

**CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER  
COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  
BUILDING PERMIT POLICY**

**Subject: KITCHEN HOODS AND VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL OCCUPANCIES EXCEPT R3 AND INDIVIDUAL UNITS OF R1 AND R2 OCCUPANCIES**

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**Reference: IMC Section 507**

The policy of the Building Department and Environmental Health regarding hood and ventilation requirements for cooking equipment shall be as follows:

1. Microwave ovens may be installed without any type of hood or ventilation.
2. Commercial cooking devices other than those listed above and all gas or electric cooktop surfaces shall be provided with *code complying ventilating commercial hoods* as defined in the IMC.
3. *Residential ranges in “B” office and “R” occupancies other than individual dwelling units that do not prepare food commercially can be installed with a residential hood provided it contains a listed UL300A fire suppression system. The fire suppression system should be connected to the fire alarm system in buildings that have a fire alarm.*

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