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Dryer Vent Code Violations at Chateau Foret.

Unit owners at Chateau Foret,

The Chateau Foret Board of Directors is aware of a number of units whose dryer exhaust vents have been joined with the exhaust vents servicing the common laundry areas. Because the Board is aware of these building code violations, it is obligated to pursue remedy.

There are 15,000 fires caused annually by poorly maintained dryer vents. The exhaust from gas and propane clothes dryers carries carbon monoxide. If your dryer vent is tied into another vent system you are sharing those potentials with your neighbors.

We are asking all unit owners in Chateau Foret to make sure that their dryer does not share its vent with any other exhaust system. As we become aware of violations we will notify the unit owners and expect timely compliance with the code restrictions.

Sincerely, Chateau Foret Board of Directors

Excerpt from the 2009 International Building Code.

**SECTION 504**

**CLOTHES DRYER EXHAUST**

**504.1 Installation.** Clothes dryers shall be exhausted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Dryer exhaust systems shall be independent of all other systems and shall convey the moisture and any products of combustion to the outside of the building.

**Exception:** This section shall not apply to listed and labeled condensing (ductless) clothes dryers.

**504.6.3 Transition ducts.** Transition ducts used to connect the dryer to the exhaust duct system shall be a single length that is listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2158A. Transition ducts shall be a maximum of 8 feet (2438 mm) in length and shall not be concealed within construction.