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Section R314.3.1, Ex. #2

Question:

Is it the intent of R314.3.1, Ex. #2, that when an electrical permit is required on an existing dwelling unit along with a plumbing and/or mechanical permit for the installation and/or repair of a water heater, whirlpool tub, HVAC system or bathroom exhaust fan, that the smoke detectors do not have to be brought up to the current codes and located as required for new dwellings.

Answer

Yes. The installation, alteration or repair of plumbing or mechanical systems is exempt from the requirements of R314.3.1 when an electrical permit is required for the plumbing or mechanical system installation, alteration or repair. This is true if the electrical permit is made necessary by work done to the other systems. However, if the work involved is an electrical permit only, the upgrade would be required.

Commentary:

None.

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