



THE CITY OF ASPEN

## MEMORANDUM OF POLICY

### Building Codes

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SUBJECT: **Below Grade Mechanical Rooms in Residential Occupancies**

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Below grade mechanical rooms in residential occupancies shall be limited to 70 square feet. Mechanical rooms shall be readily accessible as required by the IMC or IRC. The access doorway shall be sized large enough to remove the largest appliance in the space. If an electrical panel is located within the mechanical room, the minimum ceiling height shall be 6 feet 6 inches.

All mechanical rooms shall be clearly marked for Fire Department Access.

Mechanical rooms that meet all of the above criteria do not require separate emergency escape and rescue IRC 310.1.