



## **The AHJ and IKECA Partnership for Fire Safety**

Since the ANSI/IKECA C-10 adoption into ICC 609.3.3.2., there has never been a better time for an AHJ to join the International Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Association (IKECA). IKECA is a non-profit organization committed to fire prevention and life safety by advancing the quality of cleaning, inspection and maintenance of commercial kitchen exhaust systems worldwide. Become an IKECA member for **FREE** at <https://ikeca.org/membership/> to take advantage of the following benefits:

### **1) Local Education and Training Opportunities**

IKECA certified presenters and trainers are available with programs to teach integral understanding of the guidelines, standards and codes which are followed in proper kitchen exhaust system inspections to ensure compliance on every job. Email IKECA at [info@ikeca.org](mailto:info@ikeca.org) for state specific education opportunities.

### **2) Assistance with setting up inspection programs**

Due to the Boston City Fire in 2007, the Boston City Council passed an ordinance that requires certification for exhaust cleaners that do any work in commercial kitchens within the City of Boston. Boston contacted IKECA to develop and implement a certification protocol to meet the needs of the city. IKECA can help your jurisdiction set up inspection programs.

### **3) Certification**

IKECA offers a Certified Exhaust System Inspector (CESI) certification designed primarily for field inspectors whose job it is to investigate and report on the cleanliness condition of commercial cooking and ventilating systems. AHJ members receive significant discounts on certification exams and renewals.

### **4) Networking**

IKECA is a non-profit organization committed to fire prevention and life safety by advancing the quality of cleaning, inspection and maintenance of commercial kitchen exhaust systems worldwide. By becoming a member, you gain instant access to industry experts who can support your efforts in mitigating risk in the field. Moreover, you can access other AHJs around North America, learning about what measures they have instituted (and how) to keep commercial kitchen exhaust systems compliant. For no additional cost, expand your network to support your efforts in keeping fire fighters and the public safe from grease fires.

## **5) Standards involvement**

IKECA developed ANSI accredited standards that go beyond the NFPA 96 by getting more specific to kitchen exhaust cleaning and providing further guidance on properly cleaning and inspecting systems. The ANSI/IKECA C-10(Cleaning) and I-10(Inspection) standards are complete. The C-10 is adopted into ICC 609.3.3.2. The M-10 (Maintenance Standard) was completed in 2019 and is available for purchase.

## **6) Complimentary Registration for IKECA Events**

IKECA hosts two in-person events annually. The events feature education sessions, networking opportunities, vendor demonstrations, KEC tradeshow and social events.

## **7) Committee Involvement**

AHJ members can serve on IKECA committees designed to improve the member experience and grow the kitchen exhaust cleaning industry.

## **8) Industry Resources**

Members receive discounts on ANSI/IKECA Standards and merchandise; as well as having access to complimentary resources designed to help your relationships with local kitchen exhaust cleaning companies and facility managers. Additionally, you gain access to IKECA's vast network of experienced kitchen exhaust industry experts.

## **9) Industry Updates**

All members receive a newsletter and *IKECA Journal* distributed twice per year. The *IKECA Journal* is a trade magazine that serves the commercial kitchen exhaust cleaning industry featuring topics which deal with best practices and innovations in the industry as well as items of interest to local authorities, restaurant and food service facility managers.

## **10) Listing in the Online Member Directory**

AHJ members are granted access to an online directory. Facilitate the start of a great professional relationship by utilizing the IKECA Member Directory. Expand your network to support your efforts in keeping fire fighters and the public safe from grease fires!

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<https://ikeca.org/membership/>**

