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Exit Enclosure Ventilation Systems

Code: 2002 Mechanical Code

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Section: 607.5.5.1

(Also 2002 Building Code, Section 715.5.3.1)

Question:

Can an exit enclosure be heated and /or cooled by a ducted ventilation system serving another part of the building?

Answer:

No, the 2002 NC Mechanical Code, Section 401.4 requires that exit enclosure ventilation systems be independent of other building ventilation systems.