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**CHIMNEYS AND FIREPLACES**

**R1001.3.1 Seismic reinforcing.**

Masonry or concrete chimneys in all structures regulated by CRC 2010 assigned to Seismic category C, D<sub>0</sub>, D<sup>1</sup>, D<sup>2</sup> shall be reinforced. Reinforcing shall conform to the requirements set forth in table R1001.1 and section R609, Grouted Masonry.

**R1001.4 Seismic anchorage.**

Masonry or concrete chimneys in all structures related by CRC 2010 assigned to seismic design categories C, D<sub>0</sub>, D<sup>1</sup>, D<sup>2</sup> shall be anchored at each floor, ceiling or roof line more than 6 feet above grade, except where constructed completely within the exterior walls. Anchorage shall conform to the requirements of section R1001.4.1.

**Menlo Park Wood Burning Appliance Ordinance**

The construction, alteration, or repair of a wood burning appliances is regulated by the City of Menlo Park's Ordinance 12.52, Wood-burning Appliances and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) Regulation 6, Particulate Matter; Rule 3, Wood-Burning Devices (Reg. 6, Rule 3). A wood-burning appliance is defined in Ordinance 12.52 as a fireplace, wood heater, or pellet-fired wood heater or any similar device burning any solid fuel used for aesthetic or space-heating purposes. For more information, please refer to the City's REQUIREMENTS FOR WOOD BURNING FIREPLACES handout available at [www.menlopark.org/departments/bld/woodburninginfo.pdf](http://www.menlopark.org/departments/bld/woodburninginfo.pdf) or Ordinance 12.52 at (<http://www.codepublishing.com/CA/menlopark/>).

**Scopes of work regulated by Ordinance 12.52**

- Installation of any new wood-burning appliance in all residential and commercial buildings;
- Reconstruction of an existing wood-burning appliance;
- Additions, alterations or repairs to a wood-burning appliance, except minor repairs such as damper or firebox repairs, seismic bracing, and/or flue liner replacements **where the alteration or repair will not cause the de-construction of existing fireplace, chimney, and/or flue;**
- Remodels or renovations of buildings in which walls are opened within 12 inches of the wood-burning appliance, including masonry fireplaces; and
- Any extension of a chimney is considered an alteration and will require compliance with Ordinance 12.52.

**THE BUILDING OFFICIAL SHALL HAVE THE FINAL AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER A REPAIR CONSTITUTES A "MINOR REPAIR"**