CLOTHES DRYER AND MOISTURE EXHAUST VENTS (Per 2013 CMC)

Installation:
- The duct must be rigid smooth metal with smooth interior surfaces – corrugated metal not allowed.
- Screws or other fasteners that will obstruct flow cannot be used (blind pop rivets OK).
- Ducts may not pass through ducts or plenums.
- The duct must be min. 4 in. diameter.
- Closets intended for dryer installation require min. 100 sq. in. openings in or under door for makeup air.

Length
- The maximum combined horizontal and vertical length is 14 ft. which includes 2 90-degree elbows. A length of 2 ft. is deducted for each elbow in excess of two. Longer lengths are only acceptable with advance approval by the building department and in accordance with the dryer manufacturer's instructions.

Termination:
- The duct must terminate on the exterior of the building at least 3 feet from other openings into the building and at least 3 feet from the property line.
- The duct must terminate in a backdraft damper with no screen.

Connection:
- Flexible listed dryer transition ducts are allowed in lengths up to 6 feet between the dryer and the duct.
- Transition ducts must be listed for the purpose; plastic flexible ducting is not acceptable. Transition ducts cannot be concealed within construction.

See CMC 504.3 for general rules for electric dryers, and 905.0 for gas dryers.