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# Existing Chimney and Vent Certification Report

## Requirements

- All new fuel fired equipment replacements attached to chimneys and/or vents must be inspected and comply with the current Virginia residential and commercial building codes.
- This form must be submitted prior to the final inspection.

### Permit Information:

Permit Number:

Address:

### Certification Information:

Business Name:

Phone:

Address:

City / State Zip:

E-mail:

Contractor State License #:

Expiration Date:

City of Salem Business License #:

**I hereby certify that the chimney and/or vent is sized in accordance with the current applicable building code.**

**I further certify that the chimney and/or vent is clean, free of any obstruction or blockages, defects or deterioration and are in operable condition.**

#### Check those that apply:

##### Existing chimney and/or vent

- B Label Vent
- L Label Vent
- Masonry Chimney – tile lined
- Flexible Liner
- Power vent / exhauster
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Type of Replacement:

- Oil to Gas replacement
- Gas appliance replacement
- Oil to Oil replacement
- Woodstove or fireplace insert
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Certifier:

Signature of Certifier:

Date:

## Residential

### Virginia Residential Code

**M1801.1.1** and **G2425.1.1 Equipment changes.** Upon the replacement or new installation of any fuel-burning appliances or equipment in existing buildings, an inspection or inspections shall be conducted to ensure that the connected vent or chimney systems comply with the following:

1. Vent or chimney systems are sized in accordance with this code.
2. Vent or chimney systems are clean, free of any obstruction or blockages, defects or deterioration and are in operable condition.

Where not inspected by the local building department, persons performing such changes or installations shall certify to the building official that the requirements of Items 1 and 2 of this section are met.

## Commercial

### Virginia Mechanical Code

**801.18.1 Size.** The chimney or vent shall be resized as necessary to control flue gas condensation in the interior of the chimney or vent and to provide the appliance or appliances served with the required draft. For the venting of oil-fired appliances to masonry chimneys, the resizing shall be in accordance with NFPA 31.

**801.18.2 Flue Passageways.** The flue gas passageway shall be free of obstructions and combustible deposits and shall be cleaned if previously used for venting a solid or liquid fuel-burning appliance or fireplace. The flue liner, chimney inner wall or vent inner wall shall be continuous and shall be free of cracks, gaps, perforations or other damage or deterioration which would allow the escape of combustion products, including gases, moisture and creosote. Where an oil-fire appliance is connected to an existing masonry chimney, such chimney flue shall be repaired or relined in accordance with NFPA 31.

### Virginia Fuel Gas Code

**501.15.1 Size.** The chimney or vent shall be resized as necessary to control flue gas condensation in the interior of the chimney or vent and to provide the appliance or appliances served with the required draft. For Category I appliances, the resizing shall be in accordance with Section 502.

**501.15.2 Flue passageways.** The flue gas passageway shall be free of obstructions and combustible deposits and shall be cleaned if previously used for venting a solid or liquid fuel-burning appliance or fireplace. The flue liner, chimney inner wall or vent inner wall shall be continuous and shall be free of cracks, gaps, perforations or other damage or deterioration which would allow the escape of combustion products, including gases, moisture and creosote.

### References:

Virginia Construction Code  
Virginia Residential Code  
Virginia Mechanical Code  
Virginia Fuel Gas Code  
Virginia Existing Building Code