




CITY OF CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

CODE MEMORANDUM

To: Department of Buildings Plan Examiners and Inspectors

From: Judith Frydland
Commissioner 

Date: February 8, 2016

Re: Separation of Air Intake and Exhaust Outlets on Rooftop HVAC Equipment

The requirement of Code Section 18-28-401.5.2 (Opening Location) for 15 feet of separation, between an intake opening that draws air from the outside atmosphere and any exhaust fan outlet, does not apply to an intake and exhaust that are part of the same packaged roof top HVAC unit. The separation provided between the outside air intake and the discharge exhaust outlet as designed by the HVAC equipment manufacturer is acceptable without the use of duct extensions.

NOTE: It is still a requirement that any outside air intake for the HVAC unit shall not be located within 15 feet of any exhaust from other roof top units, exhaust fans, kitchen exhaust, plumbing vents, chimneys or similar equipment, appliances or objects.