

Meredith,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding frequently asked roofing questions. I am excited for the newsletter and hope to be able to eliminate some of the confusion regarding roofing requirements.

Most frequently asked questions:

1. QUESTION: What is the code requirement for asphalt shingles attached to solidly sheathed roof decks?

The 2015 IRC, R905.2.1 reads, "Asphalt shingles shall be fastened to solidly sheathed decks" and the OUBCC added, "Asphalt shingles shall be fastened to solidly sheathed decks in accordance with Section R803 or to the asphalt shingles manufacturer's installation instructions."

Dimensional lumber (2X6 or 2x8), OSB, plywood, Solar Shield, etc. are all considered solidly sheathed roof decks. Some shingle manufacturers state in their specifications that if there are gaps of 1/8" or 1/4" between the dimensional lumber, then you are recommended not to nail to the roof deck. Check the manufacturers specifications before the asphalt shingles are attached to any roof deck.

2. QUESTION: Is a drip edge required on reroofs?

The 2015 IRC, R905.2.8.5 reads, "A drip edge shall be provided at eaves and rake edges of shingled roofs."

1" X 2" lumber is acceptable to be used as drip edge. A drip edge shall be added to all reroofs when no drip edge is in place.

3. QUESTION: Is an ice barrier required in the city limits of Oklahoma City?

Yes, ice barriers shall be applied as required in the 2015 IRC on any residential structure after September 17, 2018 per OUBCC. Ice barrier should be applied to all eaves and penetrations.

4. QUESTION: Are roofing inspections required at this time in city limits of Oklahoma City?

Not at this time.

(However, per previous listed email: "However, look for more information required for roofing contractors. Photos and live video inspections will be part of the process. More details coming. The earliest implementation will be late spring, early summer. As more details become available, we will let you know. The ordinance will go to council and that will take approximately a month and then there will be a period of 90 days from the time the ordinance is approved, before it becomes effective.")

5. QUESTION: Are roofing companies required to be licensed?

The State of Oklahoma requires licensing through the CIB. At this time, the City of Oklahoma does not require licenses for roofing contractors.

I hope this is beneficial and will be helpful to the roofing contractors. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Thank you,

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