



**City of Austin**  
**Planning & Development Review Department**

**To:** Building Contractors  
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**INTERPRETATION #:** 2014-0004

**TITLE:** Location of Emergency Shut Off Valve (Ansul Valve) for Gas to Stove Hoods

**CODE EDITION:** 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), COA Ordinance # 20130606-093

**SECTIONS:** Section # 1210.3.1(5)

**QUESTION:** Can the emergency shut off valve (Ansul Valve) for gas to equipment under a stove hood be located above the ceiling?

**PURPOSE:** Yes, the valve is required to be installed in accessible locations which may include the removal of a ceiling tile to gain access. The COA ordinance #20130606-093 section 1210.3.1 (5) states "Unions for emergency stove hood fire suppression systems, shut off valves and regulators may be installed in accessible locations."

Section 203.0 of the 2012 UPC defines "accessible" as the following; Accessible - Where applied to a fixture, connection, appliance, or equipment, "accessible" means having access thereto, but which first may require the removal of an access panel, door, or similar obstruction.

Such unions, valves, and regulators shall be located in such a way as to gain access for maintenance or removal. Such access shall not constitute the removal of any other building system or permanent construction.

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