioned floor area. [4]  However, if a building owner were to have to retrofit their building from using combustion equipment to natural gas equipment costs without these requirements in place, costs could be exorbitant. California Energy Codes & Standards “2021 Reach Code Cost-Effectiveness Analysis:  Non-Residential Alterations” report estimated labor costs for electrification retrofit of mechanical systems as a 25 to 50% increase from new construction labor cost due to building-specific considerations such as tight conditions, prepping surfaces, elevated work, material handling, specialty rigging, and protecting existing finishes that can vary building to building. [5]

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