

NOTICE OF CODE CHANGE

The City of Irving has changed, by ordinance, the 2003 IRC to prohibit the installation of storage tank water heaters from being installed in attics. Please refer to the code reference below with the ordinance change in **bold** and underlined. This will not affect work permitted prior to February 15, 2009.

M2005.2 (of International Residential Code) Prohibited locations. Fuel-fired water heaters shall not be installed in a room used as a storage closet. Water heaters located in a Bedroom or Bathroom shall be installed in a sealed enclosure so that combustion air will not be taken from the living space. Access to such enclosure may be from the Bedroom or Bathroom when through a solid door, weather-stripped in accordance with the exterior door air leakage requirements of the *International Energy Conservation Code* and equipped with an approved self-closing device. Direct-vent water heaters are not required to be installed within an enclosure. **After February 15, 2009, water heaters with storage tanks shall not be installed in attics, unless such water heater was installed prior to such date. This section does not prohibit the replacement of water heaters with storage tanks in attics if such water heaters were legally permitted and installed prior to February 15, 2009.**