The door from the garage to the house must be a 1 3/8" solid wood door, steel or a 20-minute rated door. No glass is allowed in the door unless it is fire rated. Doors are NOT required to be equipped with self-closing or automatic closing devices. R 302.5.1

HVAC registers located in a garage must have an approved fire damper installed.

Ducts in the garage must be a minimum of 26 gauge sheet steel and seal the penetration. R302.5.2

The ignition source of gas fired equipment must be a minimum of 18" above the garage floor. G2408.2

Water Heater

Unless the appliance is installed with a minimum clearance of 6 feet above the floor, a bollard (set in concrete) must be installed to protect the units in the garage from vehicles. G2408.3

The floor must slope towards the vehicle entry to facilitate movement of liquids. R 302.5.1

The garage shall be separated from the residence with ½" gypsum board on the walls and ceiling. A garage beneath a habitable room shall be separated with 5/8" type X gypsum board on the ceiling. R302.6

A series wired, battery back up smoke alarm is required in the garage. (NFPA 72 fire alarms are OK)

These requirements apply for garages attached to a dwelling or within 3 feet of the dwelling on the same lot (R302.6).

A garage can be defined as a room or space (not part of the living space) that directly communicates with a private garage or has an opening that is greater than 6'-0" in clear width that directly communicates to the outdoors or another garage and is capable of combustible storage.