Memorandum

To: Senator Paul Doyle  
   Representative Christie Carpino  
   Senator Kevin Kelly  
   Representative Susan Johnson

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Subject: Proposed 2018 Connecticut State Building Code

The 2018 Connecticut State Building Code was submitted on May 2, 2018 under section 29-252b of the general statutes which permits the State Building Inspector and Codes and Standards Committee within the Department of Administrative Services to use a process for its adoption that is different than the process required for the adoption of regulations under chapter 54 of the general statutes, the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act. One of the requirements of said section 29-252b is that the State Building Inspector and committee create a code-making record and submit such record to the standing legislative regulation review committee. Such record is required to include all written and oral comments and the agency response for each comment.

The record submitted by the agency with the proposed code contains none of the reasoning of the person submitting the comment and there is no posting of the actual written or oral comments received, either in what was submitted to the standing legislative regulation review committee or on the agency Internet web site. The agency response to the comments does not adequately explain what changes were made in reference to the comments. Also, the comments for all three
codes are referenced in one table, rather than a separate code-making record for each code, as would seem to be required by the statute.

Attached are the pages noted in the table below from the proposed 2018 Connecticut State Building Code. You will find handwritten comments on the pages of the proposed code referenced that make recommendations for corrections or seek further clarification. In addition, four substantive concerns are noted below.

**Substantive Concerns:**

1. On page 15, Section 113.2.1 regarding qualifications of the members of the municipal board of appeals, states that "The other four members shall have at least five years of experience each in building design, building construction or supervision of building construction." It is unclear what "each" refers to and whether the members are required to have five years' experience in each area, or whether each member is required to have at least five years of experience in one of the areas.

2. On pages 20-21, Section 305.2.3 and on page 22 Section 308.6.4, repeat the definition for family child care homes contained in section 19a-77(a)(3) of the general statutes rather than referring to the definition. However, that section was amended in substitute House Bill 5169 of the 2018 regular session to add an additional exception to the maximum number of children during the summer months. While said bill has yet to be presented to the Governor, it passed both chambers and represents a possible conflict if enacted. The code only references the current exception, which applies during the school year and now conflicts with the amended statute. The provision should be changed to refer only to the maximum number of children permitted under section 19a-77(a)(3) of the general statutes rather than an actual number or repeating the language of the statute.

3. On page 42, in Section 1025.6, the provision summarizes the requirements of section 29-256d of the general statutes regarding luminous path marking systems in newly constructed and specified occupancies. However, the provision limits such requirements to where exit access corridors in such occupancies serve "an occupant load greater than 30", which limitation is not contained in the underlying statute. This provision appears to exceed the agency's statutory authority and should be removed.

4. Section R313.1 of the 2015 International Residential Code, which is being incorporated but is not set forth in the agency submission since they are not amending it, requires automatic sprinklers to be installed in new townhouses. Section 29-315 of the general statutes lists the types of buildings required to have automatic fire extinguishing systems, or sprinklers. It does not include townhouses. This provision appears to exceed the agency's statutory authority,
particularly given the fact that legislation has been introduced in 2011, 2015 and 2016 to expand the types of buildings that require automatic sprinklers to include two-family residential buildings (which are similar to townhouses) and has been consistently rejected by the legislature. While subsection (e) of section 29-315 gives the State Fire Marshal the ability to require automatic sprinklers in other buildings "where they are required in the interest of safety because of special occupancy hazards", there is no evident special occupancy hazard concerning a townhouse.

**Additional Comments:**

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Recommendation:

| Approval in whole with technical corrections with deletions with substitute pages | Disapproval in whole or in part |
| X Rejection without prejudice |

Statutes referenced in this memo:

Sec. 29-252b. Procedure for adoption and amendment of State Building Code. (a) For the purposes of this section, "proposed code" means a proposal by the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee for a new State Building Code or for a change in, addition to or repeal of any provision of the State Building Code.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 54, the adoption of the State Building Code and any amendments thereto shall not be required to comply with the provisions of chapter 54, except as provided in this section.

(c) Prior to the adoption of the State Building Code and any amendments thereto, the State Building Inspector shall (1) post any proposed code, a statement of purpose for which the proposed code is proposed, a fiscal note associated with compliance with the proposed code prepared pursuant to section 4-168, and a regulatory flexibility analysis prepared pursuant to section 4-168a on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services, (2) give notice electronically to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security, (3) give notice to any person who has requested the State Building Inspector for advance notice of its proposed code adoption proceedings, (4) provide for a public comment period of forty-five days following the posting of such proposed code, fiscal note and regulatory flexibility analysis, and (5) hold a public hearing on the proposed code not less than twenty nor more than thirty-five days after such posting.

(d) After the close of the public comment period, the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall respond to each written and oral comment
respecting the proposed code received during the public comment period and at the
public hearing. Such response shall include any change made to the proposed code if
applicable, and the rationale for such change. The State Building Inspector shall post
such response on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services not
later than thirty days after the close of the public comment period.

(e) The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall create
and maintain a code-making record for each proposed code, submit such code-making
record electronically to the standing legislative regulation review committee and the
joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
relating to public safety and security, and post such code-making record on the Internet
web site of the Department of Administrative Services. Such code-making record shall
include, but need not be limited to: (1) The final wording of the proposed code in a
format consistent with a nationally recognized model building code, (2) the fiscal note
prepared pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (3) the regulatory flexibility analysis
prepared pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (4) all written and oral comments
received during the public comment period, and (5) the response to such comments
prepared pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(f) The standing legislative regulation review committee shall have not more than
forty-five days from the date the code-making record is submitted to the committee
pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove
or reject without prejudice the proposed code, in whole or in part. If the proposed code
is withdrawn, the State Building Inspector shall resubmit the proposed code and the
committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date of such resubmittal to
convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice the resubmitted
proposed code. If the committee notifies the State Building Inspector in writing that it is
waiving its right to convene a meeting or does not act on a proposed code or a
resubmitted proposed code, as the case may be, within such forty-five-day period, the
proposed code or resubmitted proposed code shall be deemed to be approved by the
committee.

(g) If the committee disapproves a proposed code, in whole or in part, the committee
shall notify the State Building Inspector of the disapproval and the reasons for the
disapproval. The State Building Inspector shall not take any action to implement such
disapproved code, except that the State Building Inspector may submit a substantively
new proposed code in accordance with the provisions of this section, provided the
General Assembly may reverse such disapproval in accordance with the provisions of section 4-171.

(h) If the committee rejects a proposed code without prejudice, in whole or in part, the committee shall notify the State Building Inspector of the reasons for the rejection and the State Building Inspector shall resubmit the proposed code in revised form to the committee not later than thirty days after the date of rejection without prejudice. Each resubmission of the proposed code under this subsection shall include a summary of any revisions to the proposed code. The committee shall have not more than forty-five days after the receipt of the resubmittal to review and take action on such resubmitted proposed code in the same manner as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

(i) The State Building Code or any amendment thereto approved or deemed approved by the committee pursuant to subsection (f) of this section is effective and enforceable against any person or party upon its posting on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services, except that: (1) If a later date is required by statute or specified in the code, the later date is the effective date, and (2) a code may not be effective before the effective date of the public act requiring or permitting the code. Such posting shall include a statement by the State Building Inspector certifying that the electronic copy of the code is a true and accurate copy of the code approved or deemed approved in accordance with subsection (f) of this section. The electronic copy of the State Building Code posted on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services shall be the official version for all purposes, including all legal and administrative proceedings.

(j) No provision of the State Building Code or any amendment thereto adopted after May 31, 2016, is valid unless adopted in substantial compliance with the requirements of this section. A proceeding to contest any provision of the code on the ground of noncompliance with the requirements of this section shall be commenced within two years from the effective date of the code.

(k) The State Building Inspector shall advise the public concerning how to obtain a copy of the State Building Code and any amendments thereto.

Section 19a-77(a)(3), as amended by section 4 of substitute House Bill 5169 of the 2018 regular session:

(3) A "family child care home" which consists of a private family home caring for not
more than six children, including the provider's own children not in school full time, where the children are cared for not less than three or more than twelve hours during a twenty-four-hour period and where care is given on a regularly recurring basis except that care may be provided in excess of twelve hours but not more than seventy-two consecutive hours to accommodate a need for extended care or intermittent short-term overnight care. During the regular school year, a maximum of three additional children who are in school full time, including the provider's own children, shall be permitted, except that if the provider has more than three children who are in school full time, all of the provider's children shall be permitted. During the summer months when regular school is not in session, a maximum of three additional children who are otherwise enrolled in school full time, including the provider's own children, shall be permitted if there is an assistant or substitute staff member approved by the Commissioner of Early Childhood, pursuant to section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, present and assisting the provider, except that (A) if the provider has more than three such additional children who are the provider's own children, all of the provider's own children shall be permitted, and (B) such approved assistant or substitute staff member shall not be required if all of such additional children are the provider's own children;

Sec. 29-315. (Formerly Sec. 29-44c). Fire extinguishing system required for certain buildings. (a)(1) When any building is to be built having more than four stories and is to be used for human occupancy, such building shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved by the State Fire Marshal on each floor.

(2) When any building is (A) to be built as an educational occupancy, (B) eligible for a school building project grant pursuant to chapter 173, and (C) put out to bid on or after July 1, 2004, such building shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved by the State Fire Marshal on each floor. As used in this subsection, "educational occupancy" has the same meaning as provided in the Fire Safety Code.

(3) The State Fire Marshal and the State Building Inspector may jointly grant variations or exemptions from, or approve equivalent or alternate compliance with, the requirement in subdivision (2) of this subsection, where strict compliance with such requirement would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship or is otherwise adjudged unwarranted, provided (A) any such variation or exemption or approved equivalent or alternate compliance shall, in the opinion of the State Fire Marshal and the State Building Inspector, secure the public safety, and (B) the municipality in which such educational occupancy is located complies with all other fire safety requirements
in the Fire Safety Code and the State Building Code with respect to such occupancy. If either the State Fire Marshal or the State Building Inspector determines that a variation or exemption from, or an equivalent or alternate compliance with, said subdivision (2) should not be permitted, no such variation or exemption, or equivalent or alternate compliance shall be granted or approved. Any determination made pursuant to this subdivision by the State Fire Marshal and the State Building Inspector shall be in writing. Any person aggrieved by any decision of the State Fire Marshal or the State Building Inspector, or both, may appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee no later than fourteen days after issuance of the decision. Any person aggrieved by any ruling of the Codes and Standards Committee may appeal to the superior court for the judicial district wherein such occupancy is located.

(b) Each hotel or motel having six or more guest rooms and providing sleeping accommodations for more than sixteen persons for which a building permit for new occupancy is issued on or after January 1, 1987, shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system installed on each floor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Administrative Services. Such regulations shall be incorporated into the State Fire Prevention Code.

(c) Not later than October 1, 1992, each hotel or motel having more than four stories shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved by the State Fire Marshal on each floor.

(d) (1) Not later than January 1, 1995, each residential building having more than four stories and occupied primarily by elderly persons shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved by the State Fire Marshal on each floor. Not later than January 1, 1994, the owner or manager of or agency responsible for such residential building shall submit plans for the installation of such system, signed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer, to the local fire marshal within whose jurisdiction such building is located or to the State Fire Marshal, as the case may be. For the purposes of this subsection, the phrase "occupied primarily by elderly persons" means that on October 1, 1993, or on the date of any inspection, if later, a minimum of eighty per cent of the dwelling units available for human occupancy in a residential building have at least one resident who has attained the age of sixty-five years.

(2) Each residential building having more than twelve living units and occupied primarily by elderly persons, as defined in subdivision (1) of this subsection, or
designed to be so occupied, for which a building permit for new occupancy is issued or which is substantially renovated on or after January 1, 1997, shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved by the State Fire Marshal on each floor.

(e) No building inspector shall grant a building permit unless a fire extinguishing system as required by subsection (a) or (b) of this section is included in the final, approved building plans and no fire marshal or building inspector shall permit occupancy of such a building unless such fire extinguishing system is installed and operable. The State Fire Marshal may require fire extinguishing systems approved by him to be installed in other occupancies where they are required in the interest of safety because of special occupancy hazards.

(f) (1) Not later than July 31, 2006, each chronic and convalescent nursing home or rest home with nursing supervision licensed pursuant to chapter 368v shall have a complete automatic fire extinguishing system approved by the State Fire Marshal installed throughout such chronic and convalescent nursing home or rest home with nursing supervision. Not later than July 1, 2004, the owner or authorized agent of each such home shall submit plans for the installation of such system, signed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer, to the local fire marshal and building official within whose jurisdiction such home is located or to the State Fire Marshal, as the case may be, and shall apply for a building permit for the installation of such system. The owner or authorized agent shall notify the Department of Public Health of such submission.

(2) On or before July 1, 2005, and quarterly thereafter, each chronic and convalescent nursing home or rest home with nursing supervision licensed pursuant to chapter 368v shall submit a report to the local fire marshal describing progress in installing the automatic fire extinguishing systems required under subsection (a) of this section. In preparing such report each such nursing home or rest home shall conduct a facility risk analysis. Such analysis shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the following factors: Type of construction, number of stories and residents, safeguards in the facility, types of patients, travel distance to exits and arrangement of means of egress. After review of the report, the local fire marshal may require the nursing home or rest home to implement alternative fire safety measures to reduce the level of risk to occupants before installation of automatic fire sprinklers is completed.

(g) Any person who fails to install an automatic fire extinguishing system in violation of any provision of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than one
thousand dollars for each day such violation continues. The Attorney General, upon request of the State Fire Marshal, shall institute a civil action to recover such penalty.
INTRODUCTION

Adopted and Referenced Publications

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §29-252, as amended by Public Act 16-215, the following national model codes, as amended herein, are adopted and shall be known as the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code:

- 2015 International Building Code
- 2009 ICC/ANSI A117.1 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities
- 2015 International Existing Building Code
- 2015 International Plumbing Code
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2017 NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, of the National Fire Protection Association Inc.

Copies of the International Codes may be obtained from the International Code Council, Inc., 4051 West Flossmoor Road., Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5795 (website: www.iccsafe.org).

Copies of the 2017 NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, may be obtained from the National Fire Protection Association Inc., 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02169-7471 (website: www.nfpa.org).

Copies of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code document may be downloaded from the website: www.portal.ct.gov/DAS.

The requirements of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code shall apply to all work for which a permit application was made on or after the date of adoption.

As used in this document, these annotations have the following meaning:

Add: A section or subsection preceded by (Add) indicates the addition of this section or subsection to the adopted referenced standard.

Amd: A section or subsection preceded by (Amd) indicates the substitution of this section or subsection in the adopted referenced standard.

Del: A section or subsection preceded by (Del) indicates the deletion of this section or subsection from the adopted referenced standard.
CHAPTER 1 – SCOPE AND APPLICATION


(Add) 101.1.1 Statutes. Pursuant to sections 29-252a and 29-253 of the Connecticut General Statutes, respectively, this code shall be the building code for all towns, cities and boroughs and all state agencies.

(Amd) 101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

Exception: Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures not more than three stories above grade plane in height, shall comply with the 2015 International Residential Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code.

(Amd) 101.2.1 Appendices. The provisions of Appendices C, H, I and N shall be incorporated into the requirements of this code.

(Amd) 101.4.1 Gas. The International Fuel Gas Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Any references to the International Fuel Gas Code within the body of this code shall be considered references to requirements of NFPA 2, Hydrogen Technologies Code, NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code and NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, as adopted in the Connecticut State Fire Safety and the Connecticut Fire Prevention Codes. These requirements apply to liquid petroleum storage systems, gas piping systems extending from the point of delivery to the inlet connections of appliances, the installation and operation of residential and commercial gas appliances and related accessories as covered by this code.

(Amd) 101.4.3 Plumbing. The provisions of the International Plumbing Code shall apply to the installation, alterations, repairs and replacement of plumbing systems (including equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances) where such systems are connected to a water or sewage system and to all aspects of a medical gas system. The International Private Sewage Disposal Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Any reference to the International Private Sewage Disposal Code within the body of this code shall be deemed a reference to the regulations adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 19a-35, known as the Public Health Code.

(Amd) 101.4.4 Property maintenance. The International Property Maintenance Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Property maintenance shall be in accordance with the requirements of this code and the applicable provisions of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code and the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code. All references to the International Property Maintenance Code found within the body of the model document shall be considered null and void.
(Add) **101.4.5.1 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.** References to the International Fire Code within the body of the model document shall be considered to be references to the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.

(Add) **101.4.8 Electrical.** The provisions of the 2017 NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, shall apply to the installation of electrical systems, including alterations, repairs, replacement, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances thereto.

(Add) **101.4.9 Oil-burning equipment, piping and storage.** In addition to the requirements of this code, the installation of oil burners, equipment, and appliances used in conjunction therewith, including tanks, piping, pumps, control devices and accessories shall comply with NFPA 31 as adopted in the Connecticut Fire Safety and Fire Prevention Codes.

(Amd) **102.6 Existing structures.** The legal use and occupancy of any building or structure existing on the date of adoption of this code shall be permitted to continue without change, except as otherwise specifically provided in this code, the 2015 International Existing Building Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code or the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.

(Amd) **102.6.1 Buildings not previously occupied.** A building or portion of a building that has not been previously occupied or used for its intended purpose in accordance with the laws in existence at the time of its completion shall be permitted to comply with the provisions of the laws in existence at the time of its original permit unless such permit has expired. Subsequent permits shall comply with the International Building Code or International Residential Code, as applicable, for new construction.

(Amd) **102.6.2 Buildings previously occupied.** The legal use and occupancy of any building existing on the date of adoption of this code shall be permitted to continue without change, except as specifically provided in this code or the Connecticut Fire Safety Code.

(Add) **102.6.3 Demolition of Structures.** The demolition of structures shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of Section 3303 of this code.

(Delete) **SECTION 103 – DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY.** Delete Section 103 in its entirety and replace with the following:

(Add) **SECTION 103 – ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

(Add) **103.1 Creation of enforcement agency.** Each town, city and borough shall create an agency whose function is to enforce the provisions of this code. The official in charge thereof shall be known as the building official.

(Add) **103.2 Appointment.** Pursuant to section 29-260 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the chief executive officer of any town, city or borough shall appoint an officer to administer this code, and this officer shall be known as the building official and referred to herein as the building official, local building official or code official.

(Add) **103.3 Employees.** In accordance with the prescribed procedures and regulations of the town, city or borough, and with the concurrence of the appointing authority, the building official shall have the authority to appoint an assistant building official, related technical officers,
inspectors, plan examiners and other employees. Such employees shall have the powers as regulated by the town, city or borough, and by the State of Connecticut.

(Add) **103.4 Restriction of employees.** An official or employee connected with the agency created to enforce the provisions of this code pursuant to Section 103.1, except one whose only connection with it is that of a member of the board of appeals established under the provisions of Section 113, shall not be engaged in or directly or indirectly connected with the furnishing of labor, materials or appliances for the construction, addition, alteration, repair or maintenance of a building located in the town, city or borough in which such official or employee is employed, or the preparation of construction documents therefore, unless that person is the owner of the building. Such officer or employee shall not engage in any work that conflicts with official duties or with the interests of the agency.

(Amd) **104.1 General.** The building official is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this code. The building official shall have the authority to adopt policies and procedures to clarify the application of its provisions. Such policies and procedures shall comply with the intent and purpose of this code. Such policies and procedures shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided for in this code, nor shall they have the effect of establishing requirements in excess of those set forth in this code.

(Add) **104.1.1 Rule making authority.** Pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall, jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, adopt and administer a State Building Code for the purpose of regulating the design, construction and use of buildings or structures to be erected and the alteration of buildings or structures already erected and make such amendments thereto as they, from time to time, deem necessary or desirable.

(Amd) **104.6 Right of entry.** Pursuant to subsection (d) of section 29-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the building official or his assistant shall have the right of entry to such buildings or structures, except single-family residences, for the proper performance of his duties between the hours of nine a.m. and five p.m., except that in the case of an emergency, he shall have the right of entry at any time, if such entry is necessary in the interest of public safety. Pursuant to section 29-393 of the Connecticut General Statutes, on receipt of information from the local fire marshal or from any other authentic source that any building in his jurisdiction, due to lack of exit facilities, fire, deterioration, catastrophe or other cause, is in such condition as to be a hazard to any person or persons, the building official or his assistant shall immediately make inspection.

(Delete) **104.10 Modifications.** Delete section and subsection and replace with the following:

(Add) **104.10 Modifications.** Modifications, variations, or exemptions from and approval of equivalent or alternative compliance with the requirements of this code shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 104.10.1 to 104.10.6, inclusive.

(Add) **104.10.1 State Building Code.** Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-254 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Building Inspector may grant modifications, variations or exemptions from, or approve equivalent or alternative compliance with, the State Building Code where strict compliance with the State Building Code would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, or is otherwise adjudged unwarranted, provided the intent of the law shall be observed and public welfare and safety be assured. Any person aggrieved by any decision of
the State Building Inspector may appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee not later than 30 days after mailing of the decision.

(Add) 104.10.1.1 Action on application. The application for modification, variation, exemption from or approval of equivalent or alternative compliance with the requirements of the State Building Code shall be made on a form supplied by the State Building Inspector, which shall be submitted by the applicant to the building official. Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-254 of the Connecticut General Statutes, any such application received by a building official shall be forwarded to the State Building Inspector within 15 business days of receipt by such building official. The application shall include the building official's comments on the merits of the application, and shall be signed by the building official.

(Add) 104.10.1.2 Records. The application for modification, variation, exemption or approval of equivalent or alternative compliance and the decision of the State Building Inspector shall be in writing and shall be officially recorded with the application for a building permit in the permanent records of the building department.

(Add) 104.10.2 Accessibility exemption. Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-269 of the Connecticut General Statutes, any variation of an exemption from any provisions relating to accessibility to, use of and egress from, buildings and structures as required herein shall be permitted only when approved by the State Building Inspector. Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-269 of the Connecticut General Statutes, any person aggrieved by the decision of the State Building Inspector may appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee within 30 days after such decision has been rendered.

(Add) 104.10.3 Historic structures exemption. Pursuant to section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes, exemptions may be granted to the provisions of this code for historic structures as defined by section 10-410 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which have been classified as such in the State Register of Historic Places as long as the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes are adhered to and provided that such exemptions shall not affect the safe design, use or construction of such property.

(Add) 104.10.4 Urban homesteading property exemption. Pursuant to section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes, exemptions may be granted to the provisions of this code for property acquired by an urban homesteading agency, pursuant to section 8-169r of the Connecticut General Statutes, and transferred to a qualified applicant pursuant to section 8-169s of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided such exemptions shall not affect the safe design, use or construction of such property. Exemptions shall be granted in accordance with Section 104.10.1 of this code.

(Add) 104.10.5 Elevators and escalators. Pursuant to section 29-192 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Building Inspector may approve variations, exemptions or equivalent or alternate compliance with regulations governing elevators and escalators where strict compliance with such provisions would cause practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the State Building Inspector may appeal to the Commissioner of Administrative Services or such commissioner's designee not later than 30 days after notice of such decision has been rendered.

(Add) 104.10.6 Lift and limited use/limited application elevator approval. Lifts and limited use, limited access elevators shall not be part of a required accessible path unless approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 1109.8 of this code.
building official. A state agency shall obtain a building permit for construction work defined in the Connecticut General Statutes 29-252 from the State Building Inspector. **Exception:** Pursuant to 29-401 to 29-415, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes state agencies shall obtain demolition permits from the local building official.

(Amd) **105.2.5 Federal agency exemptions.** A federal agency performing construction on federally owned land or on leased land totally under the control of the federal government shall not be required to obtain a building permit or a demolition permit from the local building official.

(Amd) **105.3.1 Action on application.** Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 29-263, the building official shall examine or cause to be examined applications for permits and amendments thereto within 30 days after filing and either issue or deny a permit within such 30-day period. If the application or construction documents do not conform to the requirements of this code and pertinent laws, the building official shall reject such application in writing, stating the reasons therefor. If the building official is satisfied that the proposed work conforms to the requirements of this code and applicable laws, the building official shall issue a permit therefore as soon as practicable. In order to meet the 30-day requirement set forth herein, construction documents shall be submitted by the applicant to both the building official and the local fire marshal, concurrently.

(Amd) **105.3.1.1 Zoning approval.** Pursuant to subsection (f) of section 8-3 of the Connecticut General Statutes, no building permit shall be issued, in whole or in part, for a building, use or structure subject to the zoning regulations of a municipality without certification in writing by the official charged with the enforcement of such regulations that such building, use or structure is in conformity with such regulations or is a valid nonconforming use under such regulations.

(Amd) **105.3.1.2 Fire marshal approval.** Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 29-263, no building permit for a building, structure or use subject to the requirements of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code shall be issued in whole or in part without certification in writing from the local fire marshal that the construction documents for such building, structure or use are in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.

(Add) **105.3.3 By whom application is made.** Pursuant to section 29-263 of the Connecticut General Statutes, application for a permit shall be made by the owner in fee or by an authorized agent. If the authorized agent is a licensed contractor, the provisions of section 20-338b of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be followed. The full names and addresses of the owner, agent and the responsible officers, if the owner or agent is a corporate body, shall be stated in the application.

(Add) **105.3.4 Permit issuance to a home improvement contractor.** No permit shall be issued to a contractor who is required to be registered pursuant to chapter 400 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for work to be performed by such contractor, unless the name, business address and Department of Consumer Protection registration number of such contractor is clearly marked on the application for permit, and the contractor has presented such contractor's certificate of registration as a home improvement contractor.

(Add) **105.5 Expiration of permit.** Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work on the site authorized by such permit is commenced within 180 days after its issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time the work is commenced. The building official is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions...
of time, for periods of not more than 180 days each. The extensions shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause shall be demonstrated.

**Exception:** The building official may specify an expiration date of not less than 30 days, nor more than 180 days, for commencement of work under permits issued to abate unsafe conditions pursuant to Section 116 of this code. Work performed under such permits shall be completed as expeditiously as possible.

(Amd) **107.2.2 Fire sprinkler system shop drawings.** Shop drawings for fire sprinkler system(s) shall be submitted to indicate conformance to this code and the construction documents and shall be approved prior to the start of system installation. Shop drawings shall contain all information as required by the referenced installation standards in Chapter 9. Pursuant to section 29-263a of the Connecticut General Statutes, such documents shall be accompanied by evidence of licensure as a fire sprinkler layout technician in accordance with 20-304a, or a professional engineer licensed in accordance with chapter 391 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Add) **107.2.5.2 Private sewage disposal system.** The site plan shall indicate the location of a private sewage disposal system where a public sewer is not available. Private sewage disposal systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with the requirements of the Public Health Code adopted under authority of section 19a-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes. All technical and soil data required by the Public Health Code shall be submitted with the site plan. Approval of such systems shall be by the local authority having jurisdiction. When such approval is required by the local authority having jurisdiction, written proof of such approval shall be submitted to the building official prior to issuance of a building permit.

(Amd) **107.3.4.1 Deferred submittals.** For the purposes of this section, deferred submittals are defined as those portions of the design that are not submitted at the time of application and that are to be submitted to the building official within a specified period.

Any deferred submittal shall have the prior approval of the building official. The registered design professional in responsible charge shall list the deferred submittals on the construction documents for review by the building official.

Documents for deferred submittal items shall be submitted to the registered design professional in responsible charge who shall review them and forward them to the building official with a notation indicating that the deferred submittal documents have been reviewed and found to be in general conformance to the design of the building. The deferred submittal items shall not be installed until the deferred submittal documents have been approved by the building official.

Documents for deferred submittals that relate to the primary structural support systems of buildings or structures that exceed the threshold limit set forth in Section 107.7 of this code shall also be submitted to the independent structural engineering consultant by the registered design professional in responsible charge. Such deferred submittal items shall not be installed until the deferred submittal documents have been reviewed and found to be in general conformance to the design of the building by the independent structural engineering consultant and approved by the building official.

(Amd) **107.5 Retention of construction documents.** The building official shall retain one set of approved construction documents for a period as set forth in the records/disposition schedule adopted pursuant to chapter 188 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Exception:** Pursuant to subsection (e) of section 29-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes, upon receipt of a written request signed by the owner of plans and specifications on file for a
single-family dwelling or out-building, the building official shall immediately return the original plans and specifications to the owner after a certificate of occupancy is issued with respect to the plans and specifications.

(Add) **107.6 Additional requirements.** Pursuant to section 29-276c of the Connecticut General Statutes, the plans and specifications for any proposed structure or addition classified as (1) assembly, educational, institutional, high hazard, transient residential, which includes hotels, motels, rooming or boarding houses, dormitories or similar buildings, other than residential buildings designed to be occupied by one or more families, without limitation as to size or number of stories; (2) business, factory and industrial, mercantile, moderate and low hazard storage, having three stories or more or exceeding 30,000 square feet total gross area; and (3) nontransient residential dwellings having more than 16 units or 24,000 square feet total gross area per building, shall be sealed by a licensed architect or professional engineer as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration laws of the State of Connecticut, and acting within the scope of their practice. Such architect or engineer shall be responsible for the review of shop drawings and observation of construction. In the event such architect or engineer is unable to fulfill their review responsibilities, an additional architect or engineer shall be retained and the local building official shall be informed in writing of such retainer. If fabricated structural load-bearing members or assemblies are used in such construction, the licensed professional engineer responsible for the design of such members or assemblies shall be responsible for the implementation of their design by reviewing the fabrication process to ensure conformance with their design specifications and parameters. The additional requirements set forth in this subsection shall not apply to alterations, repairs, relocation or change of occupancy to any existing building.

(Add) **107.7 Threshold limits.** Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 29-276b, this section shall apply to any proposed structure or addition thereto that exceeds one or more of the following threshold limits:

1. Having four stories;
2. 60 feet in height;
3. With a clear span of 150 feet in width;
4. Containing 150,000 square feet of total gross floor area;

**Exception:** For Group S (Storage) the limit shall be 250,000 total gross square feet.

5. With an occupancy of 1,000 persons.
6. Group I (Institutional) use with 150 beds or persons;
7. Group R-1 (Residential) hotels or motels with 200 rooms in a single structure;
8. Group R-2 (Residential) multi-family with 100 dwelling units in a single structure;
9. Group S (Storage) parking structures with 1,000 cars.

Threshold limits shall not apply to alterations, repairs or change of occupancy to any existing building.

(Add) **107.7.1 Requirements for proposed structures or additions that exceed the threshold limits.** Pursuant to section 29-276b of the Connecticut General Statutes, if a proposed structure or addition to an existing structure will exceed any threshold limit set forth in Section 107.7 of this code, the building official of the municipality in which the structure or addition will be located shall require that an independent structural engineering consultant review the structural plans and design specifications of the structure or addition to be constructed to determine compliance with
(Add) 110.3.8.1 Electrical inspections. Required electrical inspections shall include installations of temporary services prior to activation; installation of underground piping and conductors after trenches are excavated and bedded and before backfill is put in place; rough inspections of installed wiring and components after the roof, framing, fireblocking and bracing are complete and prior to concealment; and final inspection after all work required by the permit is complete.

(Add) 110.6.1 Notification of inspection results. Notification as to passage or failure, in whole or in part, of any required inspection shall be made in writing by the building official or his duly authorized representative and shall be left at the job site or delivered to the permit holder. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to ascertain the results of required inspections.

(Amd) 111.1 Use and occupancy. Pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-265 of the Connecticut General Statutes, no building or structure erected or altered in any municipality after October 1, 1970, shall be occupied or used, in whole or in part, until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the building official, certifying that such building or structure or work performed pursuant to the building permit substantially complies with the provisions of this code. Nothing in the code shall require the removal, alteration or abandonment of, or prevent the continuance of the use and occupancy of, any single-family dwelling but within six years of the date of occupancy of such dwelling after substantial completion of construction of, alteration to or addition to such dwelling, or of a building lawfully existing on October 1, 1945, except as may be necessary for the safety of life or property. The use of a building or premises shall not be deemed to have changed because of a temporary vacancy or change of ownership or tenancy.

Exceptions:

1. Work for which a certificate of approval is issued in accordance with Section 111.6.

2. A certificate of occupancy is not required for work exempt from permit requirements under Section 105.2.

(Add) 111.1.1 State agency. Pursuant to section 29-252a of the Connecticut General Statutes, state agencies shall not be required to obtain a certificate of occupancy from a local building official. State agencies shall obtain a certificate of occupancy for construction work defined in Connecticut General Statutes 29-252a from the State Building Inspector.

(Add) 111.1.2 Zoning approval. Pursuant to subsection (f) of section 8-3 of the Connecticut General Statutes, no certificate of occupancy shall be issued for a building, use or structure subject to the zoning regulations of a municipality without certification in writing by the official charged with the enforcement of such regulations that such building, use or structure is in conformity with such regulations or is a valid nonconforming use under such regulations.

(Add) 111.1.3 Fire marshal approval. No certificate of occupancy or certificate of approval for a building, structure or use subject to the requirements of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code shall be issued without certification in writing from the local fire marshal that the building, structure or use is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.

(Add) 111.1.4 Statement of professional opinion. Pursuant to section 29-276c of the Connecticut General Statutes, no certificate of occupancy shall be issued for a proposed structure or addition to buildings classified as (1) assembly, educational, institutional, high hazard, transient residential, which includes hotels, motels, rooming or boarding houses, dormitories or similar buildings, other than residential buildings designed to be occupied by one or more families,
without limitation as to size or number of stories; (2) business, factory and industrial, mercantile, moderate and low hazard storage, having three stories or more or exceeding 30,000 square feet total gross area; and (3) nontransient residential dwellings having more than 16 units or 24,000 square feet total gross area per building, until the building official has been provided with a statement signed by the architect or professional engineer and the general contractor stating that the completed structure or addition is in substantial compliance with the approved plans on file.

(Amd) 111.3 Temporary occupancy. The building official may issue a temporary certificate of occupancy before the completion of the entire work covered by the permit, provided such portion or portions shall be occupied safely prior to full completion of the building or structure without endangering life or public welfare. Any occupancy permitted to continue during completion of the work shall be discontinued within 30 days after completion of the work unless a certificate of occupancy is issued by the building official.

(Add) 111.5 Partial occupancy. The building official may issue a partial certificate of occupancy for a portion of the building or structure when, in the building official’s opinion, the portion of the building to be occupied is in substantial compliance with the requirements of this code and no unsafe conditions exist in the portion of the building not covered by the partial certificate of occupancy.

(Add) 111.6 Certificate of approval. The building official shall issue a certificate of approval indicating substantial compliance with the requirements of this code for all completed work that requires a building permit but does not require a certificate of occupancy. Such work shall include, but not be limited to: fences greater than 7 feet in height; retaining walls greater than 3 feet in height; decks; garages; swimming pools; basements and attics converted to habitable space; electrical, plumbing, and mechanical repairs or alterations. No certificate of approval shall be issued for work subject to the zoning regulations of a municipality without certification in writing by the official charged with the enforcement of such regulations that the work is in conformity with such regulations or is a valid nonconforming use under such regulations.

(Add) 111.7 Prefabricated assemblies. A certificate of approval by an approved agency shall be furnished with every prefabricated assembly, including modular housing, except where all elements of the assembly are readily accessible for inspection at the site. Placement of prefabricated assemblies and the connections to public utilities and private water and septic systems at the building site shall be inspected by the building official to determine compliance with this code. A final inspection shall be provided in accordance with Section 110.3.10.

(Del) SECTION 113 - BOARD OF APPEALS. Delete this section in its entirety and replace with the following:

(Add) SECTION 113 – MEANS OF APPEAL.

(Add) 113.1 Appeal from decision of building official. Pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-266 of the Connecticut General Statutes, when the building official rejects or refuses to approve the mode or manner of construction proposed to be followed or the materials to be used in the erection or alteration of a building or structure, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that an equally good or more desirable form of construction can be employed in a specific case, or when it is claimed that the true intent and meaning of the code has been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted or when the building official issues a written order under subsection (c) of section 29-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the owner of such
building or structure, whether already erected or to be erected, or his authorized agent may
appeal in writing from the decision of the building official to the municipal board of appeals. A
person, other than such owner, who claims to be aggrieved by any decision of the building official
may, by himself or his authorized agent, appeal in writing from the decision of the building official
to the municipal board of appeals as provided by subsection (a) of section 29-266 of the
Connecticut General Statutes.

(Add) 113.1.1 Absence of municipal board of appeals. In the absence of a municipal board of
appeals, the provisions of subsection (c) of section 29-266 of the Connecticut General Statutes
shall be followed.

(Add) 113.1.2 State Building Inspector review. Pursuant to subsection (d) of section 29-252 of
the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Building Inspector or his designee shall review a
decision by a local building official or municipal board of appeals, when he has reason to believe
that such official or board has misconstrued or misinterpreted any provision of the State Building
Code.

(Add) 113.2 Appointment of municipal board of appeals. Pursuant to subsection (a) of section
29-266 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a municipal board of appeals consisting of five
members shall be appointed.

(Add) 113.2.1 Qualifications. One member of the municipal board of appeals shall be appointed
from the general public. The other four members shall have at least five years of experience each
in building design, building construction or supervision of building construction.

(Add) 113.2.2 Chair. The board shall annually select one of its members to serve as chair.

(Add) 113.3 Notice of meeting. Each appeal under this subsection shall be heard in the
municipality for which the building official serves within five days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays
and legal holidays, after the date of receipt of the appeal.

(Add) 113.4 Determination of aggrievement. Upon receipt of an appeal from a person other
than the owner or his agent, the board of appeals shall first determine whether such person has
a right to appeal.

(Add) 113.5 Appointment of a panel. Upon receipt of an appeal from an owner or his agent, or
approval of an appeal by a person other than the owner or his agent, the chairman of the
municipal board of appeals shall appoint a panel of not less than three members of such board
to hear such appeal.

(Add) 113.6 Rendering of decisions. The panel shall, upon majority vote of its members, affirm,
modify or reverse the decision of the building official in a written decision upon the appeal and
file such decision with the building official from whom such appeal has been taken not later than
five days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, following the day of the hearing
thereon. A copy of the decision shall be mailed, prior to such filing, to the party taking the appeal.

(Add) 113.7 Appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee. Any person aggrieved by the
decision of a municipal board of appeals may appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee
within 14 days after the filing of the decision with the building official in accordance with the
provisions of section 29-266 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
(Add) **COMPLEX.** For application of accessibility requirements, this term means any group of buildings located on a single parcel of land or on contiguous parcels of land or any building or group of buildings that are subdivided into separate occupancies and planned, financed, constructed or promoted by common management for the purpose of sale or lease of the entire complex or any subdivision thereof, except any single-family detached dwelling.

(Add) **FABRICATED ITEM.** Structural, load-bearing or lateral load-resisting members or assemblies consisting of materials assembled prior to installation in a building or structure, or subjected to operations such as heat treatment, thermal cutting, cold working or reforming after manufacture and prior to installation in a building or structure. Materials produced in accordance with standards referenced by this code, such as rolled structural steel shapes, steel-reinforcing bars, masonry units, wood structural panels and structural composite lumber, or in accordance with a referenced standard that provides requirements for quality control done under the supervision of a third-party quality control agency, shall not be considered "fabricated items."

(Add) **FOSTER CARE FACILITIES.** Facilities that provide care to more than three children, three years of age or younger.

(Add) **GROUP R-1 BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENT.** A building that does not qualify as a one- or two-family dwelling unit in accordance with Section 101.2 and that contains only: The owner’s dwelling unit and guest rooms without permanent provisions for cooking, with a total building occupant load of not more than 16 persons (see Section 310.3.1).

(Add) **GUEST ROOM.** A space in a Group R-1 structure providing sleeping accommodations in one room, or in a series of closely associated rooms.

(Add) **HOTEL.** Any building containing six or more guest rooms, intended or designed to be used, or which are used, rented or hired out to be occupied or which are occupied for sleeping purposes by guests.

(Add) **HURRICANE-PRONE REGIONS.** Areas within municipalities as tabulated in Appendix N.

(Add) **LODGING HOUSE.** (Delete without substitution.)

(Add) **PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.** See construction documents.

(Add) **REGISTERED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL.** An individual who is registered or licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to chapters 390, 391, 395 or 396a of Connecticut General Statutes to practice their respective design profession and acting within the scope of his or her license and practice discipline.

(Add) **SPA, EXERCISE (Also known as a swim spa).** Variants of a spa in which the design and construction includes specific features and equipment to produce a water flow intended to allow recreational physical activity including, but not limited to, swimming in place. Exercise spas can include peripheral jetted seats intended for water therapy, heater, circulation and filtration system, or can be a separate distinct portion of a combination spa/exercise spa and can have separate controls. These spas are of a design and size such that they have an unobstructed volume of water large enough to allow the 99th Percentile Man as specified in APSP 16 to swim or exercise in place.
(Add) **308.4.3 Alternative compliance for small I-2 homes.** See Section 407.13 for alternative compliance provisions for Group I-2 homes serving four to six persons who are incapable of self-preservation.

(Amd) **308.5 Group I-3.** Institutional Group I-3 occupancy shall include buildings and structures that are inhabited by more than three persons who are under restraint or security. A Group I-3 facility is occupied by persons who are generally incapable of self-preservation due to security measures not under the occupants' control. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Correctional centers
- Detention centers
- Jails
- Prerelase centers
- Prisons
- Reformatories

Buildings of Group I-3 shall be classified as one of the occupancy conditions indicated in Sections 308.5.1 to 308.5.5, inclusive (see Section 408.1).

(Amd) **308.6 Institutional Group I-4, day care facilities.** Institutional Group I-4 occupancy shall include buildings and structures occupied by more than six persons of any age who receive custodial care for fewer than 24 hours per day by persons other than parents or guardians, relatives by blood, marriage or adoption, and in a place other than the home of the person cared for. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Adult day care
- Child day care

(Amd) **308.6.1 Classification as Group E.** A child day care facility that provides care for more than six but no more than 100 children 3 years or less of age, where the rooms in which the children are cared for are located on the level of exit discharge serving such rooms and each of these child care rooms has an exit door directly to the exterior, shall be classified as Group E.

(Amd) **308.6.3 Six or fewer persons receiving care in other than a dwelling unit.** A facility having six or fewer persons receiving custodial care in other than a dwelling unit shall be classified as part of the primary occupancy.

(Amd) **308.6.4 Six or fewer persons of any age receiving care in a dwelling unit.** As defined in section 19a-77 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a family child care home that accommodates six or fewer children of any age shall be classified as Group R-3 or shall comply with the International Residential Code. During the regular school year, a maximum of three additional children who are in school full-time, including the provider's own children, shall be permitted, except that if the provider has more than three children who are in school full-time, all of the provider's children shall be permitted.

(Amd) **310.2 Definitions.** The following terms are defined in Chapter 2:

**BOARDING HOUSE.**

**CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES.**
DORMITORY.
GROUP HOME.
GROUP R-1 BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENT
GUEST ROOM.
HOTEL.
PERSONAL CARE SERVICE.
TRANSIENT.

(Amd) 310.3 Residential Group R-1. Residential Group R-1 occupancies containing sleeping units where the occupants are primarily transient in nature, including:

- Bed and breakfast establishments
- Boarding house (transient) with more than 10 occupants
- Congregate living facilities (transient) with more than 10 occupants
- Hotels (transient)
- Motels (transient)

(Add) 310.3.1 Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments. A building that the owner occupies or that is adjacent to a building that the owner occupies as his/her primary place of residence, has a total building occupant load of not more than 16 persons including the owner-occupants, and has no provisions for cooking or warming food in the guest rooms. A Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishment shall not be permitted within a mixed-use building.

(Add) 310.3.1.1 Kitchens in Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments. Kitchens in Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments shall be separated by ½-hour rated fire separation assemblies.

Exceptions:
1. Fire separation assemblies shall not be required when the kitchen is protected by a limited-area sprinkler system.
2. Fire separation assemblies shall not be required when the kitchen is equipped with a listed residential range top extinguisher unit or an approved commercial kitchen hood with a listed, approved automatic fire suppression system.
3. The structural members supporting the rated assemblies shall not be required to be fire-resistance rated.

(Amd) 310.4 Residential Group R-2. Residential Group R-2 occupancies containing sleeping units or more than two dwelling units where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature, including:

- Apartment houses
- Boarding houses with more than six occupants
- Congregate living facilities with more than six occupants
- Convents
- Dormitories
- Fraternities and sororities
- Hotels
- Live/work units
Monasteries
Motels
Vacation timeshare properties

(Amd) 310.5 Residential Group R-3. Residential Group R-3 occupancies where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature and not classified as Group R-1, R-2, R-4 or I, including:
- Buildings that do not contain more than two dwelling units, with not more than six lodgers or boarders per dwelling unit
- Boarding houses with six or fewer occupants where personal care services are not provided
- Care facilities in accordance with Section 308.3.4, 308.4.2, or 308.6.4
- Congregate living facilities with six or fewer occupants where personal care services are not provided

(Del) 310.5.1 Care facilities within a dwelling unit. Delete without substitution.

(Del) 310.5.2 Lodging houses. Delete without substitution.

(Amd) 310.6 Residential Group R-4. Residential Group R-4 occupancy shall include buildings, structures or portions thereof for more than 3 but not more than 16 occupants, excluding staff, who reside on a 24-hour basis in a supervised residential environment and receive custodial care. Buildings of Group R-4 shall be classified as one of the occupancy conditions specified in Section 310.6.1 or 310.6.2. The persons receiving care are capable of self-preservation. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- Alcohol and drug centers
- Assisted living facilities
- Congregate care facilities
- Group homes
- Halfway houses
- Residential board and care custodial care facilities
- Social rehabilitation facilities

Group R-4 occupancies shall meet the requirements for construction as defined for Group R-3, except as otherwise provided for in this code.

CHAPTER 4 - SPECIAL DETAILED REQUIREMENTS BASED ON USE AND OCCUPANCY

(Amd) 403.3.3 Secondary water supply. An automatic secondary on-site water supply having a capacity not less than the hydraulically calculated sprinkler demand, including the hose stream requirement, shall be provided for high-rise buildings assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F as determined by Section 1613. An additional fire pump shall not be required for the secondary water supply unless needed to provide the minimum design intake pressure at the suction side of the fire pump supplying the automatic sprinkler system. The secondary water supply shall have a duration of not less than 30 minutes.

(Add) 404.1.2 Exception. The provisions of Section 404 shall not apply to vertical openings in Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments.
(Amended) **406.3.4.1 Dwelling unit separation.** The private garage shall be separated from the dwelling unit and its attic area by means of Type X gypsum board, not less than 5/8-inch (15.9 mm) in thickness, applied to the garage side. Garages beneath habitable rooms shall be separated from all habitable rooms above by not less than a 5/8-inch (15.9 mm) Type X gypsum board or equivalent and 5/8-inch (15.9 mm) Type X gypsum board applied to structures supporting the separation from habitable rooms above the garage. Door openings between a private garage and the dwelling unit shall be equipped with either solid wood doors or solid or honeycomb core steel doors not less than 1¾ inches (34.9 mm) in thickness, or doors in compliance with Section 718.5.3 with a fire protection rating of not less than 20 minutes. Doors shall be self-closing and self-latching.

(Add) **407.11 Laboratories.** In addition to other requirements of this code, laboratories employing quantities of flammable, combustible or hazardous materials that exceed exempt amounts shall be protected in accordance with NFPA 99.

(Add) **407.12 Medical gas systems.** Medical gas systems shall comply with Chapter 12 of the International Plumbing Code and Section 5306 of the International Fire Code.

(Add) **407.13 Small I-2 homes.** Group I-2 homes that serve four to six persons who are incapable of self-preservation that comply with the alternative provisions of Section 407.13 shall be considered to be code compliant for the systems itemized. Other applicable provisions of the code shall also apply.

(Add) **407.13.1 Height, area and construction type.** Height and area shall comply with Chapter 5 and the requirements of Chapter 6 except as provided in Section 407.13.1.1.

(Add) **407.13.1.1 Type VB construction.** Type VB construction is permitted for a one story building not more than 4500 square feet in area where the unoccupied attic space is protected by automatic sprinklers or provided with heat detection in the attic connected to the building fire alarm system.

(Add) **407.13.2 Size of doors.** The minimum width of all door openings shall provide a clear width of 34 inches (914 mm). Clear openings of doorways with swinging doors shall be measured between the face of the door and the stop, with the door open 90 degrees (1.57 rad).

(Add) **407.13.2.1 Door latches.** Every door latch to closets, storage areas, and other similar spaces or such areas shall be such that the clients can open the door from inside the space or area.

(Add) **407.13.2.2 Client sleeping room and bathroom doors.** Client sleeping room and bathroom door locks shall be designed to allow the opening of the locked door from the outside by an opening device readily accessible by staff in an emergency.

(Add) **407.13.3 Exterior ramps.** Exterior ramps in accordance with Section 1027 shall be permitted for small I-2 homes.

(Add) **407.13.4 Means of escape.** In addition to the means of egress requirements of Chapter 10, all client sleeping rooms shall have an emergency escape and rescue opening in accordance with Section 1030.

(Add) **407.13.5 Sleeping room walls.** All client sleeping room walls separating the sleeping
rooms from the hallways and other habitable or occupiable spaces of the building shall be constructed as smoke partitions in accordance with Section 710.

(Add) **407.13.6 Separation of sleeping area.** One door directly to the exterior at the level of exit discharge from the hallway or client sleeping room where the sleeping area and its hallway are separated from other habitable spaces such as living areas and kitchens by a smoke partition in accordance with Section 710 and the doorway to the sleeping area hallway from such spaces has a minimum 20-minute fire protection rating and is self-closing or automatic-closing.

(Add) **407.13.7 Automatic fire sprinkler system.** Buildings shall be equipped with a NFPA 13R sprinkler system or a NFPA 13D sprinkler system with a 30-minute water supply. All storage, habitable and occupiable rooms as well as kitchens and closets shall be sprinklered. Sprinkler valves shall be electrically supervised and connected to the building fire alarm system.

**Exception:** Attached unheated garages used only for storage provided it is separated from the remainder of the structure by 1-hour fire resistive construction with any openings protected by 45-minute opening protective. The garage shall also be provided with heat detection connected to the building fire alarm system.

(Add) **407.13.8 Fire alarm and detection systems.** Fire alarm and detection systems shall be installed in accordance with Section 907.2.6.

(Add) **407.13.8.1 Detection.** Smoke detection shall be provided in all sleeping rooms and common spaces except kitchens and bathrooms. Heat detection shall be provided as specified in Section 407.13.

(Add) **407.13.8.2 Carbon monoxide detectors.** Carbon monoxide detectors shall be provided in accordance with Section 915.

(Add) **407.13.9 Attic space access.** An opening not less than 36 inches by 36 inches (914 mm by 914 mm) shall be provided to any attic area having a clear height of over 30 inches (762 mm). Clear headroom of not less than 30 inches (762 mm) shall be provided at the attic space at or above the opening.

**Exception:** In conversions of a single family home, a rough framed opening of 30 inches by 22 inches (762 mm by 559 mm) shall be permitted from a hallway or other readily accessible location.

(Add) **407.13.10 Standby power.** Standby power shall be provided for small I-2 homes in accordance with Section 2702.

**Del 410.3.6 Scenery.** Delete section.

(Add) **422.6 Laboratories.** In addition to other requirements of this code, laboratories employing quantities of flammable, combustible or hazardous materials that exceed exempt amounts shall be protected in accordance with NFPA 99.

(Add) **422.7 Medical gas systems.** Medical gas systems shall comply with Chapter 12 of the International Plumbing Code and Section 5306 of the International Fire Code.

(Amendment) **424.5 Area limits.** Children's play structures greater than 300 square feet (28 m²) in area shall comply with Section 411.
(Add) **SECTION 427 – GROUP E**

(Add) **427.1 Proximity to the level of exit discharge.** Proximity to the level of exit discharge shall be provided in accordance with Sections 427.1.1 and 427.1.2. For the purpose of this section, normally occupied rooms shall include such spaces as libraries, cafeterias, gymnasiaums and multipurpose rooms. This does not include administrative offices, healthcare rooms nor special one-on-one rooms.

(Add) **427.1.1 Preschool, kindergarten and first grade.** Rooms normally occupied by preschool, kindergarten or first-grade students shall be located on a level of exit discharge.

Exception: Rooms located on levels other than a level of exit discharge shall be permitted to be normally occupied by preschool, kindergarten or first-grade students where such rooms are provided with an independent stairway or ramp directly from the room dedicated for use by the preschool, kindergarten or first-grade students.

(Add) **427.1.2 Second grade.** Rooms normally occupied by second-grade students shall be located not more than one story above a level of exit discharge.

Exception: Rooms located on levels other than one story above a level of exit discharge shall be permitted to be normally occupied by second-grade students where such rooms are provided with an independent stairway or ramp from the room dedicated for use by the second-grade students.

(Add) **427.2 Subdivision of building spaces.** Group E occupancies shall be subdivided into compartments by smoke barriers complying with Section 709 where one or both of the following conditions exist:

1. The maximum area of a compartment, including the aggregate area of all floors having a common atmosphere, exceeds 30,000 square feet (2787 m²).
2. The length or width of the occupancy exceeds 300 feet (91 m).

Exceptions:

1. Where all spaces normally subject to student occupancy have not less than one door opening directly to the outside or to an exterior or exit access balcony or corridor in accordance with Section 1021.
2. Buildings protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic fire sprinkler in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

(Add) **427.2.1 Area of smoke compartments.** The area of any smoke compartment required by Section 427.2 shall not exceed 30,000 square feet (2787 m²) with no dimension exceeding 300 feet (91 m).

(Add) **427.3 Carbon monoxide detectors.** Pursuant to section 29-292 of the Connecticut General Statutes, carbon monoxide detection shall be provided as required by Section 915.

**CHAPTER 5 - GENERAL BUILDING HEIGHTS AND AREAS**

(Add) **504.5 Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments.** The height limitation for existing buildings of Type VB construction undergoing a change of occupancy from detached one- and two-family dwellings to Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments shall be increased by 5 feet from the value in Table 504.3 and one story from the value in Table 504.4 where 1-hour fire-
2.2 Direct access to an exterior stair serving a maximum of two dwelling units on the same story, or

2.3 Direct access to an interior stair serving only that dwelling unit and separated from all other portions of the building with 1-hour fire-resistance-rated fire barriers.

3. Existing buildings converted prior to June 15, 1994, from a one- or two-family building or Group R-3 to Group R-2 containing not more than four dwelling units.

4. Horizontal additions containing a newly introduced Group R occupancy that are added to existing buildings shall be required to have an automatic sprinkler system installed in the addition only if the addition is completely separated from the existing building by fire barriers with a minimum one-hour fire-resistance rating.

5. In a building with a maximum of two dwelling units where:
   5.1 Each dwelling unit has a direct independent exit to grade.
   5.2 The exit(s) and dwelling units are separated from any non-residential occupancy by a minimum 1-hour fire-resistive-rated separation.
   5.3 The non-residential occupancy is protected by an automatic fire detection and alarm system with notification in the dwelling unit(s).

(Amd) 903.2.8.4 Care facilities. An automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.3 shall be permitted in a Group R-4 care facility with 16 or fewer residents when all of the following conditions are met:
   1. The facility is not in a building containing mixed occupancies,
   2. The building in which the facility is located is limited to two stories above grade plane and 40 feet in height,
   3. The automatic sprinkler system is provided with a minimum 30-minute water supply,
   4. All habitable, enclosed usable areas and closets shall be sprinklered,
   5. Facilities with more than eight residents shall be treated as two-family dwellings with regard to water supply, and
   6. The sprinkler system is provided with valve supervision by one of the following methods:
      6.1 A single listed control valve that shuts off both domestic and sprinkler system water supply and a separate valve that shuts off the domestic system only.
      6.2 Electrical supervision connected to the facility’s fire alarm system.
      6.3 Valve closure that causes the sounding of an audible alarm audible throughout the premises.

(Add) 903.2.11.7 Additional statutory requirements. Pursuant to section 29-315 of the Connecticut General Statutes, automatic fire extinguishing systems shall be installed in any building or structure to be built more than four stories tall and used for human occupancy and in other occupancies as required by the State Fire Marshal in the interest of safety because of special occupancy hazards.

(Amd) 903.3.1.1.1 Exempt locations. Automatic sprinklers shall not be required in the following rooms or areas where such rooms or areas are protected with an approved automatic fire detection system in accordance with Section 907.2 that will respond to visible or invisible particles of combustion. Sprinklers shall not be omitted from any room merely because it is damp, of fire-resistance-rated construction or contains electrical equipment.
   1. Generator and transformer rooms separated from the remainder of the building by walls and floor/ceiling assemblies having a fire-resistance-rating of not less than 2 hours.
2. Fire service access elevator machine rooms and machinery spaces.
3. Machine rooms, machinery spaces, control rooms and control spaces associated with occupant evacuation elevators designed in accordance with Section 3008.

(Add) 903.3.1.3 Vertical openings. Closely spaced sprinklers and draft stops are not required around floor openings permitted to be unenclosed by this code unless the closely spaced sprinklers and draft stops are being utilized in lieu of an enclosure as specified by Section 712.1.3.1.

(Add) 903.3.5.3 Water authority approval. Unless served by a private well of sufficient capacity or other approved source, domestic service shall be permitted to provide the water supply for the automatic sprinkler system only upon written approval of the water authority supplying such domestic service.

(Rev) 903.5 Testing and maintenance. Delete subsection without substitution.

(Add) 905.2.1 Piping design. The riser piping, supply piping and the water service piping shall be sized to maintain a residual pressure of at least 100 pounds per square inch (psi) at the topmost outlet of each riser while flowing the minimum quantities of water specified based upon a pressure of 150 psi available at the fire department connection.

Exception: In buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or Section 903.3.1.2 and where the highest floor level is not more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access, Class I standpipes shall have an automatic or manual-wet supply.

(Rev) 905.3.4.1 Hose and cabinet. Delete without substitution.

(Rev) SECTION 906 - PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. Delete this section in its entirety and replace with the following:

(Add) SECTION 906 - PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

(Add) 906.1 Where required. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in occupancies and locations as required by the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code.

(Add) 906.2 Maintenance. Portable fire extinguishers shall be maintained in accordance with the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code.

(Amd) 907.1.1 Construction documents. Construction documents for fire alarm systems shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to the provisions of this code and the State Fire Safety Code as determined by the code official.

(Rev) 907.2.7.1 Occupant notification. Delete without substitution.

(Amd) 907.2.8.2 Automatic smoke detection system. An automatic smoke detection system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed throughout all interior corridors serving sleeping units.

Exceptions:
(Amd) 907.2.11.6 Power source. Pursuant to Section 29-292 of the Connecticut General Statutes, in new construction, required smoke alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring and shall be equipped with a battery backup. Smoke alarms with integral strobes not equipped with battery backup shall be connected to an emergency electrical system. Smoke alarms shall emit a signal when the batteries are low. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than as required for overcurrent protection.

(Amd) 907.6.6.1 Automatic telephone-dialing devices. Automatic telephone-dialing devices used to transmit an emergency alarm shall comply with the requirements of subsection (c) of section 28-25b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Del) 907.6.6.2 Termination of monitoring service. Delete without substitution.

(Del) 907.8 Inspection, testing and maintenance. Delete without substitution.

(Del) 908.7 Carbon monoxide alarms. Delete this section in its entirety and replace with Section 915.

(Add) 913.6 Electric fire pumps. Buildings provided with standby electrical power for the purpose of continuing operations or occupancy shall provide standby power in accordance with Article 701 of NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, for any electric fire pump installed to provide an adequate water supply or minimum operating pressure to a required automatic sprinkler system. Such system shall be in accordance with Section 2702.2.17.

(Amd) SECTION 915 - CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION

(Amd) 915.1 General. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed in new buildings and occupancies in accordance with Section 915.1 to 915.6, inclusive. When alterations or additions requiring a permit occur in existing buildings, carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in accordance with Section 915.7.

(Amd) 915.1.1 Where required. Carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in Group I-1, I-2, I-4 and R occupancies and in Group E occupancies in the locations specified in Section 915.2 where any of the conditions in 915.1.2 to 915.1.6, inclusive, exist.

(Amd) 915.1.2 Fuel-burning appliances and fuel-burning fireplaces. Carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in dwelling units and sleeping units that contain a fuel-burning appliance or fuel-burning fireplace.

(Amd) 915.1.3 Forced-air furnaces. Carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in dwelling units and sleeping units served by a fuel-burning, forced-air furnace.

Exception: Carbon monoxide detection shall not be required in dwelling units and sleeping units where carbon monoxide detection is provided in the first room or area served by each main duct leaving the furnace, and the carbon monoxide alarm signals are automatically transmitted to an approved location.

(Amd) 915.1.4 Fuel-burning appliances outside of dwelling units and sleeping units. Carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in dwelling units and sleeping units located in buildings that contain fuel-burning appliances or fuel-burning fireplaces.

Exceptions:
2. Facilities with outdoor smoke-protected assembly seating shall be permitted to the capacity factors in Section 1029.6.3 indicated for stepped aisles for exit access or exit stairways where the entire path for means of egress from the seating to the exit discharge is open to the outdoors.

(Amd) 1005.3.2 Other egress components. The capacity, in inches (mm), of means of egress components other than stairways shall be calculated by multiplying the occupant load served by such component by a means of egress capacity factor of 0.2 inch (5.1 mm) per occupant.

Exceptions:
1. Facilities with smoke-protected assembly seating shall be permitted to use the capacity factors in Table 1029.6.2 indicated for level or ramped aisles for means of egress components other than stairways where the entire path for means of egress from the seating to the exit discharge is provided with a smoke control system complying with Section 909.
2. Facilities with outdoor smoke-protected assembly seating shall be permitted to the capacity factors in Section 1029.6.3 indicated for level or ramped aisles for means of egress components other than stairways where the entire path for means of egress from the seating to the exit discharge is open to the outdoors.

(Amd) 1006.1 General. The number of exits or exit access doorways required within the means of egress system shall comply with the provisions of Section 1006.2 for spaces, including mezzanines, and Section 1006.3 for stories.

Exception: Buildings of Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments shall only be required to have one exit.

(Amd) 1006.2.2.4 Day care means of egress. Day care facilities, rooms or spaces where care is provided for more than 10 children who are 3 years of age or younger shall have access to not less than two exits or exit access doorways.

(Amd) 1008.2 Illumination required. The means of egress, including the exit discharge, shall be illuminated at all times the building space served by the means of egress is occupied.

Exceptions:
1. Occupancies in Group U.
2. Aisle accessways in Group A.
3. Within dwelling units and sleeping units in Groups R-1, R-2 and R-3.
4. Within sleeping units of Group I occupancies.
5. In Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments shall not be required when illumination of the means of egress is initiated upon initiation of a fire alarm.

(Add) 1008.2.3 Arrangement of illumination. Required illumination shall be arranged so that the failure of any single lamp does not result in an illumination level of less than 0.2 foot-candle (2.15 lux) at the floor level.

(Amd) 1008.3.3 Other areas. In the event of power supply failure, an emergency electrical system shall automatically illuminate all of the following areas:
1. Electrical equipment rooms.
2. Fire command centers.
3. Fire pump rooms.
4. Generator rooms.
5. Public restrooms with an area greater than 300 square feet (27.87 m²).
6. Means of egress components, other than those within sleeping rooms, of Group R-1 bed
and breakfast establishments.

(Add) 1008.3.6 Activation. The emergency means of egress illumination system shall be
arranged to provide the required illumination automatically in the event of any interruption of
normal lighting due to any of the following:
1. Failure of a public utility or other outside electrical power supply.
2. Opening of a circuit breaker or fuse.

(Add) 1010.1.1.2 Bed and breakfast establishments. Doors within and accessing Group R-1
bed and breakfast establishments shall have a minimum clear width of 28 inches (711 mm). Doors
within and accessing bathrooms shall have a minimum clear width of 24 inches (610 mm).

(Amd) 1010.1.2.1 Direction of swing. Doors shall swing in the direction of egress travel where
serving a room or area containing an occupant load of 50 or more persons, an exit enclosure
(unless the door serves an individual living unit that opens directly into an exit enclosure) or a
Group H occupancy.

(Amd) 1010.1.9.5.1 Closet and bathroom doors. In Group R-4 occupancies, Group I-2 child
care facilities, and Group I-4 day care facilities, closet doors that latch in the closed position shall
be openable from inside the closet and bathroom doors that latch in the closed position shall be
capable of being unlocked from the ingress side.

(Amd) 1011.5.2 Riser height and tread depth. Stair riser heights shall be 7 inches (178 mm)
maximum and 4 inches (102 mm) minimum. The riser height shall be measured vertically between
the nosings of adjacent treads. Rectangular tread depth shall be 11 inches (279 mm) minimum
measured horizontally between the vertical planes of the foremost projection of adjacent treads
and at right angle to the tread’s nosing. Winder treads shall have a minimum tread depth of 11
inches (279 mm) between the vertical planes of the foremost projection of adjacent treads at the
intersections with the walkline and a minimum tread depth of 10 inches (254 mm) within the clear
width of the stair.

Exceptions:
1. Alternating tread devices in accordance with Section 1011.14.
2. Ship ladders in accordance with Section 1011.15.
3. Spiral stairways in accordance with Section 1011.10.
4. Aisle stairs in assembly seating areas where the stair pitch or slope is set, for sightline
reasons, by the slope of the adjacent seating area in accordance with Section 1029.13.
5. In Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments; in Group R-3 occupancies; within
dwelling units in Group R-2 occupancies; and in Group U occupancies that are accessory
to Group R-3 occupancy, or accessory to individual dwelling units in Group R-2
occupancies; the maximum riser height shall be 8 ¼ inches (209.5 mm) and the minimum
tread depth shall be 9 inches (229 mm); the minimum winder tread depth at the walkline
shall be 10 inches (254 mm); and the minimum winder tread depth shall be 6 inches (152
mm). A nosing not less than ¾ inch (19.1 mm) but not more than 1 ¼ inches (32 mm)
(Amd) 1015.4 Opening limitations. Required guards shall not have openings which allow passage of a sphere 4 inches (102 mm) in diameter from the walking surface to the required guard height.

Exceptions:

1. From a height of 36 inches (914 mm) to 42 inches (1067 mm), guards shall not have openings which allow passage of a sphere 4\% inches (111 mm) in diameter.
2. The triangular openings at the open side of a stair, formed by the riser, tread and bottom rail shall not allow passage of a sphere 6 inches (152 mm) in diameter.
3. At elevated walking surfaces for access to and use of electrical, mechanical or plumbing systems or equipment, guards shall not have openings which allow passage of a sphere 21 inches (533 mm) in diameter.
4. In areas that are not open to the public within occupancies in Group I-3, F, H or S, and for alternating tread devices and ship ladders, guards shall not have openings which allow passage of a sphere 21 inches (533 mm) in diameter.
5. In assembly seating areas, guards at the end of aisles where they terminate at a fascia of boxes, balconies and galleries shall not have openings which allow passage of a sphere 4 inches in diameter (102 mm) up to a height of 26 inches (660 mm). From a height of 26 inches (660 mm) to 42 inches (1067 mm) above the adjacent walking surfaces, guards shall not have openings which allow passage of a sphere 8 inches (203 mm) in diameter.
6. Within individual dwelling units and sleeping units in Group R-2 and R-3 occupancies, guards on the open sides of stairs shall not have openings which allow passage of a sphere 4\% inches (111 mm) in diameter.
7. In Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments, guards shall have balusters or ornamental patterns such that a 6-inch-diameter (152 mm) sphere cannot pass through any opening.

(Add) 1015.9 Retaining walls. Retaining walls with a difference in finished grade from the top of the wall to the bottom of the wall that is greater than 4 feet (1219 mm) shall be provided with guards complying with Sections 1015.3, 1015.4 and 1607.8 when there is a walking surface, parking lot or driveway on the high side located closer than 2 feet (610 mm) to the retaining wall. For the purpose of this section, grass, planting beds or landscaped areas shall not be considered a walking surface.

(Amd) Table 1017.2 Exit Access Travel Distance.

Amend final row as follows:

| I-2, I-3, I-4 | Not Permitted\(^e\) | 200\(^e\) |

Add new footnote as follows:

\(^e\) For Group I-4 day care facilities that satisfy Section 903.2.6 exception 2., a maximum travel distance of 150-feet shall be permitted.

(Amd) 1019.3 Occupancies other than Groups I-2 and I-3. In other than Group I-2 and I-3 occupancies, floor openings containing exit access stairways or ramps that do not comply with
one of the conditions listed in this section shall be enclosed with a shaft enclosure constructed in accordance with Section 713.

1. In buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1 with other than Group H or I occupancies, an exit access stairway serving an occupant load of less than 10 not more than one story above the level of exit discharge.

2. In Group R-1, R-2 or R-3 occupancies, exit access stairways and ramps connecting four stories or less serving and contained within a single residential dwelling unit or sleeping unit or live/work unit.

3. Exit access stairways serving and contained within a Group R-3 congregate residence or a Group R-4 facility are not required to be enclosed.

4. Exit access stairways connecting the first and second floors of Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments. Stairways connecting the second and third floors in such occupancies shall be enclosed with fire separation assemblies having a fire-resistance rating of not less than 1 hour. Stairways connecting the basement and the first floor occupancies shall be enclosed with fire partitions having a fire-resistance rating of not less than ½ hour with 20-minute fire-resistance rated door assemblies. Fire-resistance assemblies at stairways in Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments shall not be required to be supported by fire-resistance rated construction.

5. Exit access stairways and ramps within an atrium complying with the provisions of Section 404.

6. Exit access stairways and ramps in open parking garages that serve only the parking garage.

7. Exit access stairways and ramps serving open-air seating complying with the exit access travel distance requirements of Section 1029.7.

8. Exit access stairways and ramps serving the balcony, gallery or press box and the main assembly floor in occupancies such as theaters, places of religious worship, auditoriums and sport facilities.

9. Stairways serving outdoor facilities where all portions of the means of egress are essentially open to the outside.

10. Exit access stairways serving mezzanines complying with the provisions of Section 505.

(Amd) **Table 1020.1 Corridor Fire-Resistance Rating**

Amend second to last row as follows:

| I-2a, I-4 | All | Not Permittedc | 0 |

Add new footnote as follows:

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d. For Group I-4 day care facilities that satisfy 903.2.6 exception 2., a corridor fire-resistance rating of zero (0) shall be permitted.

(Add) **1020.1.1 Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments.** A fire-resistance rating is not required for corridors in Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments. Doors leading from guest rooms into corridors or hallways in Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments shall be equipped with self-closing devices.

(Add) **1022.2.2 Group M occupancies.** In mercantile occupancies other than bulk merchandising retail buildings, if the only means of customer entrance is through one exterior wall
of a building, one-half of the required egress width from the street floor shall be located in such wall. For the purpose of this section, bulk merchandising retail building is defined as a building exceeding 12,000 square feet (1115 m²) in area in which the sales area includes the storage of combustible materials on pallets, in solid piles, or in racks in excess of 12 feet (3660 mm) in storage height.

(Amd) 1023.5 Penetrations. Penetrations into or through interior exit stairways and ramps are prohibited except for equipment and ductwork necessary for independent ventilation or pressurization, sprinkler piping, standpipes, electrical raceway for fire department communication and security systems and electrical raceway serving the interior exit stairway and ramp and terminating at a steel box not exceeding 16 square inches (0.010 m²). Such penetrations shall be protected in accordance with Section 714. There shall be no penetrations or communicating openings, whether protected or not, between adjacent interior exit stairways and ramps.

Exception: Membrane penetrations shall be permitted on the outside of the interior exit stairway and ramp. Such penetrations shall be protected in accordance with Section 714.3.2.

(Amd) 1024.6 Penetrations. Penetrations into or through an exit passageway are prohibited except for equipment and ductwork necessary for independent ventilation or pressurization, sprinkler piping, standpipes, electrical raceway for fire department communication and security systems and electrical raceway serving the exit passageway and terminating at a steel box not exceeding 16 square inches (0.010 m²). Such penetrations shall be protected in accordance with Section 714. There shall be no penetrations or communicating openings, whether protected or not, between adjacent exit passageways.

Exception: Membrane penetrations shall be permitted on the outside of the exit passageway. Such penetrations shall be protected in accordance with Section 714.3.2.

(Add) 1025.6 Statutory requirements for exit access corridors. Pursuant to section 29-256d of the Connecticut General Statutes, in addition to means of egress illumination required by Section 1008, approved luminous egress path marking systems or devices shall be required in exit access corridors serving an occupant load greater than 30 in the following newly constructed occupancies:

1. Group A occupancies with a total occupant load greater than 300.
2. Group B medical occupancies.
5. Group I-1 occupancies.
7. Group R-1 hotels and motels.

Exceptions:

1. Group E occupancies where each classroom has at least one door directly to the exterior and rooms for assembly purposes have at least one-half of the required means of egress doors opening directly to the exterior. Exterior doors specified in this exception are required to be at ground level.
2. In corridors or hallways located within Group R-1 and R-2 sleeping units or dwelling units.
3. Such systems shall not be required in existing buildings of any occupancy including those undergoing repair, addition, alteration or change of occupancy. In the case of an addition to an existing building, this exception also applies to the new construction.
(Add) **1025.6.1 Size and location.** Luminous egress path marking systems or devices shall be sized and located in exit access corridors as prescribed by Section 1025.2.4. In exit access corridors exceeding 120 inches (3048 mm) in width, the marking shall be provided on both sides of the corridor.

(Add) **1025.6.2 Device or system requirements.** Luminous egress path marking systems or devices shall be listed and labeled and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation requirements. Self-luminous and photoluminescent egress path markings shall comply with Sections 1025.4 and 1025.5. Such systems shall not incorporate arrows, chevrons, signs or alternating lighting patterns designed or intended to lead an occupant to any one specific exit in preference over another exit.

Exception: Systems incorporating arrows, chevrons, signs or alternating lighting patterns designed or intended to lead an occupant in any one specific direction shall be permitted in common paths of travel and dead end corridors.

(Add) **1025.6.3 Illumination.** Luminous egress path marking systems or devices shall be continuously illuminated or shall illuminate within 10 seconds in the event of power failure. Illumination shall be maintained for a period of not less than 90 minutes following loss of power to the corridor within which the system or device is located.

(Add) **1028.3.1 Remoteness.** Where two or more doors leading to exit discharge are required, a minimum of two such doors shall be placed a distance apart equal to not less than one-third of the length of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the building served, measured in a straight line between doors. Additional doors leading to exit discharge shall be arranged a reasonable distance apart so that if one becomes blocked, the others will be available.

(Amd) **1029.2 Assembly main exit.** Pursuant to Section 29-381a of the Connecticut General Statutes, in a building, room or space used for assembly purposes and provided with a single main entrance/exit, the main exit shall be of sufficient width to accommodate not less than two-thirds of the occupant load, but such width shall not be less than the total required width of all means of egress leading to the exit. This applies to Group A occupancies that are newly constructed, have an increase in the number of occupants by addition or alteration or are created by change of occupancy. Where the building is classified as a Group A occupancy, the main exit shall front on at least one street or an unoccupied space of not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) in width that adjoins a street or public way. In a building, room or space used for assembly purposes where there is no well-defined main entrance/exit or where multiple main entrance/exits are provided, exits shall be permitted to be distributed around the perimeter of the building provided that the total width of egress is not less than 100 percent of the required width.

(Amd) **1030.1 General.** In addition to the means of egress required by this chapter, emergency escape and rescue openings shall be provided in the following occupancies:

1. Group R-2 occupancies located in stories with only one exit or access to only one exit as permitted by Tables 1006.3.2(1) and 1006.3.2(2).
2. Group R-3 and R-4 occupancies.

Basements and sleeping rooms below the fourth story above grade plane shall have not fewer than one exterior emergency escape and rescue opening in accordance with this section. Where basements contain one or more sleeping rooms, emergency escape and rescue openings shall be required in each sleeping room, but shall not be required in adjoining areas of the basement.
(Amd) **1030.3 Maximum height from floor.** Emergency escape and rescue openings shall have the bottom of the clear opening not greater than 44 inches (1118 mm) measured from the floor.

Exception: In an existing building undergoing a change of use, the 44-inch (1118 mm) maximum height may be measured vertically above a fixed, permanent platform, step or steps whose minimum width shall equal or exceed the operable width of the opening and shall be centered on such opening. Any stairs or steps shall comply with Section 1011.5.

**CHAPTER 11 – ACCESSIBILITY**

Section 1102. Add the following:

(Add) **COMPLEX.**

(Add) **STORY.**

(Add) **STREET FLOOR.**

(Amd) **1103.2.11 Group R-1 Bed and breakfast establishments.** Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments are not required to be accessible.

(Add) **1103.2.15 Statutory requirements.** The following additional exceptions to requirements for accessibility are in accordance with section 29-274 of the Connecticut General Statutes:

1. Accessibility shall not be required in renovations, additions or alterations to stories in existing buildings above the street floor being converted to Group B provided each story above the street floor contains less than 3,000 square feet of total gross area per floor and the street floor is renovated or altered to provide accessibility to persons with disabilities. This provision shall not apply to stories above the street floor that include the offices of health care providers, municipal or state agencies or passenger transportation facilities or offices located in airport terminals.

2. Buildings and structures of any occupancy not otherwise exempted from the requirements of this chapter shall be exempt if each story above and below the street floor contains less than 3,000 square feet of total gross area and the street floor is designed, renovated or altered to provide accessibility to persons with disabilities. This provision shall not apply to stories above or below the street floor that include the offices of health care providers, municipal or state agencies or passenger transportation facilities or offices located in airport terminals or mercantile facilities having five or more tenant spaces.

(Add) **1103.2.16 Mezzanines.** Mezzanines having fewer than 3,000 square feet of gross floor area, either singly or in the aggregate for multiple mezzanines on any floor are not required to be accessible and are not required to be located on an accessible route, provided that the goods and services available on any mezzanine shall be available in accessible areas.

(Amd) **1104.1 Site arrival points.** At least one accessible route within the site shall be provided from public transportation stops, accessible parking and accessible passenger loading zones, and public streets or sidewalks to the accessible building entrance served. Where an accessible route must cross speed bumps or vehicle wheel stops, there shall be a minimum clear passage width not less than 32 inches.

Exception: Other than in buildings or facilities containing or serving Type B units, an accessible route shall not be required between site arrival points and the building or
1. Compartments or rooms with self-closing, self-latching doors.
2. Doors that swing into the compartment or room.

(Del) **1109.2.3 Lavatories.** Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

(Amd) **1109.2.3 Lavatories.** Where lavatories are provided, at least 5 percent, but not less than one, shall be accessible. Where an accessible lavatory is located within the accessible water closet compartment at least one additional accessible lavatory shall be provided in the multicompartment toilet room outside the water closet compartment. Where the total lavatories provided in a toilet room or bathing facility is four or more, at least one lavatory with enhanced reach ranges shall be provided.

(Add) **1109.2.4 Single occupancy toilet.** Required accessible toilet rooms designed for single occupancy in other than Group R shall meet the requirements of ICC/ANSI A117.1. Each such room shall contain both toilet and lavatory, shall have a lever handle privacy lockset and shall have an emergency call system that actuates a visible and audible alarm in a normally occupied area. An alarm pull switch, identified with emergency instruction, shall be provided within 3 feet of the water closet with a pull cord extending to within 12 inches of the floor. Emergency instructions shall be provided outside the toilet room at the normally occupied location.

(Add) **1109.8.1 Limited-use/limited-application elevators.** Limited-use/limited-application elevators shall be permitted to be installed in new construction in the same locations specified in Section 1109.8. Limited-use/limited-application elevators shall be installed in accordance with the Connecticut Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, adopted under authority of section 29-192 of the Connecticut General Statutes and with regulations adopted under authority of section 29-200 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Add) **1109.16 Automated teller machines.** Where automated teller machines are provided for pedestrian use at any site, at least one location and one automated teller machine shall be accessible.

(Amd) **1111.1 Signs.** Required accessible elements shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility at the following locations:

1. Accessible parking spaces as required by Section 1106. Pursuant to subsection (h) of section 14-253a of the Connecticut General Statutes, such spaces shall be designated by above-grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words “RESERVED parking permit required” and “violators will be fined” in addition to the International Symbol of Accessibility. When such a sign is replaced, repaired or erected, it shall indicate the minimum fine for a violation of subsection (l) of section 14-253a of the Connecticut General Statutes. Such indicator may be in the form of a notice affixed to such sign. Newly installed signs shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum above the floor or ground of the parking space, measured to the bottom of the sign.

2. Accessible passenger loading zones.

3. Accessible rooms where multiple single-user toilet or bathing rooms are clustered at a single location.

4. Accessible entrances where not all entrances are accessible.

5. Accessible check-out aisles where not all aisles are accessible. The sign, where provided, shall be above the check-out aisle in the same location as the check-out aisle number or type of check-out identification.
6. Family or assisted-use toilet and bathing rooms and single occupancy toilet rooms.
7. Accessible dressing, fitting and locker rooms where not all such rooms are accessible.
8. Accessible areas of refuge required by Section 1009.9.
9. Exterior areas for assisted rescue in accordance with Section 1009.9.
10. In recreational facilities, lockers that are required to be accessible in accordance with Section 1109.9.
11. Accessible portable toilet and bathing units.
12. Accessible means of egress stairways.
13. Accessible grade level exits required by Section 1013.1.1.

(Add) 1111.5 Interior signage. Interior signs, when provided, that designate permanent rooms and spaces shall be raised text characters and Braille, designed and located in accordance with ICC/ANSI A117.1. Mounting location for signage shall be such that any person approaching the signage will not encounter protruding objects, or stand within the swing of any door.

CHAPTER 15 – ROOF ASSEMBLIES AND ROOFTOP STRUCTURES

(Amd) 1507.11.1 Slope. Modified bitumen membrane roofs shall have a design slope of a minimum of one-fourth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-per cent slope) for drainage.

Exception: A minimum design slope of one-eighth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal shall be permitted when the following two conditions are met:
1. The roofing material is warranted/guaranteed by both the roofing material manufacturer and the roofing installer for the proposed slope.
2. The registered design professional responsible for the design of the roof structure certifies that the roof structure is designed to support all loads, including any additional loads resultant to the reduced slope.

(Amd) 1507.12.1 Slope. Thermoset single ply membrane roofs shall have a design slope of a minimum of one-fourth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-per cent slope) for drainage.

Exception: A minimum design slope of one-eighth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal shall be permitted when the following two conditions are met:
1. The roofing material is warranted/guaranteed by both the roofing material manufacturer and the roofing installer for the proposed slope.
2. The registered design professional responsible for the design of the roof structure certifies that the roof structure is designed to support all loads, including any additional loads resultant to the reduced slope.

(Amd) 1507.13.1 Slope. Thermoplastic single ply membrane roofs shall have a design slope of a minimum of one-fourth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-per cent slope) for drainage.

Exception: A minimum design slope of one-eighth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal shall be permitted when the following two conditions are met:
1. The roofing material is warranted/guaranteed by both the roofing material manufacturer and the roofing installer for the proposed slope.
2. The registered design professional responsible for the design of the roof structure certifies that the roof structure is designed to support all loads, including any additional loads resultant to the reduced slope.
CHAPTER 16 - STRUCTURAL DESIGN

(Amd) 1603.1.3 Roof snow load data. The ground snow load, \( P_g \), shall be indicated. In areas where the ground snow load, \( P_g \), exceeds 10 pounds per square foot (psf) (0.479 kN/m²), the following additional information shall also be provided, regardless of whether snow loads govern the design of the roof:

1. Flat-roof snow load, \( P_f \).
2. Snow exposure factor, \( C_e \).
3. Snow load importance factor, \( I \).
4. Thermal factor, \( C_t \).
5. Drift surcharge loads, \( P_d \).
6. Width of snow drifts, \( W \).
7. Existing roofs. Confirmation that existing adjacent lower roofs have been evaluated for increased snow loads and/or owners of existing adjacent lower roofs have been advised of the potential for increased snow loads as required by Section 7.12 of ASCE 7.

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(Add) 1607.3.1 Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments. Live loads shall comply with the requirements of Table 1607.1 for one- and two-family dwellings.

(Add) 1608.1.1 Flat roof snow loads. The flat roof snow load, \( p_r \), shall be calculated in accordance with Section 7.3 of ASCE-7. The calculated value of \( p_r \) shall not be less than 30 pounds per square foot. The calculated value of \( p_r \) without the 30 pounds per square foot minimum requirement shall be used to determine partial loading effects, unbalanced snow loads, snow drifting loads, roof projections and parapets, and snow sliding loads in accordance with Sections 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8 and 7.9 of ASCE-7.

(Add) 1608.1.2 Sloped roof snow loads. The sloped roof snow load, \( p_s \), shall be calculated in accordance with Section 7.4 of ASCE-7. The value of \( p_s \) used in such calculation shall not be less than 30 pounds per square foot. Values for "unobstructed slippery roofs" in Figure 7-2 of ASCE-7 shall not be utilized, unless approved by the building official.

(Amd) 1608.2 Ground snow loads. Ground snow loads to be used in determining the design snow loads for roofs shall be as listed in Appendix N.

(Del) Table 1608.2. Delete figure without substitution.

(Del) Figure 1609.3(1). Delete figure without substitution.
5. The contractor is permitted to employ the approved agencies for the verification of the temporary installation restraint/bracing required for cold-formed steel trusses in Section 1705.2.4 and metal-plate connected wood trusses in Section 1705.5.2.

(Amd) 1704.2.4 Report requirement. Special inspectors shall keep records of inspections. The special inspector shall furnish inspections reports to the building official and to the registered design professional in responsible charge. Reports shall indicate that work inspected was or was not completed in conformance to approved construction documents. Discrepancies shall be brought to the immediate attention of the contractor for correction. If they are not corrected, the discrepancies shall be brought to the attention of the building official and to the registered design professional in responsible charge prior to the completion of that phase of the work. A final report of inspections documenting completion of all required special inspections and correction of any discrepancies noted in the inspections shall be submitted prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. Interim reports shall be submitted periodically at the frequency agreed upon by the permit applicant and the building official prior to the start of work.

(Amd) 1704.2.5.1 Fabricator approval. Special inspections required by Section 1705 shall be permitted to be reduced or eliminated when approved by the registered design professional in responsible charge where the work is done on the premises of a fabricator registered and approved to perform such work without special inspection. Approval shall be based upon review of the fabricator's written procedural and quality control manuals and periodic auditing of fabrication practices by an approved special inspection agency. Approved fabricators shall include:

1. A fabricator of structural steel certified by the American Institute of Steel Construction Inc.'s Certification Program for Structural Steel Fabricators, Standard for Steel Building Structures.

2. A manufacturer of metal building systems accredited by the ICC International Accreditation Service (IAS) in accordance with accreditation criteria IAC-AC-472.

3. A manufacturer of K-, LH-, or DLH-Series Joist or Joist Girders who is a member of the Steel Joist Institute and has completed the Institute's examination of complete engineering design details and calculations of joists, bridging and accessories for which standards have been adopted, data obtained from physical tests of joists to verify conclusions from analysis of the applicant company's engineering design, details and calculations; an initial plant inspection and subsequent periodic inspections are required to ensure that the applicant/member company possesses the facilities, equipment and personnel required to properly fabricate joists. A fabricator of precast concrete certified by the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute's Plant Certification Program, commercial category.

4. A fabricator of cold-formed steel trusses certified by the Truss Plate Institute's Quality Assurance Program.

5. A fabricator of wood trusses certified by the Truss Plate Institute's Quality Assurance Program.


At the completion of fabrication, the approved fabricator shall submit a certificate of compliance to the building official stating that the work was performed in accordance with the approved construction documents.
(Amd) 1704.6.2 Structural observations for wind requirements. Structural observations shall be provided for those structures sited where $V_{reel}$ as determined in accordance with Appendix N exceeds 110 mph (49 m/sec), where one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. The structure is classified as Risk Category III or IV in accordance with Table 1604.5.
2. The building height of the structure is greater than 75 feet (22,860 mm).
3. When so designated by the registered design professional responsible for the structural design.
4. When such observation is specifically required by the building official.

(Amd) 1705.2.4. Cold-formed steel trusses. Where a cold-formed steel truss clear span is 30 feet (9,144 mm) or greater, the special inspector shall verify that the permanent individual truss member restraint/bracing is installed in accordance with the approved truss submittal package. Where a cold-formed steel truss clear span is 60 feet (18,288 mm) or greater, the special inspector shall verify that the temporary installation restraint/bracing and the permanent individual truss member restraint/bracing are installed in accordance with the approved truss submittal package.

(Add) 1705.2.5 Cold-formed steel light-frame construction. Special inspections of prefabricated cold-formed steel light-frame structural elements and assemblies shall be in accordance with Section 1704.2.5. Special inspections of site-built cold-formed steel light-frame structural elements and assemblies shall be in accordance with this section and Table 1705.2.5.

Exceptions: Special inspections, other than items 5(a) and 5(b) of table 1705.2.5, of site-built cold-formed steel light-frame structural elements and assemblies shall not be required in the following cases:

1. Buildings and structures in risk category I, per Table 1604.5.
2. Buildings and structures in risk category II per table 1604.5, which are in wind exposure categories B or C per 1609.4.3 and are not more than three stories high.

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### (Add) TABLE 1705.2.5 REQUIRED SPECIAL INSPECTIONS OF COLD-FORMED STEEL LIGHT-FRAME CONSTRUCTION

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<td>b. Blocking, bridging and web stiffeners</td>
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<td>c. Holes*</td>
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<td>3. Inspect Connections</td>
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<td>b. Welded connections.</td>
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<td>c. Proprietary hangers and framing</td>
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*a. Inspections of holes to be performed after electrical, mechanical and plumbing rough-in inspections.

b. Includes wood structural panels, steel sheet panels and gypsum board panels.

(Amd) **1705.5 Wood construction**. Special inspections of prefabricated wood structural elements and assemblies shall be in accordance with Section 1704.2.5. Special inspections of site-built wood structural elements and assemblies shall be in accordance with this section and Table 1705.5.

**Exceptions**: Special inspections, other than items 5(a) and 5(b) of table 1705.5, of site-built wood structural assemblies shall not be required in the following cases:

1. Buildings and structures in risk category I, per Table 1604.5
2. Buildings and structures in risk category II per table 1604.5, which are in wind exposure categories B or C per 1609.4.3 and are not more than three stories high.
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<td>c.</td>
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<td>Wood structural panels</td>
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<td>Inspect Framing and Details</td>
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<td>Blocking and bridging</td>
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<td>c.</td>
<td>Holes and Notches*</td>
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<td>Inspect Connections</td>
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<td>b.</td>
<td>Nailed connections, including diameter, length, type and spacing of nails</td>
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<td>f.</td>
<td>High-load Diaphragms</td>
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<td>Inspect Metal-Plate Connected Wood Trusses</td>
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*a. Inspections of holes and notches to be performed after electrical, mechanical and plumbing rough-in inspections.

b. Applies to wood structural panels and gypsum board panels.

(Amd) **1705.5.2. Metal-plate-connected wood trusses.** Where a truss clear span is 30 feet (9,144 mm) or greater, the special inspector shall verify that the permanent individual truss member restraint/bracing is installed in accordance with the approved truss submittal package. Where a truss clear span is 60 feet (18,288 mm) or greater, the special inspector shall verify that the temporary installation restraint/bracing and the permanent individual truss member restraint/bracing are installed in accordance with the approved truss submittal package.

(Del) **1705.11.1 Structural Wood.** Delete without substitution.

(Del) **1705.11.2 Cold-formed steel light-framed construction.** Delete without substitution.
6. Single-user toilet facility and bathing room fixtures provided in accordance with 2902.1.2.

CHAPTER 30 - ELEVATORS AND CONVEYING SYSTEMS

(Add) 3001.1.1 Equipment regulated by statute. All elevators, dumbwaiters, material lifts, vertical and inclined platform lifts, inclined stairway chairlifts, limited-use/limited-application elevators and escalators, including existing systems, shall comply with regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to chapter 538 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Where the provisions of this chapter conflict with other statutory or regulatory provisions, such other requirements shall prevail.

CHAPTER 31 - SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

(Amd) 3102.1 General. The provisions of this section shall apply to air-supported, air-inflated, membrane-covered-cable and membrane-covered-frame structures, collectively known as membrane structures, erected for a period of 180 days or longer. Those erected for a shorter time shall comply with Section 3103.5. Membrane structures covering water storage facilities, water clarifiers, water treatment plants, sewage treatment plants, greenhouses and similar facilities not used for human occupancy, are required to meet only the requirements of Sections 3102.3.1 and 3102.7. Membrane structures erected on a building, balcony, deck or other structure shall comply with this section.

(Add) 3102.3.1.1 Label. Tents and membrane structures shall have a permanently affixed label which shall identify the size of the structure and the fabric or material type.

(Add) 3102.3.1.2 Certification. An affidavit or affirmation shall be submitted to the building official. The affidavit or affirmation shall attest to the following information relative to the flame resistance of the fabric:
   1. Names and addresses of the owners of the tent, canopy or membrane structure.
   2. Date the fabric was last treated with flame-resistant solution.
   3. Trade name or kind of chemical used in the treatment.
   4. Name of person or firm treating the material.
   5. Name of testing agency and test standard by which the fabric was tested.

(Add) 3102.9 Spot lighting. Spot or effect lighting shall only be by electricity, and all combustible construction located within 6 feet (1829 mm) of such equipment shall be protected with approved noncombustible insulation not less than 9½ inches (235 mm) thick.

(Add) 3102.10 Heating and cooking equipment. Heating and cooking equipment shall be in accordance with Section 3104.15 of the State Fire Safety Code.

(Add) 3102.11 LP-gas. The storage, handling and use of LP-gas and LP-gas equipment shall be in accordance with Section 3104.16 of the State Fire Safety Code.

(Add) 3102.12 Flammable and combustible liquids. The use of flammable-fuel-fired equipment shall be in accordance with Section 3104.17 of the State Fire Safety Code.

(Add) 3102.13 Separation of generators. Generators and other internal combustion power
minimum duration of 90 minutes when operated at full design demand.

(Add) 3103.5.12.7 Means of egress illumination. Means of egress shall be illuminated with light having an intensity of not less than 1 footcandle (11 lux) at floor level while the structure is occupied. Fixtures required for means of egress illumination shall be supplied from a separate circuit or source of power.

(Add) 3103.5.12.8 Maintenance of means of egress. The required width of exits, aisles and passageways shall be maintained at all times to a public way. Guy wires, guy ropes and other support members shall not cross a means of egress at a height of not less than 8 feet (2438 mm). The surface of the means of egress shall be maintained in an approved manner.

(Add) 3103.5.13 Spot lighting. Spot or effect lighting shall only be by electricity, and all combustible construction located within 6 feet (1829 mm) of such equipment shall be protected with approved noncombustible insulation not less than 94 inches (235 mm) thick.

(Add) 3103.5.14 Heating and cooking equipment. Heating and cooking equipment shall be in accordance with Section 3104.15 of the State Fire Safety Code.

(Add) 3103.5.15 LP-gas. The storage, handling and use of LP-gas and LP-gas equipment shall be in accordance with Section 3104.16 of the State Fire Safety Code.

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(Add) 3103.5.17 Separation of generators. Generators and other internal combustion power sources shall be separated from tents or membrane structures by a minimum of 20 feet (6096 mm) and shall be isolated from contact with the public by fencing, enclosure or other approved means.

(Amd) 3105.3 Design and construction. Awnings and canopies shall be designed and constructed to withstand wind or other lateral loads, snow loads and live loads as required by Chapter 16 with due allowance for shape, open construction and similar features that relieve the pressures or loads. Structural members shall be protected to prevent deterioration. Awnings shall have frames of noncombustible material, fire-retardant-treated wood, wood of Type IV size, or 1-hour construction with combustible or noncombustible covers and shall be either fixed, retractable, folding or collapsible.

Exceptions:

1. Fixed awnings shall not be required to be designed to resist nominal \( V_{awd} \) wind loads in excess of 90 mph.

2. Retractable awnings shall not be required to be designed to resist wind or snow loads.

(Amd) 3107.1 General. Signs shall be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with Appendix H of this code.

(Add) 3109.1 General. Swimming pools shall comply with the requirements of Section 3109.2 to 3109.9, inclusive, and other applicable sections of this code.
(Add) **3109.1.1 Health Department regulations.** No person shall construct, substantially alter or reconstruct a swimming pool until the construction documents and water discharge provisions have been approved by the Department of Public Health, in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Exception:** Swimming pools accessory to owner-occupied, detached one- two- or three-family residences and swimming pools accessory to a single one-family townhouse where the pool is intended to be used exclusively by the owner and invited guests.

(Add) **3109.2 Definition.** The following terms are defined in Chapter 2:

**SWIMMING POOL.** Remove "s" for consistency with defined term

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(Add) **3109.3 Public swimming pools.** Public swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a barrier meeting the requirements of Section 3109.4.

(Add) **3109.4 Swimming pool barriers.** Residential and public swimming pool barriers shall comply with Sections 3109.4.1 to 3109.4.3, inclusive.

**Exception:** A residential spa or hot tub with a safety cover complying with ASTM F 1346 need not comply with Section 3109.4.

(Add) **3109.4.1 Barrier height and clearances.** The top of the barrier shall be not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the swimming pool. The vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be not greater than 2 inches (51 mm) measured on the side of the barrier that faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, the barrier is authorized to be at ground level or mounted on top of the pool structure, and the vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be not greater than 4 inches (102 mm).

(Add) **3109.4.1.1 Openings.** Openings in residential swimming pool barriers as defined by the exception to Section 3109.1.1 shall not allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere. Openings in public swimming pool barriers shall not allow passage of a 2-inch diameter (51 mm) sphere.

(Add) **3109.4.1.2 Solid barrier surfaces.** Solid barriers which do not have openings shall not contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.

(Add) **3109.4.1.3 Closely spaced horizontal members.** Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches (1143 mm), the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall be not greater than 1¾-inches (44 mm) in width. Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall be not greater than 1¾-inches (44 mm) in width.

(Add) **3109.4.1.4 Widely spaced horizontal members.** Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is 45 inches (1143 mm) or more, spacing between vertical members in residential pools shall be not greater than 4 inches (102 mm) and spacing between vertical members in public pools shall
be not greater than 2 inches (51 mm). Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed 1¾ inches (44 mm) in width.

(Add) 3109.4.1.5 Chain link dimensions. Mesh size for chain link fences shall be not greater than a 2¼-inch square (57 mm square) unless the fence is provided with slats fastened at the top or the bottom that reduce the openings to not more than 1¾-inches (44 mm).

(Add) 3109.4.1.6 Diagonal members. Where the barrier is composed of diagonal members, the opening formed by the diagonal members shall be not greater than 1¾-inches (44 mm).

(Add) 3109.4.1.7 Gates. Access doors or gates shall comply with the requirements of Sections 3109.4.1.1 through 3109.4.1.6 and shall be equipped to accommodate a locking device. Pedestrian access doors or gates shall open outward away from the pool and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device. Doors or gates other than pedestrian access doors or gates shall have a self-latching device. Release mechanisms shall be in accordance with Sections 1010.1.9 and 1109.13. Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the bottom of the door or gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the door or gate 3 inches (76 mm) or more, below the top of the door or gate, and the door or gate and barrier shall be without openings greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the release mechanism.

(Add) 3109.4.1.8 Dwelling wall as a barrier. Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier, one of the following shall apply:

1. Doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm that produces an audible warning when the door and/or its screen, if present, are opened. The alarm shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2017. In dwellings not required to be accessible units, Type A units or Type B units, the deactivation switch shall be located 54 inches (1372 mm) or more above the threshold of the door. In dwelling units required to be accessible units, Type A units or Type B units, the deactivation switch shall be located not higher than 54 inches (1372 mm) and not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) above the threshold of the door.

2. The pool shall be equipped with a power safety cover which complies with ASTM F1346.

3. All doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device with the release mechanism located a minimum of 54 inches above the door threshold. Swinging doors shall open away from the pool area.

(Add) 3109.4.1.9 Pool structure as a barrier. Where an above-ground or on-ground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps, then the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier that meets the requirements of Sections 3109.4.1.1 to 3109.4.1.8, inclusive.

Exception: A residential spa or hot tub with a safety cover complying with ASTM F 1346.

(Add) 3109.4.2 Indoor swimming pools. Walls surrounding indoor swimming pools shall be required to comply with Section 3109.4.1.8.

(Add) 3109.4.3 Prohibited locations. Barriers shall be located so as to prohibit permanent structures, equipment or similar objects from being used to climb the barriers.

(Add) 3109.5 Entrapment avoidance. Suction outlets shall be designed and installed in accordance with ANSI/APSP-7.
(Add) 3109.6 Temporary enclosure. A temporary enclosure shall be installed prior to the electrical bonding inspection of any in-ground swimming pool unless the permanent barrier specified in Section 3109 is in place prior to the commencement of the installation. The temporary enclosure shall be a minimum of 4 feet in height, shall have no openings that will allow passage of a 4-inch sphere and shall be equipped with a positive latching device on any openings.

(Add) 3109.7 Pool alarm. Pursuant to section 29-265a of the Connecticut General Statutes no building permit shall be issued for the construction or substantial alteration of a swimming pool at a residence occupied by, or being built for, one or more families unless a pool alarm is installed with the swimming pool. As used in this section, "pool alarm" means a device that emits a sound of at least 50 decibels when a person or an object weighing 15 pounds or more enters the water in a swimming pool.

Exception: Hot tubs and portable spas shall be exempt from this requirement.

(Add) 3109.8 Accessibility. Public swimming pools, when less than 50 meters in length, shall be provided with ramps or approved fixed or portable lifting equipment for the purpose of providing assisted access to the water for persons with disabilities. Public swimming pools, when 50 meters or more in length, shall be provided with ramps. All public swimming pools, pool decks, toilet facilities, showers, locker and dressing areas shall be accessible and located along accessible routes.

(Add) 3109.8.1 Slopes and handrails. The slopes of ramps for accessibility, where required, shall not exceed one unit vertical to eight units horizontal (1:8) where located at least 24 inches below the water line and one unit vertical to 12 units horizontal (1:12) above that point. Ramps shall be provided with handrails on both sides in accordance with Section 1010.8.

(Add) 3109.9 Pool structure. The pool structure shall be engineered and designed to withstand the expected forces to which the pool will be subjected.

CHAPTER 33 – SAFEGUARDS DURING CONSTRUCTION

(Add) 3303.8 Demolition of structures. The demolition of structures shall be conducted in accordance with the State Demolition Code as found in chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes and with Chapter 33 of this code.

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(Amd) 502.2 Vehicle space size. Pursuant to section 29-202a of the Connecticut General Statutes, car parking spaces shall be 15 feet in width including 5 feet of cross hatch. Van parking spaces shall be 16 feet in width including 8 feet of cross hatch.

(Del) Fig. 502.2 Vehicle parking space size. Delete figure without substitution.

(Del) Fig. 502.4 Parking space access aisle. Delete figure without substitution.

(Amd) 502.4.1 Location. Access aisles (cross hatch) shall adjoin an accessible route. Two parking spaces shall be permitted to share a common access aisle. If a car and a van space share a common access aisle, that aisle shall be 96 inches minimum in width. Access aisles shall not overlap with the vehicular way. Parking spaces may have access aisles placed on either side of the car or van parking space. Van parking spaces that are angled shall have access aisles located on the passenger side of the parking space.

(Amd) 502.4.2 Width. Access aisles (cross hatch) serving car parking spaces shall be 80 inches (1525 mm) minimum in width. Access aisles serving van parking spaces shall be 96 inches (2440 mm) minimum in width.

(Amd) 502.6 Vertical clearance. Vertical clearance for accessible van parking spaces shall be in accordance with Section 1106.5 and 1106.5.1.1 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code.

(Amd) 502.7 Identification. Accessible parking spaces shall be identified by above grade signs in accordance with Section 1111.1 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code.

(Del) 504 Stairways. Delete Section 504 in its entirety without substitution.

(Del) 505 Handrails. Delete section in its entirety and replace with the following:

(Add) 505 Handrails.

(Add) 505.1 General. Handrails shall be provided in accordance with Section 1014 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code.

(Amd) 607.5 Controls. Controls, other than drain stoppers, shall be provided on an end wall, located between the bathtub rim and grab bar, and between the open side of the bathtub and the centerline of the width of the bathtub. Controls shall comply with Section 309.4.
**Exception:** Controls in Group I-2 long-term health care that provide supervised, assisted bathing may be located outside of the bathtub compartment.

(Amd) **608.4 Controls and hand showers.** Controls and hand held showers shall comply with Sections 608.4 and 309.4.

**Exception:** Controls in Group I-2 long-term health care facilities that provide supervised, assisted bathing shall be permitted to be located outside of the shower compartment.

(Amd) **703.6.3.1 International Symbol of Accessibility.** Pursuant to Public Act 16-72, references in this code to the International Symbol of Accessibility shall be deemed to mean Connecticut's symbol of access and shall comply with Figure 703.6.3.1.

(Amd) **1004.3 Accessible Route.** Accessible routes within Type B dwelling units shall comply with Section 1004.3.

**Exception:** Exterior spaces less than 60 inches in depth.

(Amd) **1004.3.1 Location.** At least one accessible route shall connect all spaces and elements that are a part of the unit. Accessible routes shall coincide with or be located in the same area as the general circulation path.

**Exception:** An accessible route is not required to unfinished attics and unfinished basements that are part of the unit.
CHAPTER 1 – SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

(Amd) 101.1 Title. The 2015 International Existing Building Code shall be known as the 2015 International Existing Building Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code, hereinafter referred to as "the code" or "this code".

(Amd) 101.4.2 Buildings previously occupied. The legal use and occupancy of any building existing on the date of adoption of this code shall be permitted to continue without change, except as specifically provided in this code or in the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.

(Add) 101.4.3 Property maintenance. The International Property Maintenance Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Property maintenance shall be in accordance with the requirements of this code and the applicable provisions of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code and Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code. References to the International Property Maintenance Code found within the body of the model document shall be considered null and void.

(Amd) 101.6 Appendices. The provisions of Appendix A shall be incorporated into the requirements of this code.

(Del) 101.7 Corrections of violations of other codes. Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

(Add) 101.7 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code abatement. Where conflicts exist between the requirements of this code and the requirements of a Connecticut State Fire Safety Code abatement order issued in writing by the local fire marshal with respect to an existing building, the requirements of that portion of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code that regulates existing buildings shall take precedence.

Exceptions:
1. New fire protection systems shall meet the requirements of Chapter 9 of this code.
2. Electrical work shall meet the requirements of the NFPA 70, National Electrical Code.
3. Structural, plumbing and mechanical work shall conform to the requirements of this code.

(Add) 101.8 Gas. The International Fuel Gas Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Any references to the International Fuel Gas Code within the body of this code shall be considered references to requirements of NFPA 2, Hydrogen Technologies Code, NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code and NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, as adopted in the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code and the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code. These requirements apply to liquid petroleum storage systems, gas piping systems extending from the point of delivery to the inlet connections of appliances, the installation and operation of residential and commercial gas appliances and related accessories as covered by this code.
(Add) 101.9 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code. References to the International Fire Code within the body of the model document shall be considered to be references to the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.

(Add) 101.10 Means of egress. In addition to the requirements of this code, means of egress in existing buildings shall meet the requirements of the provisions of Part IV of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code for the proposed occupancy.

(Add) 101.10.1 Construction documents. The construction documents for Alterations – Level 2, Alterations – Level 3, additions and changes of occupancy shall show in sufficient detail the location, construction, size and character of all portions of the means of egress in compliance with the provisions of this code. The construction documents shall designate the number of occupants to be accommodated in every work area of every floor and in all affected rooms and spaces.

(Deletion) SECTION 103 – DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 103 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R103 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Enforcement Agency.


(Deletion) SECTION 105 – PERMITS. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 105 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R105 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Permits.

(Deletion) SECTION 106 – CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 106 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R106 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Submittal Documents.

(Deletion) SECTION 107 – TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND USES. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 107 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R107 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Temporary Structures and Uses.

(Deletion) SECTION 108 – FEES. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 108 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R108 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Fees.

(Deletion) SECTION 109 – INSPECTIONS. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 109 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R109 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Inspections.

(Deletion) SECTION 110 – CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 110 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R110 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Certificate of Occupancy.
SECTION 112 – BOARD OF APPEALS. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 113 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R112 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Means of Appeal.

SECTION 113 – VIOLATIONS. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 114 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R113 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Violations.

SECTION 114 – STOP WORK ORDER. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 115 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R114 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Stop Work Order.


CHAPTER 2 – DEFINITIONS

201.3 Terms defined in other codes. Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in other codes adopted as portions of the State Building Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as in those codes.

202.1 Definitions. Amend the following definitions:

BUILDING OFFICIAL. The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative. Also known as the local building official or the code official.

Code official. See Building Official.

EXISTING BUILDING. A building or structure, or portion thereof, erected in whole or in part, for which a legal building permit and a certificate of occupancy has been issued. Buildings or structures or portions thereof erected prior to October 1, 1970 shall be deemed existing buildings regardless of the existence of a legal permit or a certificate of occupancy.

TECHNICALLY INFEASIBLE. An alteration of a building or a facility that has little likelihood of being accomplished because the existing structural conditions require the removal or alteration of a load-bearing member that is an essential part of the structural frame, or because other physical or site constraints prohibit modification or addition of elements, spaces or features that are in full and strict compliance with the minimum requirements for new construction and that are necessary to provide accessibility. Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-269 of the Connecticut
General Statutes, the determination of technical infeasibility shall be made by the State Building Inspector.

CHAPTER 4 – PRESCRIPTIVE COMPLIANCE METHOD

(Add) 402.6 Carbon monoxide alarms in existing portions of a building. Where an addition is made to a building or structure of Group I-1, I-2, I-4, R, and E occupancy, the existing building shall be provided with carbon monoxide alarms in accordance with Section 915.7 of the International Building Code.

(Add) 403.10 Smoke alarms. When alterations requiring a permit occur in Group I-4 and E day care facilities, Group I-1 or R occupancies, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwelling units, the entire dwelling unit or building shall be provided with smoke detectors located as required for new buildings. Such smoke detectors within existing spaces may be battery operated and are not required to be dual-powered or interconnected unless other remodeling considerations require removal of wall and ceiling coverings which would facilitate concealed interconnected wiring.

(Add) 403.12 Carbon monoxide alarms. Where an alteration is made to a building or structure of Group I-1, I-2, I-4, R, and E occupancy, the existing building shall be provided with carbon monoxide alarms in accordance with Section 915.7 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code.

(Add) 407.3 Stairways. Existing stairways in an existing structure shall be required to comply with the requirements of Section 1011.5 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code.

(Add) 408.1.1 Historic buildings. Exemptions may be granted to the provisions of this code for historic structures pursuant to Section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Add) 410.4.2 Complete change of occupancy. Where an entire building undergoes a change in occupancy, it shall comply with Section 410.4.1 and shall have all of the following accessible features:

1. At least one accessible building entrance.
2. At least one accessible route from an accessible building entrance to primary function areas.
4. Accessible parking complying with Section 1106 of the International Building Code, where parking is being provided.
5. At least one accessible passenger loading zone, when loading zones are provided.
6. At least one accessible route connecting accessible parking and accessible passenger loading zones to an accessible entrance.
7. At least one accessible toilet room or toilet and bathing facility complying with Section 1109.2.4 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code, Connecticut. Where it is technically infeasible to comply with the new construction standards for any of these requirements for a change of group or occupancy, the above items shall conform to the requirements to the maximum extent technically feasible.

Exception: The accessible features listed in Items 1 through 7 are not required for an accessible route to Type B units.

(Amd) 410.8.3 Lifts and limited-use/limited-application elevators in existing buildings. Vertical or incline platform lifts, inclined stairway chairlifts and limited-use/limited-application elevators shall not be a part of an accessible route in existing buildings undergoing alteration or repair except that vertical platform lifts and limited-use/limited-application elevators shall be permitted in existing buildings where permitted in the locations set forth in Section 1108.8 of the International Building Code. Pursuant to section 29-200 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following exceptions are allowed:

Exceptions:
1. In existing buildings principally used for meeting, gathering or assembling by any civic, religious, fraternal or charitable organization.
2. In residential buildings designed to be occupied by one or two families.
3. In new buildings for which a building permit application has been filed on or after October 1, 2004, in accordance with the State Building Code.
4. In other existing buildings and structures only if the State Building Inspector approves such installation. Lifts shall comply with ICC A117.1 and shall be installed in accordance with ASME A18.1. Limited use/limited application elevators shall comply with ICC A117.1 and shall be installed in accordance with the Connecticut Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators adopted under authority of section 29-192 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Amd) 410.8.6 Accessible dwelling or sleeping units. Where Group I-1, I-2, I-3, R-1, R-2 or R-4 dwelling or sleeping units are being altered or added, the requirements of Section 1107 for Accessible units and Chapter 9 for visible alarms of the International Building Code apply only to the quantity of spaces being altered or added.

(Amd) 410.8.7 Type A dwelling or sleeping units. Where more than 20 Group R-2 dwelling or sleeping units are being altered or added, the requirements of Section 1107 for Type A units and Chapter 9 for visible alarms of the International Building Code apply only to the quantity of spaces being added or altered.

(Amd) 410.8.8 Type B dwelling or sleeping units. Where four or more Group I-1, I-2, R-2, R-3, or R-4 dwelling or sleeping units are being added, the requirements of Section 1107 for Type B units and Chapter 9 for visible alarms of the International Building Code apply only to the quantity of the spaces being added. Where Group I-1, I-2, R-1, R-2, R-3, or R-4 dwelling or sleeping units are being altered and where the work area is greater than 50 percent of the aggregate area of the building, the requirements of Section 1107 for Type B units and Chapter 9 for visible alarms of the International Building Code apply only to the quantity of the spaces being altered.

(Amd) 410.8.10 Toilet rooms. Where it is technically infeasible to alter existing toilet and bathing rooms to be accessible, an accessible single occupancy toilet room constructed in accordance with Section 1109.2.4 of the International Building Code is permitted. The single occupancy toilet
room shall be located on the same floor and in the same area as the existing toilet or bathing rooms. At the inaccessible toilet and bathing rooms, directional signs indicating the location of the nearest accessible toilet or bathing facility within the facility shall be provided. These directional signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility and sign characters shall meet the visual character requirements in accordance with ICC A117.1.

(Add) **410.8.15 Assembly seating.** Where it is technically infeasible to disperse accessible seating throughout an altered assembly area, accessible seating areas may be clustered. Each accessible wheelchair space shall have provisions for companion seating and shall be located on an accessible route that also serves as an accessible means of egress.

**CHAPTER 7—ALTERATIONS—LEVEL 1**

(Add) **702.6.1 Gas.** The International Fuel Gas Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Any references to the International Fuel Gas Code within the body of this code shall be considered references to requirements of NFPA 2, Hydrogen Technologies Code, NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code and NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, as incorporated in the Connecticut State Fire Safety and the Connecticut Fire Prevention Codes. These requirements apply to liquid petroleum storage systems, gas piping systems extending from the point of delivery to the inlet connections of appliances, the installation and operation of residential and commercial gas appliances and related accessories as covered by this code.

(Add) **704.2 Minimum standards.** In addition to the requirements of this code, means of egress in existing buildings shall meet the requirements of the provisions of Part IV of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code for the proposed occupancy.

(Add) **705.1.3 Lifts and limited use/limited application elevators in existing buildings.** Vertical or inclined platform lifts, inclined stairway chairlifts and limited use/limited application elevators shall not be a part of an accessible route in existing buildings undergoing alteration or repair except that vertical platform lifts and limited-use/limited-application elevators shall be permitted in existing buildings where permitted in the locations set forth in Section 1109.9 of the International Building Code. Pursuant to section 29-200 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following exceptions are allowed:

**Exceptions:**

1. In existing buildings principally used for meeting, gathering or assembling by any civic, religious, fraternal or charitable organization.
2. In residential buildings designed to be occupied by one or two families.
3. In new buildings for which a building permit application has been filed on or after October 1, 2004, in accordance with the State Building Code.
4. In other existing buildings and structures only if the State Building Inspector approves such installation.

Lifts shall comply with ICC A117.1 and shall be installed in accordance with ASME A18.1. Limited use/limited application elevators shall comply with ICC A117.1 and shall be installed in accordance with the Connecticut Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators adopted under authority of section 29-192 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Add) **705.1.9 Toilet rooms.** Where it is technically infeasible to alter existing toilet and bathing rooms to be accessible, an accessible single occupancy toilet room constructed in accordance with Section 1109.2.4 of the International Building Code is permitted. The single occupancy toilet
room shall be located on the same floor and in the same area as the existing toilet or bathing rooms. At the inaccessible toilet and bathing rooms, directional signs indicating the location of the nearest accessible toilet or bathing facility within the facility shall be provided. These directional signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility and sign characters shall meet the visual character requirements in accordance with ICC A117.1.

(Amendment) 707.3.2 Roof diaphragms resisting wind loads in high-wind regions. Where roofing materials are removed from more than 50 percent of the roof diaphragm or section of a building located where the ultimate design wind speed, \( V_{ult} \), determined in accordance with Appendix N of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code is greater than 115 mph (51 m/s) or in a special wind region, as defined in Section 1609 of the International Building Code, roof diaphragms, connections of the roof diaphragm to roof framing members, and roof-to-wall connections shall be evaluated for the wind loads specified in the International Building Code, including wind uplift. If the diaphragms and connections in their current condition are not capable of resisting at least 75 percent of those wind loads, they shall be replaced or strengthened in accordance with the loads specified in the International Building Code.

CHAPTER 8 – ALTERATIONS – LEVEL 2

(Amendment) 804.4.3 Smoke alarms. When alterations requiring a permit occur in Group I-4 and E day care facilities, Group I-1 or R occupancies, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwelling units, the entire dwelling unit or building shall be provided with smoke detectors located as required for new buildings. Such smoke detectors within existing spaces may be battery operated and are not required to be dual-powered or interconnected unless other remodeling considerations require removal of wall and ceiling coverings which would facilitate concealed interconnected wiring.

(Addition) 804.5 Carbon monoxide alarms. Where an alteration is made to a building or structure of Group I-1, I-2, I-4, R, and E occupancy, the existing building shall be provided with carbon monoxide alarms in accordance with Section 915.7 of the International Building Code.

(Amendment) 805.2 General. The means of egress shall comply with the requirements of this section.


(Amendment) 805.3.3 Main Entrance – Group A. In Group A occupancies renovated or altered to increase capacity that have a single main entrance, such main entrance shall also be the main exit. The main entrance/exit shall be of sufficient width to accommodate not less than two-thirds of the occupant load, but such width shall not be less than the total required width of all means of egress leading to the exit. The remaining exits shall be capable of providing at least one-half of the total required exit capacity.

Exception: In assembly occupancies where there is no well-defined main entrance and main exit or where multiple main entrances and main exits are provided, exits shall be permitted to be distributed around the perimeter of the building or space containing the assembly occupancy, provided the total width of egress is not less than 100 per cent of the required width.
CHAPTER 9 – ALTERATIONS – LEVEL 3

(Add) Section 909. Carbon Monoxide Alarms

(Add) 909.1. Carbon Monoxide Alarms. Carbon monoxide alarms complying with section 804.5 shall be provided through the building in accordance with the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code.

CHAPTER 10 – CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY

(Add) 1005.2 Main Entrance – Group A. In Group A occupancies created by change of occupancy that have a single main entrance, such main entrance shall also be the main exit. The main entrance/exit shall be of sufficient width to accommodate not less than two-thirds of the occupant load, but such width shall not be less than the total required width of all means of egress leading to the exit. The remaining exits shall be capable of providing at least one-half of the total required exit capacity.

Exception: In assembly occupancies where there is no well-defined main entrance and main exit or where multiple main entrances and main exits are provided, exits shall be permitted to be distributed around the perimeter of the building or space containing the assembly occupancy, provided the total width of egress is not less than 100 per cent of the required width.

(Amd) 1012.2.1 Fire sprinkler system. Where a change of occupancy classification occurs that requires an automatic fire sprinkler system to be provided based on the new occupancy in accordance with Chapter 9 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code, such system shall be provided throughout the building or portion thereof where the change of occupancy occurs.

(Amd) 1012.2.2 Fire alarm and detection system. Where a change of occupancy classification occurs that requires a fire alarm and detection system to be provided based on the new occupancy in accordance with Chapter 9 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code, such system shall be provided throughout the building or portion thereof where the change of occupancy occurs. Existing alarm notification appliances shall be automatically activated throughout the building. Where the building is not equipped with an existing fire alarm system, alarm notification appliances shall be provided throughout the area where the change of occupancy occurs and shall be automatically activated.

(Amd) 1012.8.2 Complete change of occupancy. Where an entire building undergoes a change of occupancy, it shall comply with Section 1012.8.1 and shall have all of the following accessible features:

1. At least one accessible building entrance.
2. At least one accessible route from an accessible building entrance to primary function areas.
4. Accessible parking, complying with Section 1106 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code, where parking is being provided.

5. At least one accessible passenger loading zone, when passenger loading zones are provided.

6. At least one accessible route connecting accessible parking and accessible passenger loading zones to an accessible entrance.

7. At least one accessible toilet room or toilet and bathing facility complying with Section 1109.2.4 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code. Where it is technically infeasible to comply with the new construction standards for any of these requirements for a change of group or occupancy, the above items shall conform to the requirements to the maximum extent technically feasible.

Exception: The accessible features listed in Items 1 through 7 are not required for an accessible route to Type B units.

CHAPTER 11 – ADDITIONS

(Amd) 1104.1 Smoke alarms in existing portions of a building. Where an addition is made to a building or structure of a Group I-4 and E day care facilities, Group I-1 or R occupancy, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwelling units, the entire dwelling unit or building shall be provided with smoke detectors located as required for new buildings. Such smoke detectors within existing spaces may be battery operated and are not required to be dual-powered or interconnected unless other remodeling considerations require removal of wall and ceiling coverings which would facilitate concealed interconnected wiring.

(Add) 1104.2 Carbon monoxide alarms in existing portions of a building. Where an addition is made to a building or structure of Group I-1, I-2, I-4, R, and E occupancy, the existing building shall be provided with carbon monoxide alarms in accordance with Section 915.7 of the International Building Code.

CHAPTER 12 – HISTORIC BUILDINGS

(Add) 1201.1.1 Exemptions. Pursuant to section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes, exemptions may be granted to the provisions of this code for historic structures.

(Amd) 1204.1.4 Toilet and bathing facilities. Where toilet rooms are provided, at least one accessible single occupancy toilet room complying with Section 1109.2.4 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code shall be provided. At the inaccessible toilet and bathing rooms, directional signs indicating the location of the nearest accessible toilet or bathing room shall be provided. These directional signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility and sign characters shall meet the visual character requirements in accordance with ICC A117.1.

CHAPTER 14 – PERFORMANCE COMPLIANCE METHODS

(Amd) 1401.2 Applicability. Structures existing prior to the adoption date of the 2018 State Building Code, in which there is work involving additions, alterations or changes of occupancy, shall be made to conform to the requirements of this chapter or the provisions of Chapters 5 through 13, inclusive, of this code. The provisions in Sections 1401.2.1 to 1401.2.5, inclusive, of this code shall apply to existing occupancies that will continue to be, or are proposed to be, in
Groups A, B, E, F, I-2, M, R, and S. These provisions shall not apply to buildings with occupancies in Group H or I-1, I-3 or I-4.

**CHAPTER 16 – REFERENCED STANDARDS**

(Amd) NFPA National Fire Protection Association 1 Batterymarch Park Quincy, MA 02269-9101

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AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE

CHAPTER 1 – SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

(Amd) 101.1 Title. The 2015 International Plumbing Code and this Section shall be known as the 2015 International Plumbing Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code, hereinafter referred to as "the code" or "this code".

(Amd) 101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall apply to the erection, installation, alteration, repairs, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of plumbing systems within the State of Connecticut. This code shall also regulate nonflammable medical gas, inhalation anesthetic, vacuum piping, nonmedical oxygen systems and sanitary and condensate vacuum collection systems. The installation of fuel gas distribution piping and equipment, fuel gas-fired water heaters and water heater venting systems shall be regulated in accordance with Section 101.2.1. The provisions of appendices B, C, D and E shall be considered part of this code.

Exception: Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the 2015 International Residential Code portion of the State Building Code.

(Add) 101.2.1 Gas. The International Fuel Gas Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Any references to the International Fuel Gas Code within the body of this code shall be considered references to requirements of NFPA 2, Hydrogen Technologies Code, NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code and NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, as adopted in the Connecticut State Fire Safety and the Connecticut Fire Prevention Codes. These requirements apply to liquid petroleum storage systems, gas piping systems extending from the point of delivery to the inlet connections of appliances, the installation and operation of residential and commercial gas appliances and related accessories as covered by this code.

(Add) 101.2.2 Electrical. The provisions of the 2017 NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, shall apply to the installation of electrical systems, including alterations, repairs, replacement, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances thereto.

(Amd) 102.6 Historic buildings. Pursuant to section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes, exemptions may be granted to the provisions of this code for historic structures, as defined by section 10-410 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which have been classified as such in the State Register of Historic Places, as long as the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes are adhered to and provided such exemptions shall not affect the safe design, use or construction of such property.


(Amd) **105.1 General.** The following requirements apply to the approval of materials, methods and equipment as satisfying the requirements of this code. Modifications, variations or exemptions from or approval of alternative compliance with the State Building Code requirements may be requested in accordance with section 104.10 of the International Building Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code.

(Amd) **106.1 When Required.** Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to move a lot line that will affect any existing building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

(Add) **106.2.1 State agency exemptions.** Pursuant to section 29-252a of the Connecticut General Statutes, a state agency shall not be required to obtain a building permit from a local building official. A state agency shall obtain a building permit for construction work defined in Connecticut General Statutes 29-252a from the State Building Inspector.

(Amd) **106.4 By whom application is made.** Pursuant to section 29-263 of the Connecticut General Statutes, application for a permit shall be made by the owner in fee or by an authorized agent. If the authorized agent is a licensed contractor, the provisions of section 20-338b of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be followed. The full names and addresses of the owner, agent and the responsible officers, if the owner or agent is a corporate body, shall be stated in the application.

(Add) **106.4.1 Permit issuance to a home improvement contractor.** No permit shall be issued to a contractor who is required to be registered pursuant to chapter 400 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for work to be performed by such contractor, unless the name, business address and Department of Consumer Protection registration number of such contractor is clearly marked on the application for permit, and the contractor has presented such contractor's certificate of registration as a home improvement contractor.

(Amd) **106.5 Permit issuance.** Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 29-263, the building official shall examine or cause to be examined applications for permits and amendments thereto within 30 days after filing and either issue or deny a permit within such 30-day period. If the application or construction documents do not conform to the requirements of this code and pertinent laws, the building official shall reject such application in writing, stating the reasons therefore. If the building official is satisfied that the proposed work conforms to the requirements of this code and applicable laws, statutes, regulations and ordinances, the building official shall issue a permit therefore as soon as practicable.

(Amd) **106.5.6 Retention of construction documents.** The building official shall retain one set of approved construction documents for a period as set forth in the records/disposition schedule adopted pursuant to chapter 188 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Exception: Pursuant to subsection (e) of section 29-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes, upon receipt of a written request signed by the owner of plans and specifications on file for a single-family dwelling or out-building, the building official shall immediately return the original plans and specifications to the owner after a certificate of occupancy is issued with respect to the plans and specifications.

(Del) **106.6.1 Work commencing before permit issuance.** Delete without substitution.
(Amd) 106.6.2 Schedule of permit fees. Each municipality shall establish a schedule of fees for each construction document review, building permit, certificate of approval and certificate of occupancy. A schedule of adopted fees shall be posted in the building department for public view.

(Amd) 106.6.3 Fee refunds. The building official is authorized to establish a refund policy.

(Add) 107.2.6 Posting of required inspections. A schedule of required inspections shall be compiled by the code official. The schedule shall be posted in the building department for public view.

(Add) 107.8 Notification of inspection and testing results. Notification as to passage or failure, in whole or in part, of any required inspection or test shall be made in writing by the building official or his duly authorized representative and shall be left at the job site or delivered to the permit holder. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to ascertain the results of required inspections.

(Add) 108.2.1 Written notice. The notice of violation shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property involved, or to the owner’s agent or to the person doing the work.

(Amd) 108.4 Violation penalties. Pursuant to section 29-254a of the Connecticut General Statutes, any person who violates any provision of this code shall be fined not less than two hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months or both.

(Amd) 108.5 Stop work orders. Upon notice from the building official, work on any plumbing system that is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner’s agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which the work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the building official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable for penalties in accordance with Section 108.4.

(De1) SECTION 109 – MEANS OF APPEAL Delete this section in its entirety and refer to Section 113 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Means of Appeal.

CHAPTER 2 – DEFINITIONS

(Amd) 201.3 Terms defined in other codes. Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in other portions of the State Building Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as in those codes.

(Add) 202.1 Definitions. Add or amend the following definitions:

(Add) BUILDING OFFICIAL. The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative. Also known as the local building official or the code official.
(Amd) CLEANOUT. An access opening in the drainage system utilized for the removal of obstructions. Types of cleanouts include a removable plug or cap, and a removable fixture or fixture trap. Floor drains, floor sinks, mop sinks and roof drains are not acceptable cleanouts.

(Amd) See Building Official.

(Amd) REGISTERED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL. An architect, engineer or interior designer, registered or licensed to practice professional architecture, engineering or interior design, as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration laws of the State of Connecticut, and acting within the scope of his or her practice.

CHAPTER 3 - GENERAL REGULATIONS

(Amd) 305.4 Freezing. A water, soil or waste pipe shall not be installed outside of a building, or concealed in outside walls or in any place subjected to freezing temperature, unless adequate provision is made to protect such pipe from freezing by insulation or heat or both. Water service pipe shall be installed not less than 48 inches deep.

(Del) 305.4.1 Sewer depth. Delete without substitution.

(Del) 312.10.1 Inspections. Delete without substitution.

(Amd) 312.10.2 Testing. Required reduced pressure principle, double check, pressure vacuum breaker, reduced pressure detector fire protection, double check detector fire protection, and spill-proof vacuum breaker backflow preventer assemblies and hose connection backflow preventers shall be tested at the time of installation by individuals or agencies qualified to perform such inspections. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to have such tests performed and copies of test reports shall be given to the local building official. The testing procedure shall be performed in accordance with one of the following standards:

ASSE 5013, ASSE 5015, ASSE 5020, ASSE 5047, ASSE 5048,
ASSE 5052, ASSE 5056, CSA B64.10 or CSA B64.10.1.

CHAPTER 4 – FIXTURES, FAUCETS AND Fixture FITTINGS

(Amd) 403.1 Minimum number of fixtures. Plumbing fixtures shall be provided for the type of occupancy and in the minimum number shown in Table 403.1. Types of occupancies not shown in Table 403.1 shall be considered individually by the building official. The number of occupants shall be determined in accordance with the International Building Code. Occupancy classification shall be determined in accordance with the International Building Code.

Exceptions:

1. The following minimum fixtures shall be provided in Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments: Water closets – one per two guest rooms; lavatories – one per two guest rooms; bathtubs/showers – one per two guest rooms. Plumbing fixtures in Group R-1 bed and breakfast establishments shall be permitted to be accessed from hallways and corridors and to be shared by guests.

2. Child washing and diaper changing facilities shall be permitted in lieu of bathtubs or showers in Group I-4 child care occupancies.
CHAPTER 10 - TRAPS, INTERCEPTORS AND SEPARATORS

(Amd) **1003.3 Grease interceptors.** Grease interceptors that serve plumbing systems connected to private, on-site septic systems shall comply with the requirements of Sections 1003.3.1 to 1003.3.5, inclusive and in accordance with the Public Health Code. Grease interceptors that serve plumbing systems connected via a sanitary sewer to a publicly owned treatment works shall comply with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's General Permit for the Discharge of Wastewater Associated with Food Preparation Establishments.

CHAPTER 12 – SPECIAL PIPING AND STORAGE SYSTEMS

(Amd) **1201.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the design and installation of piping and storage systems for non-flammable medical gas systems and non-medical oxygen systems. All maintenance and operation of such systems shall be in accordance with the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code.

CHAPTER 14 – SUBSURFACE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

( Del) **Sections 1401 through 1403 and bibliography.** Delete sections, subsections and tables and replace with the following:

(Add) **1401.1 General.** Subsurface landscape irrigation systems shall comply with the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut.

CHAPTER 15 – REFERENCED STANDARDS

(Amd) **NFPA** National Fire Protection Association
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( Del) **APPENDIX A - PLUMBING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE.** Delete Appendix A without substitution.
AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE

CHAPTER 1 – SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

(Amd) 101.1 Title. The 2015 International Mechanical Code and this Section shall be known as the 2015 International Mechanical Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code, hereinafter referred to as “the code” or “this code”.

(Amd) 101.2 Scope. This code shall regulate the design, installation, maintenance, alteration and inspection of mechanical systems that are permanently installed and utilized to provide control of environmental conditions and related processes within buildings. This code shall also regulate those mechanical systems, system components, equipment and appliances specifically addressed herein. The installation of fuel gas distribution piping and equipment, fuel-gas-fired appliances and fuel-gas-fired appliance venting systems shall be in accordance with Section 101.2.2.

Exception: Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the International Residential Code.

(Amd) 101.2.1 Appendices. The provisions of Appendix A shall be considered applicable to the utilization of this code.

(Add) 101.2.2 Gas. The International Fuel Gas Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Any references to the International Fuel Gas Code within the body of this code shall be considered references to requirements of NFPA 2, Hydrogen Technologies Code, NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code and NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, as incorporated in the Connecticut State Fire Safety and the Connecticut Fire Prevention Codes. These requirements apply to liquid petroleum storage systems, gas piping systems extending from the point of delivery to the inlet connections of appliances, the installation and operation of residential and commercial gas appliances and related accessories as covered by this code.

(Add) 101.2.3 Oil-burning equipment, piping and storage. In addition to the requirements of this code, the installation of oil burners, equipment, and appliances used in connection therewith, including tanks, piping, pumps, control devices and accessories shall comply with NFPA 31, as incorporated in the Connecticut Fire Safety Code and the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code.

(Add) 101.2.4 Electrical. The provisions of NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, shall apply to the installation of electrical systems, including alterations, repairs, replacement, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances thereto.

(Add) 101.2.5 Fire prevention. References to the International Fire Code within the body of the model document shall be considered to be references to the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.

(Amd) 102.6 Historic buildings. Pursuant to section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes, exemptions may be granted to the provisions of this code for historic structures, as defined by section 10-410 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which have been classified as such in the State Register of Historic Places, as long as the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-259 of
the Connecticut General Statutes are adhered to and provided that such exemptions shall not affect the safe design, use or construction of such property.

(Del) SECTION 103 – DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL INSPECTION. Delete Section 103 in its entirety and refer to Section 103 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Enforcement Agency.


(Amd) 105.1 General. The following requirements apply to the approval of materials, methods and equipment as satisfying the requirements of this code. Modifications, variations or exemptions from or approval of alternative compliance with the State Building Code requirements may be requested in accordance with section 104.10 of the International Building Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code.

(Amd) 106.1 When Required. Any owner or owner’s authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to move a lot line that will affect any existing building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

(Add) 106.2.1 State agency exemptions. Pursuant to section 29-252a of the Connecticut General Statutes, a state agency shall not be required to obtain a building permit from a local building official. A state agency shall obtain a building permit for construction work defined in Connecticut General Statutes 29-252a from the State Building Inspector.

(Add) 106.1.3 By whom application is made. Pursuant to section 29-263 of the Connecticut General Statutes, application for a permit shall be made by the owner in fee or by an authorized agent. If the authorized agent is a licensed contractor, the provisions of section 20-338b of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be followed. The full names and addresses of the owner, agent and the responsible officers, if the owner or agent is a corporate body, shall be stated in the application.

(Add) 106.1.4 Permit issuance to a home improvement contractor. No permit shall be issued to a contractor who is required to be registered pursuant to chapter 400 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for work to be performed by such contractor, unless the name, business address and Department of Consumer Protection registration number of such contractor is clearly marked on the application for permit, and the contractor has presented such contractor’s certificate of registration as a home improvement contractor.

(Add) 106.4 Permit issuance. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 29-263, the building official shall examine or cause to be examined applications for permits and amendments thereto within 30 days after filing and either issue or deny a permit within such 30-day period. If the application or construction documents do not conform to the requirements of this code and pertinent laws, the building official shall reject such application in writing, stating the reasons therefore. If the building official is satisfied that the proposed work conforms to the requirements of this code and applicable laws, statutes, regulations and ordinances, the building official shall issue a permit therefore as soon as practicable.
(Amend) 106.4.6 Retention of construction documents. The building official shall retain one set of approved construction documents for a period as set forth in the records/disposition schedule adopted pursuant to chapter 189 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Exception: Pursuant to subsection (e) of section 29-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes, upon receipt of a written request signed by the owner of plans and specifications on file for a single-family dwelling or out-building, the building official shall immediately return the original plans and specifications to the owner after a certificate of occupancy is issued with respect to the plans and specifications.

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(Amend) 106.5.2 Schedule of permit fees. Each municipality shall establish a schedule of fees for each construction document review, building permit, certificate of approval and certificate of occupancy. A schedule of adopted fees shall be posted in the building department for public view.

(Amend) 106.5.3 Fee refunds. The building official is authorized to establish a refund policy.

(Add) 107.2.6 Posting of required inspections. A schedule of required inspections shall be compiled by the code official. The schedule shall be posted in the building department for public view.

(Add) 107.7 Notification of inspection and testing results. Notification as to passage or failure, in whole or in part, of any required inspection or test shall be made in writing by the building official or his duly authorized representative and shall be left at the job site or delivered to the permit holder. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to ascertain the results of required inspections.

(Add) 108.2.1 Written notice. The notice of violation shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property involved, or to the owner's agent or to the person doing the work.

(Amend) 108.4 Violation penalties. Pursuant to section 29-254a of the Connecticut General Statutes, any person who violates any provision of this code shall be fined not less than two hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months or both pursuant to section 29-254a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Amend) 108.5 Stop work orders. Upon notice from the building official, work on any mechanical system that is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to the owner's agent, or to the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which the work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the building official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable for penalties in accordance with Section 108.4.

(Del) SECTION 109 - MEANS OF APPEAL. Delete this section in its entirety and refer to Section 113 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Means of Appeal.
CHAPTER 2 - DEFINITIONS

(Amd) 201.3 Terms defined in other codes. Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in other portions of the State Building Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as in those codes.

(Add) 202.1 Definitions. Add or amend the following definitions:

(Add) BUILDING OFFICIAL. The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative. Also known as the local building official or code official.

(Add) Limited-combustible material. A material shall be considered a limited-combustible material where both of the conditions 1 and 2 below and conditions 3 or 4 below are met.

Conditions:
1. The material does not comply with the requirements for a noncombustible material.
2. The material, in the form in which it is used, exhibits a potential heat value not exceeding 3500 Btu/lb (8141 kJ/kg), when tested in accordance with NFPA 259, Standard Test Method for Potential Heat of Building Materials.
3. The material shall have a structural base of a noncombustible material with a surfacing not exceeding a thickness of 1/8 inch (3.2mm) where the surfacing exhibits a flame spread index not greater than 50 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84, Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials, or ANSI/UL 723, Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials.
4. The material shall be composed of materials that, in the form and thickness used, neither exhibit a flame spread index greater than 25 nor evidence of continued progressive combustion when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84 or ANSI/UL 723 and are of such composition that all surfaces that would be exposed by cutting through the material on any plane would neither exhibit a flame spread index greater than 25 nor exhibit evidence of continued progressive combustion when tested in accordance with ASTM E 84 or ANSI/UL 723.

(Amd) REGISTERED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL. An architect, engineer or interior designer, registered or licensed to practice professional architecture, engineering or interior design, as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration laws of the State of Connecticut, and acting within the scope of his or her practice.

CHAPTER 3 - GENERAL REGULATIONS

(Amd) 301.1 Scope. Except as may be otherwise regulated by Chapters 540 and 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes, or regulations of other state agencies, this chapter shall govern the approval and installation of all equipment and appliances that comprise parts of the building mechanical systems regulated by this code in accordance with Section 101.2.
(Amd) 301.6 Gas. The International Fuel Gas Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Any references to the International Fuel Gas Code within the body of this code shall be considered references to requirements of NFPA 2, Hydrogen Technologies Code, NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code and NFPA 58, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, as incorporated in the Connecticut State Fire Safety and the Connecticut Fire Prevention Codes. These requirements apply to liquid petroleum storage systems, gas piping systems extending from the point of delivery to the inlet connections of appliances, the installation and operation of residential and commercial gas appliances and related accessories as covered by this code.

CHAPTER 5 – EXHAUST SYSTEMS

(Amd) 505.2 Makeup air required. Exhaust hood systems capable of exhausting in excess of 400 cubic feet per minute (0.19 m³/s) shall be provided with makeup air at a rate approximately equal to the difference between the exhaust air rate and 400 cubic feet per minute. Such makeup air systems shall be equipped with a means of closure.

Exception: Where all appliances in the house are of sealed combustion, power-vent, unvented, or electric, the exhaust hood system shall be permitted to exhaust up to 600 cubic feet per minute (0.28 m³/s) without providing makeup air. Exhaust hood systems capable of exhausting in excess of 600 cubic feet per minute (0.28 m³/s) shall be provided with a makeup air at a rate approximately equal to the difference between the exhaust air rate and 600 feet per minute. Such makeup air systems shall be equipped with a means of closure.

(Amd) 506.3.2.5 Grease duct test. Prior to the use or concealment of any portion of a grease duct system, a leakage test shall be performed. Ducts shall be considered to be concealed where installed in shafts or covered by coatings or wraps that prevent the ductwork from being visually inspected on all sides. The permit holder shall be responsible to provide the necessary equipment and perform the grease duct leakage test. The leakage test shall consist of one of the following tests, or an approved equivalent test:

(Add) 506.3.2.5.1 Positive pressure smoke test. The positive pressure smoke test shall be performed by sealing the entire duct system from the hood exhaust opening(s) to the duct termination. Visible smoke shall be introduced to the duct system. The sealed duct shall then be pressurized to a minimum pressure of 1.0 inch water column, but shall not exceed the positive pressure capability of the system and components under test. No smoke shall emit from any exterior surface of the duct.

(Add) 506.3.2.5.2 Air test. The air test shall be performed by sealing the entire duct system from the hood exhaust opening(s) to the duct termination. The sealed duct system shall then be pressurized to a minimum pressure of 1.0 inch (249 Pa) water column and shall be required to hold the initial set pressure for a minimum of 20 minutes.

(Add) 506.3.2.5.3 Water test. The water test shall be performed by use of a pressure washer operating at a minimum of 1500 psi (10.34 kPa), simulating cleaning operations. The water shall be applied directly to all areas to be tested. No water applied to the duct interior shall be visible on any exterior surface in any volume during the test.

A test shall be performed for the entire duct system, including the hood-to-duct connection. All connections, seams and welds shall be visible during the test. The ductwork shall be permitted to be tested in sections, provided that every joint is tested. Factory-built grease ducts, this test shall be limited to duct joints assembled in the field and shall exclude factory welds.
(Amd) **506.3.6 Grease duct clearances.** Where enclosures are not required, grease duct systems and exhaust equipment serving a Type I hood shall have a clearance to combustible construction of at least 18 inches (457 mm), 3 inches (76 mm) to limited-combustible material, and 0 inches (0 mm) to noncombustible material.

**Exceptions:**

1. Factory-built commercial kitchen grease ducts listed and labeled in accordance with UL 1978.
2. Grease duct systems or exhaust equipment listed for clearances less than those required in 506.3.6, shall be installed with the clearances specified by such listings.
3. Where commercial kitchen grease ducts are continuously covered on all sides with a listed and labeled field-applied grease duct enclosure material, system, product or method of construction specifically evaluated for such purpose in accordance with ASTM E2336, the required clearance shall be in accordance with the listing of such material, system, product or method.

(Add) **506.3.6.1 Clearance reduction.** The clearances required by 506.3.6 shall be permitted to be reduced in accordance Section 308.

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(Amd) **507.2.6 Clearances for Type I hood.** A Type I hood shall be installed with a clearance to combustibles of not less than 18 inches (457 mm), 3 inches (76 mm) to limited-combustible material, and 0 inches (0 mm) to noncombustible material.

**Exceptions:**

1. Clearance shall not be required from gypsum wallboard or 1/2-inch (12.7 mm) or thicker cementitious wallboard attached to noncombustible structures provided that a smooth, cleanable, nonabsorbent and noncombustible material is installed between the hood and the gypsum or cementitious wallboard over an area extending not less than 18 inches (457 mm) in all directions from the hood.
2. Type I hoods listed and labeled for clearances less than those required in 507.2.6 in accordance with UL 710 shall be installed with the clearances specified by such listings.

(Add) **507.2.6.1 Clearance reduction.** The clearances required by 506.3.6 shall be permitted to be reduced in accordance Section 308.

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**CHAPTER 6 – DUCT SYSTEMS**

(Amd) **606.2 Where required.** Smoke detectors shall be installed where indicated in Sections 606.2.1 to 606.2.3, inclusive.

**Exception:** Smoke detectors shall not be required where air distribution systems are incapable of spreading smoke beyond the enclosing walls, floors and ceilings of the room or space in which the smoke is generated, or where the sole purpose of the air distribution system is to remove air from the inside of the building to the outside of the building.

(Amd) **606.2.1 Supply air systems.** Smoke detectors shall be installed in supply air systems with a design capacity greater than 2,000 cubic feet per minute in the supply air duct downstream of any filters and ahead of any branch connections.

(Amd) **606.2.2 Common supply and return air systems.** Where multiple air-handling systems share common supply or return air ducts or plenums with a combined design capacity greater
AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

IECC – COMMERCIAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 1 [CE] – SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

(Amd) C101.1 Title. The 2015 International Energy Conservation Code and this Section shall be known as the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code, hereinafter referred to as “the code” or “this code”.


Exception: Temporary structures are exempt from the requirements of this code.

(Amd) C101.5.1 Compliance materials. The code official shall be permitted to approve specific computer software, worksheets, compliance manuals and other similar materials that meet the intent of this code.

(Add) C101.5.2 Energy efficiency standards for products. In addition to the requirements of this code, the testing, certification and enforcement of efficiency standards for new products sold, offered for sale or installed in the State of Connecticut shall comply with regulations adopted pursuant to section 16a-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Add) C101.6 Administrative matters not provided for. Administrative matters not covered by this code shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Local Building Code portion of the State Building Code.

(Amd) C102.1.1 Above code programs. The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee may deem a national, state or local energy efficiency program to exceed the energy efficiency required by this code. Such energy efficiency program may include, but not be limited to, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system, the Green Globes USA design program, as established by the Green Building Initiative, the National Green Building Standard, as established by the National Association of Home Builders, or an equivalent rating system approved in accordance with section 29-255a of the Connecticut General Statutes. Buildings approved in writing by such an energy efficiency program shall be considered in compliance with this code. The requirements identified as “mandatory” in Chapter 4 shall be met.

(Amd) C103.1 General. Two sets of construction documents and other supporting data shall be submitted to the building official at the time of application for the building permit. The construction documents and designs submitted shall be prepared by a registered design professional when required by the provisions of chapters 390 or 391 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Exception: The building official may waive the submission of construction documents and other supporting data not required to be prepared by a registered design professional if the
work proposed is not required by the provisions of this code, or the building official determines that the nature of the work applied for is such that review of the construction documents is not necessary to obtain compliance with this code.

(Amd) C103.5 Retention of construction documents. The building official shall retain one set of approved construction documents for a period as set forth in the records/disposition schedule adopted pursuant to chapter 188 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Amd) C106.1 Referenced codes and standards. The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those listed in Chapter 6, and such codes and standards shall be considered as part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections C106.1.1 and C106.1.2. Any reference to an ICC code adopted as part of the State Building Code or the State Fire Safety Code shall mean a reference to such ICC code as amended by the State of Connecticut.


CHAPTER 2 [CE] – DEFINITIONS

(Amd) C201.3 Terms defined in other codes. Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in other codes adopted as portions of the State Building Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as in those codes.

(Add) C202.1 Definitions. Add or amend the following definitions:

(Add) BUILDING OFFICIAL. The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative. Also known as the local building official or code official.

(Amd) CODE OFFICIAL. See building official.

(Add) FULL CUTOFF LUMINAIRE. A luminaire that allows no direct light emissions above a horizontal plane through the luminaire’s lowest light-emitting part.

CHAPTER 3 [CE] – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

(Add) Section C302 – LIGHT POLLUTION CONTROLS

(Add) C302.1 Light pollution controls. When the power for exterior lighting is supplied through the energy service to the building, luminaires used for exterior lighting shall be full cutoff luminaires.

Exceptions:
1. Luminaires with an output of 2,600 lumens or less.
2. Luminaires intended to illuminate the façade of buildings or to illuminate other objects including, but not limited to, flagpoles, landscape and water features, statuary and works of art.
3. Luminaires for historic lighting on the premises of an historic building as defined in the 2015 International Existing Building Code or within a designated historic district.
4. Outdoor sports facility lighting of the participant sport area.
5. Emergency exit discharge lighting.
6. Low voltage landscape lighting.
7. Sign illumination.
8. Festoon lighting as defined in the NFPA 70 National Electrical Code.
9. Temporary lighting for emergency, repair, construction, special events or similar activities.

CHAPTER 4 [CE] – COMMERCIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

(Amd) C401.2 Application. Commercial buildings shall comply with one of the following:

1. The requirements of ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1 with Appendix G except:
2. The requirements of Sections C402 through C405. In addition, commercial buildings shall comply with Section C406 and tenant spaces shall comply with Section C406.1.1.
3. The requirements of Section C402.5, C403.2, C404, C405.2, C405.3, C405.4, C405.6 and C407. The building energy costs shall be equal to or less than 85 percent of the standard reference design building.

(Amd) C402.1.1 Low energy buildings. The following buildings, or portions thereof, separated from the remainder of the building by building thermal envelope assemblies complying with this code shall be exempt from the building thermal envelope provisions of Section C402:

1. Those with a peak design rate of energy usage less than 3.4 British thermal units per hour per square foot (Btu/h.ft²) or 1.0 watts per square foot (watt/ft²) of floor area for space conditioning purposes.
2. Those that do not contain conditioned space.
3. Buildings and structures for which heating and cooling is supplied solely by utilization of non-purchased renewable energy sources including, but not limited to, on-site wind, on-site water or on-site solar power, or wood-burning heating appliances that do not rely on backup heat from other purchased, non-renewable sources.

IECC – RESIDENTIAL PROVISIONS

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(Amd) R101.1 Title. The 2015 International Energy Conservation Code and this Section shall be known as the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code, hereinafter referred to as “the code” or “this code”.

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(Amd) R102.1.1 Above code programs. The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee may deem a national, state or local energy efficiency program to exceed the energy efficiency required by this code. Such energy efficiency program may include, but not be limited to, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Rating System, the Green Globes USA design program, as established by the Green Building Initiative, the National Green Building Standard, as established by the National Association of Home Builders, or an equivalent rating system approved in accordance with section 29-256a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Buildings approved in writing by such an energy efficiency program shall be considered in compliance with this code. The requirements identified as "mandatory" in Chapter 4 of this code, as applicable, shall be met.

(Amd) R103.1 General. Two sets of construction documents and other supporting data shall be submitted to the building official at the time of application for the building permit. The construction documents and designs submitted shall be prepared by a registered design professional when required by the provisions of chapters 390 or 391 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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(Del) SECTION R107 – FEES. Delete in its entirety and refer to Section 109 of the 2015 International Building Code portion or Section R108 of the 2015 International Residential Code portion, as applicable, of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – Fees.
CHAPTER 2 [RE] – DEFINITIONS

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(Amd) CODE OFFICIAL. See building official.

CHAPTER 4 [RE] – RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

(Amd) R402.1 General (Prescriptive). The building thermal envelope shall meet the requirements of Sections R402.1.1 through R402.1.5.

Exception: The following low-energy buildings, or portions thereof, separated from the remainder of the building by building thermal envelope assemblies complying with this section shall be exempt from the building thermal envelope provisions of Section R402:

1. Those with a peak design rate of energy usage less than 3.4 Btu/h•ft² or 1.0 watts per square foot (watt/ft²) of floor area for space conditioning purposes.
2. Those that do not contain conditioned space.
3. Buildings and structures for which heating and cooling is supplied solely by utilization of non-purchased renewable energy sources including, but not limited to, on-site wind, on-site water or on-site solar power, or wood-burning heating appliances that do not rely on backup heat from other purchased, non-renewable sources.

(Add) R402.2.14 Foamed-in-place insulating material. Pursuant to section 29-277 of the Connecticut General Statutes, foamed-in-place insulating material, except urethane foam insulation or styrene foam insulation, shall not be sold in this state on or after May 28, 2013, unless the manufacturer or supplier has certified to the State Building Inspector that the material complies with the provisions of that section.

(Amd) R402.4.1.2 Testing. The building or dwelling unit shall be tested and verified as having an air leakage rate of not exceeding three air changes per hour. Testing shall be conducted in accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380, ASTM E 779 or ASTM E 1827 and reported at a pressure of 0.2 inches w.g. (50 Pascals). Where required by the code official, testing shall be conducted by an approved third party. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by
the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. Testing shall be performed at any
time after creation of all penetrations of the building thermal envelope.

During testing:

1. Exterior windows and doors, fireplace and stove doors shall be closed, but not sealed,
beyond the intended weather stripping or other infiltration control measures.
2. Dampers, including exhaust, intake, makeup air, backdraft and flue dampers, shall be
   closed, but not sealed beyond intended infiltration control measures.
3. Interior doors, if installed at the time of the test, shall be open.
4. Exterior or interior terminations for continuous ventilation systems shall be closed and
   sealed.
5. Heating and cooling systems, if installed at the time of the test, shall be turned off.
6. Supply and return registers, if installed at the time of the test, shall be fully open.

**Exception:** Low-rise attached dwelling unit buildings in Climate Zone 5: For dwelling units
greater than 850 square feet of floor area, the air leakage threshold shall be set at five air
changes per hour. For dwelling units less than or equal to 850 square feet of floor area, the
air leakage threshold shall be set at 6.5 air changes per hour. Testing shall be conducted with
a blower door, unguarded, at a pressure of 0.2 inches w.g. (50 Pa). If guarded blower
door testing (a test with one or more adjacent units pressurized, which should eliminate any
leakage between units) is being performed, this exception is not allowed and the standard
testing requirements of Section 402.4.1.2 apply. Where required by the code official, testing
shall be conducted by an approved third party. A written report of the results of the test shall
be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. Testing shall be
performed at any time after creation of all penetrations of the building thermal envelope. For
buildings with more than 7 units, a sampling protocol is allowed by an approved third party.
The sampling protocol requires the first seven units to be tested without any failures. Upon
successful testing of those initial seven units, remaining units can be sampled at a rate of 1 in
7. If any sampled unit fails compliance with the maximum allowed air leakage rate, two
additional units in the same sample set must be tested. If additional failures occur, all units in
the sample set must be tested. In addition, all units in the next sample set must be tested for
compliance before sampling of further units can be continued.

(Add) R403.3.1.1 Duct insulation values. Minimum duct insulation values stated in Section
403.2.1 shall be installed R-values.

(Amd) R403.3 Duct testing (Mandatory). Ducts shall be pressure tested in accordance with
ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380 to determine air leakage by one of the following methods:

1. Rough-in test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g.
   (25 Pa) across the system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure if installed
   at the time of the test. All registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.
2. Postconstruction test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1
   inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer's air handler
   enclosure. Registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.

**Exceptions:**

1. A duct air leakage test shall not be required where the ducts and air handlers are located
   entirely within the building thermal envelope.
2. Where ducts from an existing heating and cooling system are extended to an addition or
   are extended due to an alteration, duct systems with less than 40 linear feet (12.19 m) of
new duct in unconditioned spaces shall not be required to be tested in accordance with Section 403.3.3.

A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official.

(Amd) R403.3.4 Duct leakage (Prescriptive). The total leakage of the ducts, where measured in accordance with Section R403.3.3, shall be as follows:

1. Rough-in test: The total leakage shall be less than or equal to 8 cubic feet per minute (226.5 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area where the air handler is installed at the time of the test. Where the air handler is not installed at the time of the test, the total leakage shall be less than or equal to 3 cubic feet per minute (84.95 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area.

2. Postconstruction test: Total leakage shall be less than or equal to 8 cubic feet per minute (226.5 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area.

(Amd) R406.3 Energy Rating Index. The Energy Rating Index (ERI) shall be determined in accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301.

(Del) R406.3.1 ERI reference design. Delete without substitution.

(Amd) R406.4 ERI-based compliance. Compliance based on an ERI analysis requires that the rated design be shown to have a maximum ERI of 61 without the use of renewable energy when compared to the ERI reference design.

(Del) Table R406.4 MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX. Delete without substitution.

(Amd) R406.6.1 Compliance software tools. Software tools for determining ERI shall be Approved Software Rating Tools in accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301.

(Amd) R406.6.4 Specific approval. Performance analysis tools meeting the applicable sections of Section R406 shall be approved. Documentation demonstrating the approval of performance analysis tools in accordance with Section 406.6.1 shall be provided to the code official.

(Add) R406.6.5 Input values. When calculations require input values not specified by Sections R402, R403, R404 and R405, those input values shall be taken from ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301.

(Del) R406.7 Calculation software tools. Delete without substitution.

CHAPTER 5 – EXISTING BUILDINGS

(Amd) R502.1.1.1 Building envelope. New building envelope assemblies that are part of the addition shall comply with Sections R402.1, R402.2, R402.3.1 through R402.3.5, and R402.4

Exceptions:

1. Where nonconditioned space is changed to conditioned space, the building envelope of the addition shall comply where the UA, as determined in Section 402.1.4 of the existing building and the addition, and any alterations that are part of the project, is less than or equal to UA generated for the existing building.
2. A visual inspection of the building envelope tightness and insulation installation shall be considered acceptable when the items listed in Table R402.4.1.1, applicable to the method of construction, are field verified. Where required by the code official, an approved party independent from the installer of the insulation shall inspect the air barrier and insulation.

CHAPTER 6 – REFERENCED STANDARDS

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AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017 NFPA 70, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

ARTICLE 90 – INTRODUCTION

(Amd) 90.2 Scope.

(A) Covered. This code covers the installation of electrical conductors, equipment and raceways; signaling and communications conductors, equipment and raceways; and optical fiber cables and raceways for the following:

(1) Public and private premises, including:
   a. buildings and structures;
   b. installations in detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall be in accordance with the requirements of this code or with the requirements of the 2015 International Residential Code portion of the State Building Code;
   c. utility connections, additions and alterations to mobile homes;
   d. utility connections to recreational vehicles; and
   e. floating buildings.

(2) Yards, lots, parking lots, carnivals and industrial substations.

(3) Installations of conductors and equipment that connect to the supply of electricity.

(4) Installations used by the electric utility, such as office buildings, warehouses, garages, machine shops and recreational buildings that are not an integral part of a generating plant, substation or control center.

(B) Not covered. This code does not cover the following:

(1) Installations in ships, watercraft other than floating buildings, railway rolling stock, aircraft or automotive vehicles other than mobile homes and recreational vehicles.

(2) Installations underground in mines and self-propelled mobile surface mining machinery and its attendant electrical trailing cable.

(3) Installations of railways for generation, transformation, transmission or distribution of power used exclusively for operation of rolling stock or installations used exclusively for signaling and communications purposes.

(4) Installations of communications equipment under the exclusive control of communications utilities located outdoors or in building spaces used exclusively for such installations.

(5) Installations under the exclusive control of an electric utility where such installations consist of service drops or service laterals, and associated metering; or
b. Are located in legally established easements, rights-of-way or by other agreements either designated by or recognized by public service commissions, utility commissions or other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction for such installations; or

c. Are on property owned or leased by the electric utility for the purpose of communications, metering, generation, control, transformation, transmission or distribution of electric energy; or

d. Are located by other written agreements either designated by or recognized by public service commissions, utility commissions, or other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction for such installations. These written agreements shall be limited to installations for the purpose of communications, metering, generation, control, transformation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy where legally established easements or rights-of-way cannot be obtained. These installations shall be limited to federal lands, Native American reservations through the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, military bases, lands controlled by port authorities and state agencies and departments, and lands owned by railroads.

(6) Installations in one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures not more than three stories above grade plane in height, that are in accordance with the provisions of the 2015 International Residential Code portion of the State Building Code.

(C) Special permission. The State Building Inspector may grant an exception for the installation of conductors and equipment that are not under the exclusive control of the electric utilities and are used to connect the electric utility supply system to the service-entrance conductors of the premises served, provided such installations are outside a building or terminate immediately inside a building wall.

(Amd) 90.4 Enforcement. Administration of this code shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code. For the purposes of this code, the authority having jurisdiction for interpreting the rules and for granting the special permission contemplated in a number of rules is the State Building Inspector. Interpretations shall be requested verbally or in writing from the Office of the State Building Inspector. Special permission shall be requested in writing using the Request for Modification of the State Building Code form available from local building departments or from the Office of the State Building Inspector, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford CT 06103. www.portal.ct.gov/DAS.
responsibility for approving construction documents, issuing permits, approving materials and procedures and for making inspections from time to time as the construction process requires. The State Building Inspector has the responsibility for administering the State Building Code, interpreting the State Building Code and for granting exceptions from specific rules of the State Building Code. See the definition of “Special Permission,” and Article 90.4.

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CHAPTER 2 – WIRING AND PROTECTION

(Del) 240.67 Arc Energy Reduction. Delete in its entirety without substitution.

(Amd) 250.50 Grounding Electrode System. If available on the premises at each building or structure served, each item in 250.52 (A)(1) to (A)(7), inclusive, shall be bonded together to form the grounding electrode system. Where none of these grounding electrodes are available, one or more of the grounding electrodes specified in 250.52 (A)(4) to (A)(8), inclusive, shall be installed and used.

CHAPTER 3 – WIRING METHODS AND MATERIALS

(Add) 300.4.1 Drilling and notching.

(A) Structural floor, wall, ceiling and roof members.

(1) Solid sawn lumber. Notches in solid lumber joists, rafters and beams shall not exceed one-sixth of the depth of the member, shall not be longer than one-third of the depth of the member and shall not be located in the middle one-third of the span. Notches at the ends of the member shall not exceed one-fourth the depth of the member. The tension side of members 4 inches or greater in nominal thickness shall not be notched except at the ends of the members. The diameter of holes bored or cut into members shall not exceed one-third the depth of the member. Holes shall not be closer than 2 inches to the top or bottom of the member, or to any other hole located in the member. Where the member is also notched, the hole shall not be closer than 2 inches to the notch.

   Exception: Notches on cantilevered portions of rafters are permitted provided the dimension of the remaining portion of the rafter is not less than 4-inch nominal and the length of the cantilever does not exceed 24 inches.

(2) Engineered wood products. Cuts, notches and holes bored in trusses, structural composite lumber, structural glue-laminated members or I-joists are prohibited except where permitted by the manufacturer's recommendations or where the effects of such alterations are specifically considered in the design of the member by a registered design professional.

(3) Studs. Any stud in an exterior wall or interior bearing partition may be cut or notched to a depth not exceeding 25 percent of its width. Studs in nonbearing interior partitions may be notched to a depth not to exceed 40 percent of a single stud width. Any stud may be bored or drilled, provided that the diameter of the resulting hole is no greater than 40 percent of the stud
width, the edge of the hole is no closer than 5/8 inch to the edge of the stud and the hole is not located in the same section as a cut or notch.

Exceptions:

1. A stud may be bored or drilled to a diameter not exceeding 60 per cent of its width, provided that such studs located in exterior walls or interior bearing partitions are doubled and not more than two successive studs are bored.
2. Approved stud shoes may be used when installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

(4) Top plates. When wiring, conduit, piping or ductwork is placed in or partly in an exterior wall or interior bearing wall, necessitating cutting, drilling or notching of the top plate by more than 50 per cent of its width, a galvanized metal tie of not less than 0.054 inch thick (1.37 mm) (16 ga) and 1 ¼ inches (38 mm) wide shall be fastened across and to the plate at each side of the opening with not less than eight 10d (0.148 inch diameter) nails at each side or equivalent. The metal tie must extend a minimum of 6 inches past the opening.

Exception: When the entire side of the wall with the notch or cut is covered by wood structural panel sheathing.

CHAPTER 4 – EQUIPMENT FOR GENERAL USE

(Amd) 404.2 Switch Connections.

(A) Three-Way and Four-Way Switches. Three-way and four-way switches shall be wired so that all switching is done only in the ungrounded circuit conductor. Where in metal raceways or metal- armored cables, wiring between switches and outlets shall be in accordance with 300.20(A).

Exception: Switch loops shall not require a grounded conductor.

(B) Grounded Conductors. Switches or circuit breakers shall not disconnect the grounded conductor of a circuit.

Exception: A switch or circuit breaker shall be permitted to disconnect a grounded circuit conductor where all circuit conductors are disconnected simultaneously, or where the device is arranged so that the grounded conductor cannot be disconnected until all the ungrounded conductors of the circuit have been disconnected.

(C) Switches Controlling Lighting Loads. The grounded circuit conductor for the controlled lighting circuit shall be installed at the location where switches control lighting loads that are supplied by a grounded general-purpose branch circuit serving bathrooms, hallways, stairways, or rooms suitable for human habitation or occupancy as defined in the applicable building code. Where multiple switch locations control the same lighting load such that the entire floor area of the room or space is visible from the single or combined switch locations, the grounded circuit conductor shall only be required at one location. A grounded conductor shall be required to be installed at lighting switch locations under any of the following conditions:

(1) Where conductors enter the box enclosing the switch through a raceway, provided that the raceway is large enough for all contained conductors, including a grounded conductor.

(2) Where the box enclosing the switch is accessible for the installation of an additional or replacement cable without removing finish materials.

(3) Where snap switches with integral enclosures comply with 300.15(E).
(4) Where lighting in the area is controlled by automatic means.
(5) Where a switch controls a receptacle load.

The grounded conductor shall be extended to any switch location as necessary that require line-to-neutral voltage to operate the electronics of the switch in the standby mode and shall meet the requirements of 404.22.

Informational Note: The provision for a (future) grounded conductor is to complete a circuit path for electronic lighting control devices.

(Amd) 404.22 Electronic Lighting Control Switches. Electronic lighting control switches shall be listed.

(Amd) 406.4 General Installation Requirements

(D) Replacements. Replacement of receptacles shall comply with 406.4(D)(1), 406.4(D)(2), 406.4(D)(3), 406.4(D)(5) and 406.4(D)(6).

(D)(4) Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection. Where a receptacle outlet is located in an area specified in 210.12(A) or (B), a replacement receptacle at this outlet shall be one of the following:

(1) A listed outlet branch-circuit type arc-fault circuit-interrupter receptacle.
(2) A receptacle protected by a listed outlet branch-circuit type arc-fault circuit-interrupter receptacle.
(3) A receptacle protected by a listed combination type arc-fault circuit-interrupter type circuit breaker.

Exception: The replacement of receptacles in one- or two-family dwellings shall not be required to meet 406.4(D)(4), unless the receptacle being replaced provides arc-fault circuit-interrupter protection.

(Amd) 440.14 Location

(Add) Exception No. 3: Where the interior section of a factory packaged split system is fed solely from the exterior section of the system and the disconnecting means for the exterior section is capable of being locked in the open position, a separate disconnecting means for the interior section shall not be required within sight from that section. The provisions for locking or adding a lock to the disconnecting means shall remain in place with or without the lock installed.

CHAPTER 5 - SPECIAL OCCUPANCIES

(Amd) 525.5 Overhead Conductor Clearances

(B) Clearances to Portable Structures

(2) Over 600 Volts.

(Add) Exception: Tents erected and dismantled under the supervision of a licensed electrician or other person approved by the authority having jurisdiction may be placed within the 15 feet (4.5 m) space provided the finished height of the tent is a minimum of 10 feet (3.0 m) below the conductors.
CHAPTER 6 – SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

(Amd) 690.12 Rapid Shutdown of PV Systems on Buildings. PV system circuits installed on or in buildings shall include a rapid shutdown function to reduce shock hazard for emergency responders in accordance with 690.12(A) through (D).

Exception: Ground mounted PV system circuits that enter buildings, of which the sole purpose is to house PV system equipment, shall not be required to comply with 690.12.

(A) Controlled Conductors. Requirements for controlled conductors shall apply to PV circuits supplied by the PV system.

(B) Controlled Limits. The use of the term array boundary in this section is defined as 305 mm (1 ft) from the array in all directions. Controlled conductors outside the array boundary shall comply with 690.12(B)(1) and inside the array boundary shall comply with 690.12(B)(2).

(1) Outside the Array Boundary. Controlled conductors located outside the boundary or more than 1 m (3 ft) from the point of entry inside a building shall be limited to not more than 30 volts within 30 seconds of rapid shutdown initiation. Voltage shall be measured between any two conductors and between any conductor and ground.

CHAPTER 7 - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

700.3 Tests and Maintenance

(Del) (F) Temporary Source of Power for Maintenance or Repair of the Alternate Source of Power. Delete in its entirety without substitution.

700.7 Signs.

(Amd) (A) Emergency sources. A sign shall be placed at the service-entrance equipment, at the meter location, and on any equipment up to the service entrance-equipment indicating type and location of on-site emergency power sources.

Exception: A sign shall not be required for individual unit equipment as specified in 700.12(F).

701.7 Signs.

(Amd) (A) Mandated standby. A sign shall be placed at the service entrance, at the meter location, and on any equipment up to the service entrance-equipment indicating type and location of on-site legally required standby power sources.

Exception: A sign shall not be required for individual unit equipment as specified in 701.12(G).
CHAPTER 1 - SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

(Amd) R101.1 Title. The 2015 International Residential Code and this Section shall be known as the 2015 International Residential Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code, hereinafter referred to as "the code" or "this code".

(Amd) R101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, removal and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures and their accessory structures not more than three stories above grade plane in height.

Exception: Existing buildings undergoing repair, movement, alteration or additions and change of occupancy may comply with the 2015 International Existing Building Code. The permit applicant shall make the choice to comply with this code or the 2015 International Existing Building Code at the time of application for the building permit.

(Add) R101.2.1 Live/work units in one- and two-family dwellings. Live/work units in one- and two-family dwellings, that provide professional services and employ a maximum of one employee within the dwelling in addition to the residents of the dwelling unit, shall be permitted to comply with the requirements of the 2015 International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings portion of the 2018 State Building Code.

(Add) R101.2.2 Live/work units in townhouses. Live/work units located in townhouses and complying with the requirements of Section 419 of the International Building Code shall be permitted to be constructed in accordance with the International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings. Fire suppression required by Section 419.5 of the International Building Code where constructed under the 2015 International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings shall conform to Section P2904.

(Add) R101.4 Referenced codes and regulations.


(Add) R101.4.2 Private sewage disposal. The International Private Sewage Disposal Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Private sewage disposal systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with the Public Health Code adopted under authority of section 19a-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Any reference to the International Private Sewage Disposal Code within the body of this code shall be deemed a reference to the regulations adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §19a-36, known as the Public Health Code.
(Add) **R101.4.3 Property maintenance.** The International Property Maintenance Code is not adopted by the State of Connecticut. Property maintenance shall be in accordance with the requirements of this code or the requirements of local property maintenance codes when such codes are adopted by the town, city or borough. References to the International Property Maintenance Code found within the body of the model document shall be considered null and void.

(Add) **R101.4.4 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.** References to the 2015 International Fire Code within the body of the model document shall be considered to be references to the 2018 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.

(Add) **R101.4.5 Applicable electrical code.** The applicable electrical code requirements for buildings constructed under this code are those of chapters 34-43 of this code. The permit applicant may elect at the time of application for permit to follow the requirements of the 2017 NFPA 70 National Electrical Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code, as an alternative compliance to the electrical requirements of this code. The applicant must indicate this choice on the permit application and on all construction documents.

(Add) **R101.4.6 Demolition of structures.** The demolition of structures shall be conducted in accordance with the State Demolition Code as found in chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Add) **R101.4.7 Existing buildings code.** The permit applicant may elect at the time of application for permit to follow the requirements of the 2015 International Existing Building Code portion of the 2018 State Building Code, as an alternative compliance to the requirements of this code. The applicant must indicate this choice on the permit application and on all construction documents.

(Amd) **R102.4 Referenced codes and standards.** The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections R102.4.1 and R102.4.2. Any reference to the ICC codes shall mean the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies known as the State Building Code adopted pursuant to section 29-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Exception:** Where enforcement of a code provision would violate the conditions of the listing of the equipment or appliance, the conditions of the listing and manufacturer's instructions shall apply.

(Amd) **R102.5 Appendices.** The following appendices of the 2015 International Residential Code are hereby specifically adopted and included in this code: E; F; G; H; K; O; P and V.

(Amd) **R102.7 Existing structures.** The legal occupancy of any building or structure existing on the date of adoption of this code shall be permitted to continue without change, except as specifically covered in this code.

**SECTION R103 – DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY.** Delete Section R103 in its entirety and replace with the following:

(Add) **SECTION R103 – ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**
(Add) **R103.1 Creation of enforcement agency.** Each town, city and borough shall create an agency whose function is to enforce the provisions of this code. The official in charge thereof shall be known as the building official.

(Add) **R103.2 Appointment.** Pursuant to section 29-260 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the chief executive officer of any town, city or borough shall appoint an officer to administer this code, and this officer shall be known as the “building official” and referred to herein as the building official, local building official or code official.

(Add) **R103.3 Employees.** In accordance with the prescribed procedures and regulations of the town, city or borough, and with the concurrence of the appointing authority, the building official shall have the authority to appoint an assistant building official, related technical officers, inspectors, plan examiners and other employees. Such employees shall have the powers as regulated by the town, city or borough, and by the State of Connecticut.

(Add) **R103.4 Restriction of employees.** An official or employee connected with the agency created to enforce the provisions of this code pursuant to Section R103.1, except one whose only connection with it is that of a member of the board of appeals established under the provisions of Section R112, shall not be engaged in, or directly or indirectly connected with, the furnishing of labor, materials or appliances for the construction, addition, alteration, repair or maintenance of a building located in the town, city or borough in which such official or employee is employed, or the preparation of construction documents therefore, unless that person is the owner of the building. Such officer or employee shall not engage in any work that conflicts with official duties or with the interests of the agency.

(Amd) **R104.1 General.** The building official is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this code. The building official shall have the authority to adopt policies and procedures in order to clarify the application of its provisions. Such policies and procedures shall be in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code. Such policies and procedures shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided for in this code, nor shall they have the effect of establishing requirements in excess of those set forth in this code.

(Add) **R104.1.1 Rule making authority.** Pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall, jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, adopt and administer the State Building Code for the purpose of regulating the design, construction and use of buildings or structures to be erected and the alteration of buildings or structures already erected and make such amendments thereto as they, from time to time, deem necessary or desirable.

(Amd) **R104.6 Right of entry.** Pursuant to subsection (d) of section 29-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the building official or his assistant shall have the right of entry to such buildings or structures, except single-family residences, for the proper performance of his duties between the hours of nine a.m. and five p.m., except that in the case of an emergency he shall have the right of entry at any time, if such entry is necessary in the interest of public safety. Pursuant to section 29-393 of the Connecticut General Statutes, on receipt of information from the local fire marshal or from any other authentic source that any building in his jurisdiction, due to lack of exit facilities, fire, deterioration, catastrophe or other cause, is in such condition as to be a hazard to any person or persons, the building official or his assistant shall immediately make inspection.
(Amd) R104.10 Modifications. Variations, or exemptions from and approval of equivalent or alternative compliance with the requirements of this code shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 104.10.1 to 104.10.4, inclusive.

(Add) R104.10.1 State Building Code. Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-254 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Building Inspector may grant modifications, variations or exemptions from, or approve equivalent or alternative compliance with, the State Building Code where strict compliance with the State Building Code would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, or is otherwise adjudged unwarranted, provided the intent of the law shall be observed and public welfare and safety be assured. Any person aggrieved by any decision of the State Building Inspector may appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee not later than 30 days after mailing of the decision.

(Add) R104.10.1.1 Action on application. The application for modification, variation, exemption from or approval of equivalent or alternative compliance with the requirements of the State Building Code shall be made on a form supplied by the State Building Inspector, which shall be submitted by the applicant to the building official. Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-254 of the Connecticut General Statutes, any such application received by a building official shall be forwarded to the State Building Inspector within 15 business days of receipt by such building official. The application shall include the building official's comments on the merits of the application, and shall be signed by the building official.

(Add) R104.10.1.2 Records. The application for modification, variation, exemption or approval of equivalent or alternative compliance and the decision of the State Building Inspector shall be in writing and shall be officially recorded with the application for a building permit in the permanent records of the building department.

(Add) R104.10.2 Accessibility exemption. Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-269 of the Connecticut General Statutes, any variation of or exemption from any provisions relating to accessibility to, use of and egress from, buildings and structures as required herein shall be permitted only when approved by the State Building Inspector. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the State Building Inspector may appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee within 30 days after such decision has been rendered.

(Add) R104.10.3 Historic structures exemption. Pursuant to section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes, exemptions may be granted to the provisions of this code for historic structures as defined by section 10-410 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which have been classified as such in the State Register of Historic Places as long as the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes are adhered to and provided that such exemptions shall not affect the safe design, use or construction of such property.

(Add) R104.10.4 Urban homesteading property exemption. Pursuant to section 29-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes, exemptions may be granted to the provisions of this code for property acquired by an urban homesteading agency, pursuant to section 8-169r of the Connecticut General Statutes, and transferred to a qualified applicant pursuant to section 8-169s of the Connecticut General Statutes; provided such exemptions shall not affect the safe design, use or construction of such property. Exemptions shall be granted in accordance with Section 104.10.1 of this code.
(Add) R104.11.2 Research reports. Submission to the local building official of a valid research report prepared by an approved evaluation service that supports the efficacy of use of any material, appliance, equipment or method of construction not specifically provided for in this code, or that demonstrates compliance with this code, may be deemed evidence of compliance with this code.

(Amd) R105.1 Required. Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to move a lot line that will affect any existing building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

(Add) R105.1.1 By whom application is made. Pursuant to Section 29-283 of the Connecticut General Statutes, application for a permit shall be made by the owner in fee or by an authorized agent. If the authorized agent is a contractor, such contractor shall follow the provisions of section 20-338b of the Connecticut General Statutes. The applicant shall include the full names and addresses of the owner, agent and the responsible officers, if the owner or agent is a corporate body.

(Add) R105.1.2 Permit issuance to a home improvement contractor. No permit shall be issued to a contractor who is required to be registered pursuant to chapter 400 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for work to be performed by such contractor, unless the name, business address and Department of Consumer Protection registration number of such contractor is clearly marked on the application for permit, and the contractor has presented such contractor's certificate of registration as a home improvement contractor.

(Amd) R105.2 Work exempt from permit. Exemption from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws, statutes, regulations or ordinances of the jurisdiction. Permits shall not be required for the following work:

Building:
1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area is not greater than 200 square feet (18.58 m²).
2. Fences, other than swimming pool barriers, not over 7 feet (2134 mm) high.
3. Retaining walls that are not higher than 3 feet (914 mm) measured from finished grade at the bottom of the wall to finished grade at the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Sidewalks, driveways and on-grade concrete or masonry patios not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops and similar finish work not involving structural changes or alterations.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are equal to or less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
8. Swings, non-habitable tree houses and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and which do not require additional support.
10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m²) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.

11. Repairs that are limited to 25 percent of roof covering and building siding within one calendar year.

**Electrical:**
1. Listed cord-and-plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
2. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets therefor.
3. Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location.
4. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
5. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps and fuses or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

**Gas:**
1. Portable heating or cooking appliances with a self-contained fuel supply.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
3. Portable-fuel-cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

**Mechanical:**
1. Portable heating appliances with a self-contained fuel supply.
2. Portable ventilation appliances.
3. Portable cooling units.
4. Steam, hot- or chilled-water piping contained within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by Chapters 18 to 24, inclusive, of this code.
5. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative coolers.
7. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.
8. Portable-fuel-cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

**Plumbing:**
1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in Sections R105 and R109 of this code.
2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

(Amd) R105.3.1 Action on application. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 29-263, the building official shall examine or cause to be examined applications for permits and amendments
thereto within 30 days after filing and either issue or deny a permit within such 30-day period. If the application or construction documents do not conform to the requirements of this code and pertinent laws, the building official shall reject such application in writing, stating the reasons therefore. If the building official is satisfied that the proposed work conforms to the requirements of this code and applicable laws, the building official shall issue a permit as soon as practicable.

(Add) R105.3.1.1.1 Wind design criteria for existing structures. For structures where the proposed work is determined to be a substantial improvement or restoration under R105.3.1.1 and having a wind Exposure D, structural elements that are uncovered shall be required to be improved to meet the wind speed design criteria in R301.2.1.

(Add) R105.3.1.2 Zoning approval. Pursuant to subsection (f) of section 8-3 of the Connecticut General Statutes, no building permit shall be issued, in whole or in part, for a building, use or structure subject to the zoning regulations of a municipality without certification in writing by the official charged with the enforcement of such regulations that such building, use or structure is in conformity with such regulations or is a valid nonconforming use under such regulations.

(Amd) R105.5 Expiration of permit. Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work on the site authorized by such permit is commenced within 180 days after its issuance or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time the work is commenced. The building official may grant, in writing, one or more extensions, for periods of not more than 180 days each. The extensions shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause shall be demonstrated.

Exception: The building official may specify an expiration date of not less than 30 days, nor more than 180 days, for commencement of work under permits issued to abate unsafe conditions pursuant to Section R115 of this code. Work performed under such permits shall be completed as expeditiously as possible.

(Add) R106.2.1 Private sewage disposal system. The site plan shall indicate the location of a private or public sewage disposal system. Private sewage disposal systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with the requirements of the Public Health Code adopted under authority of section 19a-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes. All technical and soil data required by the Public Health Code shall be submitted with the site plan. Approval of such systems shall be by the local authority having jurisdiction. When such approval is required by the local authority having jurisdiction, written proof of such approval shall be submitted to the building official prior to issuance of a building permit.

(Amd) R106.5 Retention of construction documents. Pursuant to subsection (e) of section 29-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes, upon receipt of a written request signed by the owner of plans and specifications on file for a single-family dwelling or out-building, the building official shall immediately return the original plans and specifications to the owner after a certificate of occupancy is issued with respect to the plans and specifications.

(Add) R106.6 Additional requirements. Nontransient residential dwellings having more than 16 units or 24,000 square feet total gross area per building shall be subject to the additional requirements set forth in Section 107.6 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code.

(Amd) R107.1 General. The building official may issue a permit for temporary structures and temporary uses. Such permits shall be limited as to time of service, but shall not be permitted for
more than 180 days. The building official may grant a single 180-day extension for demonstrated cause.

**Exceptions:** The following shall be exempt from permit requirements:
1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Tents less than 350 square feet total area.
3. Tents 900 square feet and smaller in total area when occupied by fewer than 50 persons, which have no heating appliances, no installed electrical service, and are erected for fewer than 72 hours.

(Amd) **R107.3 Temporary power.** The building official is authorized to give permission to temporarily supply utilities before an installation has been fully completed and the final certificate of approval has been issued. The part covered by the temporary permission shall comply with the requirements specified for temporary lighting, heat or power in this code or in the 2017 NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, portion of the State Building Code.

(Amd) **R108.2 Schedule of permit fees.** Each municipality shall establish a schedule of fees for each construction document review, building permit, certificate of approval and certificate of occupancy. A schedule of adopted fees shall be posted for public view.

(Amd) **R108.3 Building permit valuations.** The applicant for a permit shall provide an estimated permit value at the time of application. Permit valuations shall include total value of work, including materials and labor, for which the permit is being issued, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment and permanent systems. If, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation is underestimated on the application, the permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the building official. Final building permit valuation shall be set by the building official.

(Del) **R108.6 Work commencing before permit issuance.** Delete without substitution.

(Add) **R109.1.4.1 Insulation inspection.** Inspection of the building air tightness and insulation installation shall be conducted in accordance with Section N1102.4.1.2.

(Add) **R109.1.5.2 Additional electrical inspections.** Required electrical inspections in addition to those required by Sections R109.1.2 and R109.1.6 shall include installations of temporary services prior to activation and installation of underground piping and conductors after trenches are excavated and bedded and before backfill is put in place.

(Add) **R109.1.7 Posting of required inspections.** The building official shall compile a schedule of required inspections and shall post the schedule in the building department for public view.

(Add) **R109.5 Notification of inspection results.** Notification as to passage or failure, in whole or in part, of any required inspection shall be made in writing by the building official or his duly authorized representative and shall be left at the job site or delivered to the permit holder. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to ascertain the results of required inspections.

(Amd) **R110.1 Use and occupancy.** Pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-265 of the Connecticut General Statutes, no building or structure erected or altered in any municipality after October 1, 1970, shall be occupied or used, in whole or in part, until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the building official, certifying that such building, structure or work performed pursuant to the building permit substantially complies with the provisions of this code. Nothing in
(Add) **R110.9 Certificate of approval.** The building official shall issue a certificate of approval indicating substantial compliance with the requirements of this code for all completed work that requires a building permit but does not require a certificate of occupancy. Such work shall include, but not be limited to: fences greater than 7 feet in height; retaining walls greater than 3 feet in height; decks; garages; swimming pools; basements and attics converted to habitable space; electrical, plumbing, and mechanical repairs or alterations. No certificate of approval shall be issued for work subject to the zoning regulations of a municipality without certification in writing by the official charged with the enforcement of such regulations that the work is in conformity with such regulations or is a valid nonconforming use under such regulations.

(Del) **SECTION R112 - BOARD OF APPEALS.** Delete this section in its entirety and replace with the following:

(Add) **SECTION R112 – MEANS OF APPEAL**

(Add) **R112.1 Appeal from decision of building official.** Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-266 of the Connecticut General Statutes, when a building official rejects or refuses to approve the mode or manner of construction proposed to be followed or the materials to be used in the erection or alteration of a building or structure, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that an equally good or more desirable form of construction can be employed in a specific case, or when it is claimed that the true intent and meaning of the code has been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted or when the building official issues a written order under subsection (c) of section 29-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the owner of such building or structure, whether already erected or to be erected, or his authorized agent may appeal in writing from the decision of the building official to the municipal board of appeals. A person, other than such owner, who claims to be aggrieved by any decision of the building official may, by himself or his authorized agent, appeal in writing from the decision of the building official to the municipal board of appeals as provided by subsection (b) of section 29-266 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Add) **R112.1.1 Absence of municipal board of appeals.** In the absence of a municipal board of appeals, the provisions of subsection (c) of section 29-266 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be followed.

(Add) **R112.1.2 State Building Inspector review.** Pursuant to subsection (d) of section 29-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Building Inspector or his designee shall review a decision by a local building official or municipal board of appeals when he has reason to believe that such official or board has misconstrued or misinterpreted any provision of the State Building Code.

(Add) **R112.2 Appointment of municipal board of appeals.** Pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-266 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a municipal board of appeals consisting of five members shall be appointed.

(Add) **R112.2.1 Qualifications.** Each member of the municipal board of appeals shall be appointed from the general public. (The other four members shall have at least five years of experience each in building design, building construction or supervision of building construction.

(Add) **R112.2.2 Chair.** The board shall annually select one of its members to serve as chair.

What is the qualification req of the 1st person? Not clear why "the other four members" are being distinguished here.
(Add) **R112.3 Notice of meeting.** Each appeal shall be heard in the municipality for which the building official serves within five days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the date of receipt of the appeal.

(Add) **R112.4 Determination of aggrievement.** Upon receipt of an appeal from a person other than the owner or his agent, the board of appeals shall first determine whether such person has a right to appeal.

(Add) **R112.5 Appointment of a panel.** Upon receipt of an appeal from an owner or his agent, or approval of an appeal by a person other than the owner or his agent, the chairman of the municipal board of appeals shall appoint a panel of not less than three members of such board to hear such appeal.

(Add) **R112.6 Rendering of decisions.** The panel shall, upon majority vote of its members, affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the building official in a written decision upon the appeal and file such decision with the building official from whom such appeal has been taken not later than five days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, following the day of the hearing thereon. A copy of the decision shall be mailed, prior to such filing, to the party taking the appeal.

(Add) **R112.7 Appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee.** Any person aggrieved by the decision of a municipal board of appeals may appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee within 14 days after the filing of the decision with the building official in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 29-266 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Add) **R112.8 Court review.** Any person aggrieved by any ruling of the Codes and Standards Committee may appeal to the Superior Court for the judicial district where such building or structure has been or is being erected in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of section 29-266 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Add) **R113.2.1 Written notice.** The building official or his duly authorized representative shall provide any notice of violation in writing to the owner of the property involved or to the owner’s agent or to the person doing the work.

(Add) **R113.4 Violation penalties.** Pursuant to section 29-254a of the Connecticut General Statutes, any person who violates any provision of this code shall be fined not less than two hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

(Add) **R114.2 Unlawful continuance.** Any person who continues any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe conditions, shall be liable for penalties in accordance with Section R113.4.

(Add) **SECTION R115 - UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT**

(Add) **R115.1 General:** The procedures to be followed regarding unsafe structures and equipment shall be as set forth in Section 116 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code.

(Add) **SECTION R116 - EMERGENCY MEASURES**
(Add) **R116.1 General**: The procedures to be followed regarding emergency measures shall be as set forth in Section 117 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code.

(Add) **SECTION R117- VACANT BUILDINGS**

(Add) **R117.1 General.** Temporarily unoccupied buildings, structures, premises or portions thereof, including tenant spaces, shall be safeguarded and maintained in accordance with Section 118 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code.

**CHAPTER 2 – DEFINITIONS**

(Add) **R201.3 Terms defined in other codes.** Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in other portions of the State Building Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as in those codes.

(Add) **R202.1 Definitions.** Add or amend the following definitions:

(Add) **ATTIC, HABITABLE.** A finished area, not considered a story and not containing any dormers, complying with all of the following requirements:

1. The occupiable floor area is at least 70 square feet (6.5 m²), in accordance with Section R304,
2. The occupiable floor has a ceiling height in accordance with Section R305,
3. The occupiable space is enclosed by the roof assembly above, knee walls (if applicable) on the sides and the floor-ceiling assembly below.
4. Roofs of habitable attics containing dormers will be considered a story.

(Add) **BUILDING, EXISTING.** A building or structure, or portion thereof, erected in whole or in part, for which a legal building permit and a certificate of occupancy has been issued. Buildings or structures or portions thereof erected prior to October 1, 1970 shall be deemed existing buildings regardless of the existence of a legal permit or a certificate of occupancy.

(Add) **COMPLEX.** For application of accessibility requirements, this term means any group of buildings located on a single parcel of land or on contiguous parcels of land or any building or group of buildings that are subdivided into separate occupancies and planned, financed, constructed or promoted by common management for the purpose of sale or lease of the entire complex or any subdivision thereof, excluding any single-family detached dwelling.

(Add) **ONE-FAMILY DWELLING.** A building containing one dwelling unit with not more than six lodgers or boarders. Also known as a single-family dwelling.

(Add) **REGISTERED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL.** An individual who is registered or licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to chapters 390, 391, 396 or 396a of Connecticut General Statutes to practice their respective design profession and acting within the scope of his or her license and practice discipline.

(Add) **TWO-FAMILY DWELLING.** A building containing two dwelling units with not more than six lodgers or boarders per dwelling unit.
(Amd) **WINDBORNE DEBRIS REGION.** Areas south of Interstate 95 in the following municipalities: Clinton, East Lyme, Groton, Madison, New London, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Stonington, Waterford, and Westbrook.

**Exception:** Areas that are more than one mile from the coastal mean high-water line as certified by a registered design professional may be classified as being outside of a windborne debris region.

**CHAPTER 3 – BUILDING PLANNING**

(Amd) **R301.2.1 Wind design criteria.** Buildings and portions thereof shall be constructed in accordance with the wind provisions of this code using the ultimate design wind speed in Appendix V. Where different construction methods and structural materials are used for various portions of a building or structure, the applicable requirements of this section for each portion shall apply. Where not otherwise specified, the wind loads listed in Table R301.2(2) adjusted for height and exposure using Table R301.2(3) shall be used to determine design load performance requirements for wall coverings, curtain walls, roof coverings, exterior windows, skylights, garage doors and exterior doors. Asphalt shingles shall be designed for wind speeds in accordance with Section R505.2.4. A continuous load path shall be provided to transmit the applicable uplift forces in Section R802.11.1 from the roof assembly to the foundation.

(Amd) **R301.2.1.1 Alternative wind design provisions** As an alternative to the requirements in Section R301.2.1, the design of buildings for wind loads may be in accordance with one or more of the following methods:

1. AF&PA Wood Frame Construction Manual (WFCM).
2. ICC Standard for Residential Construction in High-Wind Regions (ICC 600).
4. AISI Standard for Cold-Formed Steel Framing - Prescriptive Method For One- and Two-Family Dwellings (AISI S230).

**TABLE R301.2(1) CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>GROUND SNOW LOAD</th>
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<td>Speed (mph)</td>
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<th>WINTER DESIGN TEMP</th>
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<td>70°F</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>To be determined locally</td>
<td>1,500 or less</td>
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For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479 kPa, 1 mile per hour = 0.447 m/s.

a. Weathering may require a higher strength concrete or grade of masonry than necessary to satisfy the structural requirements of this code.

b. Wind exposure category shall be determined on a site-specific basis in accordance with Section R301.2.1.4.
(Del) **FIGURE R301.2(1) ISOLINES OF THE 97\% PERCENT WINTER (DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY) DESIGN TEMPERATURE (°F).**
Delete without substitution.

(De) **FIGURE R301.2(2) SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORIES – SITE CLASS D.**
Delete without substitution.

(De) **FIGURE R301.2(3) WEATHERING PROBABILITY MAP FOR CONCRETE\(^a,b\).**
Delete without substitution.

(De) **FIGURE R301.2(4)A BASIC WIND SPEEDS.**
Delete without substitution.

(De) **FIGURE R301.2(4)B REGIONS WHERE WIND DESIGN IS REQUIRED.**
Delete without substitution.

(De) **FIGURE R301.2(4)C WIND – BORNE DEBRIS REGIONS.**
Delete without substitution.

(De) **FIGURE R301.2(5) GROUND SNOW LOADS, \(P_g\) FOR THE UNITED STATES (lb/ft\(^2\)).**
Delete without substitution.

(De) **FIGURE R301.2(6) TERMITE INFESTATION PROBABILITY MAP.**
Delete without substitution.

(De) **R301.2.1.3 Wind speed conversion.** Delete without substitution.

(De) **TABLE 301.2.1.3 WIND SPEED CONVERSIONS.** Delete without substitution.

(Amd) **R301.2.1.4 Exposure category.** For each wind direction considered, an exposure category that adequately reflects the characteristics of ground surface irregularities shall be determined for the site at which the building or structure is to be constructed. For a site located in the transition zone between categories, the category resulting in the largest wind forces shall apply. Account shall be taken of variations in ground surface roughness that arise from natural topography and vegetation as well as from constructed features. For a site where multiple detached one- and two-family dwellings, townhouses or other structures are to be constructed as part of a subdivision or master-planned community, or are otherwise designated as a developed area by the authority having jurisdiction, the exposure category for an individual structure shall be based upon the site conditions that will exist at the time when all adjacent structures on the site have been constructed, provided that their construction is expected to begin within one year of the start of construction for the structure for which the exposure category is determined.

(Add) **R301.2.1.4.1 Wind directions and sectors.** For each selected wind direction at which the wind loads are to be evaluated, the exposure of the building or structure shall be determined for the two upwind sectors extending 45 degrees (0.79 rad) either side of the selected wind direction. The exposures in these two sectors shall be determined in accordance with Sections R301.2.1.4.2 and R301.2.1.4.3 and the exposure resulting in the highest wind loads shall be used to represent winds from that direction.

(Add) **R301.2.1.4.2 Surface roughness categories.** A ground surface roughness within each 45-degree (0.79 rad) sector shall be determined for a distance upwind of the site as defined in
Section R301.2.1.4.3 from the categories defined below, for the purpose of assigning an exposure category as defined in Section R301.2.1.4.3.

**Surface Roughness B.** Urban and suburban areas, wooded areas or other terrain with numerous closely spaced obstructions having the size of single-family dwellings or larger.

**Surface Roughness C.** Open terrain with scattered obstructions having heights generally less than 30 feet (9144 mm). This category includes flat open country, and grasslands.

**Surface Roughness D.** Flat, unobstructed areas and water surfaces. This category includes smooth mud flats, salt flats and unbroken ice.

(Add) R301.2.1.4.3 Exposure categories. An exposure category shall be determined in accordance with the following:

**Exposure B.** For buildings with a mean roof height of less than or equal to 30 feet (9144 mm), Exposure B shall apply where the ground surface roughness, as defined by Surface Roughness B, prevails in the upwind direction for a distance of at least 1,500 feet (457 m). For buildings with a mean roof height greater than 30 feet (9144 mm), Exposure B shall apply where Surface Roughness B prevails in the upwind direction for a distance of at least 2,600 feet (792 m) or 20 times the height of the building, whichever is greater.

**Exposure C.** Exposure C shall apply for all cases where Exposure B or D does not apply.

**Exposure D.** Exposure D shall apply where the ground surface roughness, as defined by Surface Roughness D, prevails in the upwind direction for a distance of at least 5,000 feet (1524 m) or 20 times the height of the building, whichever is greater. Exposure D shall also apply where the ground surface roughness immediately upwind of the site is B or C, and the site is within a distance of 600 feet (183 m) or 20 times the building height, whichever is greater, from an Exposure D condition as defined in the previous sentence.

(Deletion) R301.2.1.5 Topographic wind effects. Delete without substitution.

(Deletion) R301.2.1.5.1 Simplified topographic wind speed-up method. Delete without substitution.

(Deletion) Table R301.2.1.5.1 ULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEED MODIFICATION FOR TOPOGRAPHIC WIND EFFECT. Delete without substitution.

(Deletion) FIGURE R301.2.1.5.1(1) TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES FOR WIND SPEED-UP EFFECT. Delete without substitution.

(Deletion) FIGURE R301.2.1.5.1(2) ILLUSTRATION OF WHERE ON A TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE, WIND SPEED INCREASE IS APPLIED. Delete without substitution.

(Deletion) FIGURE R301.2.1.5.1(3) UPWIND OBSTRUCTION. Delete without substitution.

(Amendment) R301.2.2.1 Determination of seismic design category. Buildings shall be assigned a seismic design category in accordance with Appendix V. Soil site class shall be as defined in Section 1613.3.2 of the 2015 International Building Code.

(Deletion) R301.2.2.1.1 Alternate determination of seismic design category. Delete without substitution.

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(Del) R301.2.2.1.2 Alternate determination of seismic design Category E. Delete without substitution.

(De) R301.2.2.4 Seismic design Category E. Delete without substitution.

(Amd) R301.6 Roof load. Roofs shall be designed for the snow load indicated in Table R301.2(1).

(Del) Table R301.6 – MINIMUM ROOF LIVE LOADS IN POUNDS-FORCE PER SQUARE FOOT OF HORIZONTAL PROJECTION. Delete table in its entirety without substitution.

(Add) R301.9 Ungraded lumber. Pursuant to section 29-256b of the Connecticut General Statutes, the use of ungraded lumber is allowed in

(Amd) R302.2 Townhouses. Walls separating townhouses shall be constructed in accordance with Section R302.2.1 or R302.2.2.

(Amd) R302.2.1 Double walls. Each townhouse shall be separated by two 1-hour fire-resistance-rated walls assemblies tested in accordance with ASTM E119, UL 263 or Section 703.3 of the International Building Code.

(Amd) R302.2.2 Common walls. Common walls separating townhouses shall be assigned a fire-resistance rating in accordance with item 1 or 2. The common wall shared by two townhouses shall be constructed without plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to be tight against exterior walls and the underside of the roof sheathing.

Electrical installations shall be in accordance with Chapter 34 through 43. Penetrations of the membrane of common walls for electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.

1. Where a fire sprinkler system in accordance with P2904 is provided, the common wall shall be not less than a 1-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E119, UL 263 or Section 703.3 of the International Building Code.

2. Where a fire sprinkler system in accordance with P2904 is not provided, the common wall shall be not less than a 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E119, UL 263 or Section 703.3 of the International Building Code.

(Amd) R302.2.3 Continuity. The fire-resistance-rated wall or assembly separating townhouses shall be continuous from the foundation to the underside of the roof sheathing, deck or slab. The fire-resistance rating shall extend the full length of the wall or assembly, including wall extensions through and separating attached enclosed accessory structures.

(Amd) R302.2.4 Parapets for townhouses. Parapets constructed in accordance with Section R302.2.5 shall be constructed for townhouses as an extension or exterior walls or common walls in accordance with the following:

1. Where roof surfaces adjacent to the wall or walls are at the same elevation, the parapet shall extend not less than 30 inches (762 mm) above the roof surfaces.

2. Where roof surfaces adjacent to the wall or walls are at different elevations and the higher roof is not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the lower roof, the parapet shall extend not less than 30 inches (762 mm) above the lower roof surface.
as specified in Section R302.12.1 is provided above and along the wall assembly separating the dwellings. The structural framing supporting the ceiling shall also be protected by not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (12.7 mm) gypsum board or equivalent.

(Add) **R302.3.2 Sound transmission.** Wall and floor-ceiling assemblies separating dwelling units shall comply with Appendix K.

(Amd) **R302.5.3 Other penetrations.** Penetrations into or through the separation required in Table R302.6 shall be protected as required by Section R302.11, Item 4.

(Amd) **R302.6 Dwelling/garage fire separation.** The garage shall be separated as required by Table R302.6 except that wood structural members of the minimum dimension specified in the International Building Code for Type IV construction shall be acceptable without further protection. Openings in garage walls shall comply with Section R302.5. Attachment of gypsum board shall comply with Table R702.3.5. The wall separation provisions of Table R302.6 shall not apply to garage walls that are perpendicular to the adjacent dwelling unit wall.

(Amd) **TABLE R302.6 DWELLING/GARAGE SEPARATION**

<table>
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<th>SEPARATION</th>
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<tr>
<td>From the residence and attics</td>
<td>Not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch Type X gypsum board or equivalent applied to the garage side¹</td>
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<tr>
<td>From all habitable rooms above the garage</td>
<td>Not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch Type X gypsum board or equivalent</td>
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<tr>
<td>Structure(s) supporting floor/ceiling assemblies used for separation required by this section</td>
<td>Not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch Type X gypsum board or equivalent¹</td>
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<tr>
<td>Garages located less than 3 feet from a dwelling unit on the same lot</td>
<td>Not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch Type X gypsum board or equivalent applied to the interior side of exterior walls that are within this area¹</td>
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For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

¹ If building is sprinklered in accordance with R313, then not less than $\frac{1}{2}$-inch gypsum board or equivalent is required.

(Amd) **R305.1 Minimum height.** *Habitable space, hallways and portions of basements containing these spaces shall have a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet (2134 mm). Bathrooms, toilet rooms and laundry rooms shall have a ceiling height of not less than 6 feet 8 inches (2032 mm).*

**Exceptions:**

1. For rooms with sloped ceilings, the required floor area of the room shall have a ceiling height of not less than 5 feet (1524 mm) and not less than 50 percent of the required floor area shall have a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet (2134 mm).

2. The ceiling height above bathroom and toilet room fixtures shall be such that the fixture is capable of being used for its intended purpose. A shower or tub equipped with a shower head shall have a ceiling height of not less than 6 feet 8 inches (2032 mm) above an area of not less than 30 inches (762 mm) by 30 inches (762 mm) at the showerhead.

3. Beams, girders, ducts or other obstructions in basements containing habitable space shall be permitted to project within 6 feet 4 inches (1931 mm) of the finished floor.
4. Ceiling height in existing basements being converted to habitable space shall not be less than 6 feet 8 inches clear except under beams, girders, pipes, ducts or other obstructions where the clear height shall be a minimum of 6 feet 4 inches.

(Amd) R305.1.1 Basements. Portions of basements that do not contain habitable space, hallways, bathrooms, toilet rooms and laundry rooms shall have a ceiling height of not less than 6 feet 6 inches (2032 mm).

Exception: Beams, girders, ducts or other obstructions may project to within 6 feet 4 inches (1931 mm) of the finished floor.

(Amd) R309.1 Floor surfaces. Garage floor surfaces shall be of approved noncombustible material. The area of floor used for parking of automobiles or other vehicles shall be sloped to facilitate the movement of liquids to an approved drain or toward the main vehicle entry doorway.

Exception: Detached garages that are separated from the dwelling by a minimum distance of 10 feet.

(Amd) R310.1 Emergency escape and rescue openings required. Basements, habitable attics and every sleeping room shall have not less than one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. Where basements and attics contain one or more sleeping rooms, emergency egress and rescue openings shall be required in each sleeping room, but shall not be required in adjoining habitable areas of the basement or attic. Emergency escape and rescue openings shall open directly into a public way, or to a yard or court that opens to a public way.

Exceptions:
1. Habitable basements without sleeping rooms are not required to have emergency escape and rescue openings when they are provided with two remote, code-compliant stairways.
2. In existing buildings, basements and attics being converted to habitable space without sleeping rooms are not required to have emergency escape and rescue openings.

(Amd) R310.2.1 Minimum opening area. Emergency and escape rescue openings shall have a net clear opening of not less than 5.7 square feet (0.530 m²). The net clear opening dimensions required by this section shall be obtained by the normal operation of the emergency escape and rescue opening from the inside. The net clear opening height shall be not less than 24 inches (610 mm) and the net clear opening width shall be not less than 20 inches (508 mm).

Exceptions:
1. Grade floor or below grade openings shall have a net clear opening of not less than 5 square feet (0.465 m²)
2. Existing buildings undergoing alterations or installation of replacement windows shall be permitted to utilize removable sash to achieve the required minimum net clear openings. Such removable sash shall be capable of being removed without the use of a key or tool.

(Amd) R310.2.2 Window sill height. Where a window is provided as an emergency escape and rescue opening, it shall have a sill height of not more than 44 inches (1118 mm) above the floor, where the sill height is below grade, it shall be provided with a window well in accordance with Section R310.2.3.

Exception: The 44-inch maximum sill height shall be permitted to be measured vertically above a fixed, permanent platform, step or steps whose minimum width shall equal or exceed the operable width of the opening and shall be centered on such opening and which shall
comply with Sections R311.7.5.1 and R311.7.5.2. Glazing in windows complying with this exception shall not be subject to the provisions of Section R308.4.6 or R308.4.7.

(Add) R310.2.5 Replacement windows. Replacement windows installed in buildings meeting the scope of this code shall be exempt from the maximum sill height requirements of Section R310.2.2 and the requirements of Section R310.2.1, provided that the replacement window meets the following conditions:

1. The replacement window is the manufacturer's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing frame or existing rough opening. The replacement window is of the same operating style as the existing window or a style that provides for an equal or greater window opening area than the existing window.

2. The replacement window is not part of a change of occupancy.

(Amc) R310.5 Dwelling additions. Where dwelling additions occur that contain sleeping rooms, an emergency escape and rescue opening shall be provided in each new sleeping room. Where dwelling additions occur that have basements, an emergency escape and rescue opening shall be provided in the new basement.

Exceptions:

1. An emergency escape and rescue opening is not required in a new basement that contains a sleeping room with an emergency escape and rescue opening.

2. An emergency escape and rescue opening is not required in a new basement where there is an emergency escape and rescue opening in an existing basement that is accessible from the new basement.

3. Habitable basements without sleeping rooms are not required to have emergency escape and rescue openings when they are provided with two remote, code-compliant stairways.

(Amc) R310.6 Alterations or repairs of existing basements. Delete without substitution.

(Amd) R311.3.1 Floor elevations at the required egress doors. Landings or finished floors at the required egress door shall not be more than 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches (38 mm) lower than the top of the threshold.

Exception: The landing or floor on the exterior side shall not be more than 8\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (209.5 mm) below the top of the threshold provided the door does not swing over the landing or the floor.

Where exterior landings or floors serving the required egress door are not at grade, they shall be provided with access to grade by means of a ramp in accordance with Section R311.8 or a stairway in accordance with Section R311.7.

(Amd) R311.3.2 Floor elevations for other exterior doors. Doors other than the required egress door shall be provided with landings or floors not more than 8\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches (209.5 mm) below the top of the threshold.

Exception: A landing is not required where a stairway of three or fewer risers, including the top riser from the dwelling to the top tread, is located on the exterior side of the door, provided the door does not swing over the stairway.

(Amd) R311.7.1 Width. Stairways shall not be less than 36 inches in clear width at all points above the permitted handrail height and below the required headroom height. Handrails shall not
project more than 4½ inches (114 mm) on either side of the stairway and the minimum clear width of the stairway at and below the handrail height, including treads and landings, shall not be less than 31½ inches (787 mm) where a handrail is installed on one side and 27 inches (698 mm) where handrails are provided on both sides.

Exceptions:
1. The width of spiral stairways shall be in accordance with Section R311.7.10.1.
2. The width of existing stairways serving existing unfinished attics or existing unfinished basements being converted to habitable space or replacement stairways within existing dwellings shall not be less than 32 inches (813 mm) in clear width at all points above the permitted handrail height and below the required headroom height. Handrails shall not project more than 4 inches (102 mm) on either side of the stairway and the minimum clear width of the stairway at and below the handrail height, including treads and landings, shall not be less than 28 inches (711 mm) where a handrail is installed on one side and 24 inches (610 mm) where handrails are provided on both sides.
3. Where an incline platform lift or stairway chairlift is installed on a stairway within a dwelling unit, a clear passage width not less than 20 inches (508 mm) shall be provided. If the seat and platform can be folded when not in use, the distance shall be measured from the folded position.

(Amd) R311.7.2 Headroom. The minimum headroom in all parts of the stairway shall not be less than 6 feet, 8 inches (2032 mm) measured vertically from the sloped line adjoining the tread nosing or from the floor surface of the landing or platform on that portion of the stairway.

Exceptions:
1. Where the nosing of treads at the side of a flight extend under the edge of a floor opening through which the stair passes, the floor opening shall be allowed to project horizontally into the required headroom a maximum of 4½ inches (121 mm).
2. The minimum headroom in all parts of existing stairways serving existing unfinished attics or existing unfinished basements being converted to habitable space or replacement stairs where the pitch or slope cannot be reduced because of existing construction shall be 6 feet, 4 inches (1982 mm), measured as stated above.

(Amd) R311.7.5.1 Risers. The maximum riser height shall be 8 ¾ inches (209.5 mm). The riser shall be measured vertically between leading edges of adjacent treads. The greatest riser height within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than ¾ inch (9.5 mm). Risers shall be vertical or sloped from the underside of the nosing of the tread above at an angle not more than 30 degrees (0.51 rad) from the vertical. Open risers are permitted provided that the opening between treads does not permit the passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.

Exceptions:
1. The maximum riser height of existing stairs serving existing unfinished attics or existing unfinished basements being converted to habitable space or replacement stairs where the pitch or slope cannot be reduced because of existing construction shall be 9 inches (229 mm), measured as stated above.
2. The opening between adjacent treads is not limited on stairs with a total rise of 30 inches (762 mm) or less.
(Amd) R311.7.5.2 Treads. The minimum tread depth shall be 9 inches (229 mm). The tread depth shall be measured horizontally between the vertical planes of the foremost projection of adjacent treads and at a right angle to the tread's leading edge. The greatest tread depth within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 1/8 inch (9.5 mm).

Exception: The minimum tread depth of existing stairs serving existing unfinished attics or existing unfinished basements being converted to habitable space or replacement stairs within existing dwellings shall be 8 inches (203 mm), measured as above.

(Amd) R311.7.6 Landings for stairways. There shall be a floor or landing at the top and bottom of each stairway. The width perpendicular to the direction of travel shall be not less than the width of the flight served. Landings of shapes other than square or rectangular shall be permitted provided that the depth at the walk line and the total area is not less than that of a quarter circle with a radius equal to the required landing width. Where the stairway has a straight run, the depth in the direction of travel shall be not less than 36 inches (914 mm).

Exceptions:
1. A floor or landing is not required at the top of an interior flight of stairs, including stairs in an enclosed garage, provided that a door does not swing over the stairs.
2. The depth in the direction of travel of landings of existing stairs serving existing basements being converted to habitable space or replacement stairs within existing dwellings shall be at least equal to the stair width but not less than 32 inches (762 mm) where R311.7.1, exception 2 is utilized for a reduced stair width.

(Add) R312.1.1.1 Retaining wall guards. Retaining walls with a difference in finished grade from the top of the wall to the bottom of the wall that is greater than 4 feet (1219 mm) shall be provided with guards complying with Section R312 when there is a walking surface, parking lot or driveway on the high side located closer than 2 feet (610 mm) to the retaining wall. For the purposes of this section, grass, planting beds or landscaped areas are not a walking surface.

(Amd) R313.2 One- and two-family dwellings automatic fire systems. When an automatic fire sprinkler system is to be installed in one- and two-family dwellings, it shall be designed and installed in accordance with Section P2904 or NFPA 13D.

(Del) R313.2.1 Design and installation. Delete without substitution.

(Amd) R314.2.2 Alterations, repairs and additions. When alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit occur, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwellings, the entire dwelling unit shall be provided with smoke alarms located as required for new dwellings.

Exceptions:
1. Work involving the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or decks, are exempt from the requirements of this section.
2. Installation, alteration or repairs of plumbing, mechanical or electrical systems are exempt from the requirements of this section.

(Amd) R314.4 Interconnection. Where more than one smoke alarm is required to be installed within an individual dwelling unit in accordance with Section R314.3, the alarm devices shall be
interconnected in such a manner that the actuation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual unit.

Exception: Interconnection of smoke alarms in existing areas shall not be required where alterations or repairs do not result in removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure.

(Amd) R314.6 Power source. Smoke alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring when such wiring is served from a commercial source, and when the primary power is interrupted, shall receive power from a battery. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than those required for overcurrent protection.

Exceptions:
1. Smoke alarms shall be permitted to be battery operated when installed in buildings without commercial power.
2. Hard-wiring of smoke alarms in existing areas shall not be required where the alterations or repairs do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure.

(Amd) R315.1 Carbon monoxide alarms. For new construction, an approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and on each additional habitable level of the dwelling unit. When more than one carbon monoxide alarm is required to be installed within an individual dwelling unit the alarm devices shall be interconnected in such a manner that the actuation of one carbon monoxide alarm will activate all of the carbon monoxide alarms in the individual unit. The alarm shall be clearly audible in all bedrooms over background noise levels with all intervening doors closed.

Exception: Carbon monoxide alarms shall not be required in dwelling units not containing a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.

(Amd) R315.2.2. Alterations, repairs and additions. When alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit occur, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwellings, the individual dwelling shall be provided with carbon monoxide alarms located as required for new dwellings. The carbon monoxide alarms shall have a power source in accordance with Section R315.5.

Exceptions:
1. The carbon monoxide alarms may be battery operated or plug-in and are not required to be interconnected when other remodeling considerations do not require the removal of the appropriate wall and ceiling coverings to facilitate concealed interconnected wiring.
2. Alterations to the exterior surfaces of dwellings including, but not limited to re-roofing, residing, window replacement and the construction of decks, shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.
3. Carbon monoxide alarms shall not be required in dwelling units not containing a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.
4. Installation, alteration or repairs of plumbing, mechanical or electrical systems are exempt from the requirements of this section.

(Del) SECTION R320 – ACCESSIBILITY. Delete section in its entirety and replace with the following:
(Add) SECTION R320 – ACCESSIBILITY

(Add) R320.1 Scope. Detached one- and two-family dwellings shall be exempt from accessibility requirements. Attached multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) shall comply with Section R320.2 for single-story townhouses and with Section R320.3 for multi-story townhouses. For the purposes of this section, a one-story above-grade townhouse with a finished basement shall be considered a multi-story townhouse. Required Type B units shall comply with ICC/ANSI A117.1, as amended.

(Add) R320.2 Single-story townhouses. Where there are four or more townhouses in a single structure, each single-story townhouse shall be a Type B unit.

Exception: The number of Type B units shall be permitted to be reduced in accordance with Section R320.4.

(Add) R320.3 Multi-story townhouses. Buildings or complexes that contain 10 or more multi-story townhouses shall have at least 10 per cent Type B units. This requirement shall be met by providing a sufficient number of single-story Type B units or by providing a sufficient number of multi-story townhouses that incorporate a Type B unit on the street floor or by a combination of the two. Multi-story townhouses that incorporate a Type B unit on the street floor shall not be required to provide accessibility to floors above or below the street floor. The Type B unit on the street floor shall include provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and a complete toilet and bathing facility on that floor.

Exceptions:
1. Structures with fewer than four dwelling units.
2. The number of Type B units shall be permitted to be reduced in accordance with Section R320.4.

(Add) R320.4 General exceptions. Where permitted by Sections R320.2 and R320.3, the required number of Type B units shall be permitted to be reduced in accordance with Sections R320.4.1 and R320.4.2.

(Add) R320.4.1 Site impracticality. On a site with multiple buildings, the number of units required by Sections R320.2 and R320.3 to be Type B units may be reduced to a percentage which is equal to the percentage of the entire site having grades, prior to development, which are less than 10 percent, provided not less than 20 percent of the Type B units required by Sections R320.2 and R320.3 on the site are provided.

(Add) R320.4.2 Design flood elevation. The required number of Type B units shall not apply to a site where the lowest floor is required to be at or above the design flood elevation resulting in:

1. A difference in elevation between the minimum required floor elevation at the primary entrance and the closest vehicular and pedestrian arrival points, and

2. A slope exceeding 10 percent between the minimum required floor elevation at the primary entrance and the closest vehicular and pedestrian arrival points.

(Add) R320.5 Accessible route. At least one accessible route shall connect accessible building or facility entrances with the primary entrance of each Type B unit within the building or complex and with those exterior and interior facilities that serve the units.

Exception: If the slope of the finished ground level between accessible facilities and buildings exceeds one unit vertical in twelve units horizontal (1:12), or where physical barriers prevent
the installation of an accessible route, a vehicular route with parking that complies with Section 1106 of the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code at each public or common use facility or building is permitted in place of the accessible route.

(Add) R320.6 Parking. Two per cent, but not less than one, of each type of parking space provided in occupancies which are required to have Type B dwelling units shall be accessible. For each six or fraction of six accessible parking spaces, at least one shall be a van-accessible parking space.

(Add) R320.6.1 Parking within or beneath a building. Where parking is provided within or beneath a building, accessible parking spaces shall also be provided within or beneath the building.

Exception: Private parking garages within or beneath the building that contain no more than two parking spaces, that are reserved for the exclusive use of a specific dwelling unit and are directly accessed from that dwelling unit are not required to be accessible.

(Add) R320.6.2 Automobile accessible parking spaces. Pursuant to subsection (h) of section 14-253a of the Connecticut General Statutes, parking spaces for passenger motor vehicles designated for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway and shall be 15 feet (4572 mm) wide including 5 feet (1524 mm) of cross hatch.

(Add) R320.6.3 Van accessible parking spaces. Pursuant to subsection (h) of section 14-253a of the Connecticut General Statutes, parking spaces for passenger vans designated for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway and shall be 16 feet (4877 mm) wide including 8 feet (2438 mm) of cross hatch.

(Add) R320.6.3.1 Van access clearance. Pursuant to subsection (i) of section 14-253a of the Connecticut General Statutes, each public parking garage or terminal shall have 8 feet 2 inches (2489 mm) vertical clearance at a primary entrance and along the route to at least two parking spaces for passenger vans that conform to Section R320.6.3 and that have 8 feet 2 inches (2489 mm) of vertical clearance.

(Amd) R321.1 Elevators. Where provided, passenger elevators, limited use/limited application elevators or elevators installed in private residences shall comply with ASME A17.1 and shall be installed in accordance with regulations adopted under authority of section 29-192 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Where the provisions of this section conflict with other statutory or regulatory provisions, those requirements shall prevail.

(Amd) R324.2 Solar thermal systems. Solar thermal systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with Chapter 23.

(Amd) R324.3 Photovoltaic systems. Photovoltaic systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with Sections R324.3.1 through R324.7.2.5 and NFPA 70. Inverters shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 1741. Systems connected to the utility grid shall use inverters listed for utility interaction.

(Amd) R324.6.1 Fire separation distances. For the purposes of fire separation distances, ground-mounted photovoltaic systems shall be considered accessory structures and subject to the applicable fire separation requirements of this code.
(Add) R326.2 Pools in flood hazard areas. Pools that are located in flood hazard areas established by Table R301.2(1), including above-ground pools, on-ground pools and in-ground pools that involve placement of fill, shall comply with Section R326.2.1 or R326.2.2.

Exception: Pools located in riverine flood hazard areas which are outside of designated floodways.

(Add) R326.2.1 Pools located in designated floodways. Where pools are located in designated floodways, documentation shall be submitted to the building official which demonstrates that the construction of the pool will not increase the design flood elevation at any point within the jurisdiction.

(Add) R326.2.2 Pools located where floodways have not been designated. Where pools are located where design flood elevations are specified but floodways have not been designated, the applicant shall provide a floodway analysis that demonstrates that the proposed pool will not increase the design flood elevation more than 1 foot (305 mm) at any point within the jurisdiction.

(Add) R326.3 Definitions. For the purposes of these requirements, the terms used shall be defined as follows and as set forth in Chapter 2.

ABOVE-GROUND/ON-GROUND POOL. See “Swimming pool”.

BARRIER. A fence, wall, building wall or combination thereof which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool.

HOT TUB. See “Swimming pool”.

IN-GROUND POOL. See “Swimming pool”.

RESIDENTIAL. That which is situated on the premises of a detached one- or two-family dwelling, or a one-family townhouse not more than three stories in height where the pool is intended to be used by the owners and invited guests.

SPA, EXERCISE (Also known as a swim spa). Variants of a spa in which the design and construction includes specific features and equipment to produce a water flow intended to allow recreational physical activity including, but not limited to, swimming in place. Exercise spas can include peripheral jetted seats intended for water therapy, heater, circulation and filtration system, or can be a separate distinct portion of a combination spa/exercise spa and can have separate controls. These spas are of a design and size such that they have an unobstructed volume of water large enough to allow the 99th Percentile Man as specified in APSP 16 to swim or exercise in place.

SPA, NONPORTABLE. See “Swimming pool”.

SPA, PORTABLE. A nonpermanent structure intended for recreational bathing, in which all controls, water-heating and water-circulating equipment are an integral part of the product.

SWIMMING POOL. Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.

SWIMMING POOL, INDOOR. A swimming pool which is totally contained within a structure and surrounded on all four sides by the walls of the enclosing structure.
(Add) **R326.6.3 Barrier perimeter clearance.** The required barrier height shall exist around the entire perimeter of the barrier and for a distance of 3 feet (914 mm) measured horizontally from the outside of the required barrier, free of structures, equipment or similar objects.

(Add) **R326.6.4 Barrier exceptions.** Spas or hot tubs with a safety cover which comply with ASTM F1346 shall be exempt from the provisions of this appendix.

(Add) **R326.6.5 Temporary enclosure.** A temporary enclosure shall be installed prior to the electrical bonding inspection of any in-ground swimming pool unless the permanent barrier specified in Section R326.6.1 is in place prior to the commencement of the installation. The temporary enclosure shall be a minimum of 4 feet (1219) in height, shall have no openings that will allow passage of a 4-inch sphere and shall be equipped with a positive latching device on any openings.

(Add) **R326.6.6 Pool alarm.** Pursuant to section 29-265a of the Connecticut General Statutes, no building permit shall be issued for the construction or substantial alteration of a swimming pool at a residence occupied by, or being built for, one or more families unless a pool alarm is installed with the swimming pool. As used in this section, "pool alarm" means a device that emits a sound of at least 50 decibels when a person or an object weighing 15 pounds or more enters the water in a swimming pool.

**Exception:** Hot tubs and portable spas shall be exempt from this requirement.

(Add) **R326.7 Entrapment protection for swimming pool and spa suction outlets.** Suction outlets shall be installed in accordance with ANSI/APSP-7.

(Add) **R326.8 Abbreviations.** The following abbreviations are defined as:

- ANSI—American National Standards Institute
- 25 West 43rd Street, 4th Floor
- New York, NY 10036
- APSP—Association of Pool and Spa Professionals
- National Spa and Pool Institute
- 2111 Eisenhower Avenue
- Alexandria, VA 22314
- ASCE—American Society of Civil Engineers
- 1801 Alexander Bell Drive
- Reston, VA 20191
- ASTM—ASTM International
- 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box 1917
- West Conshohocken, PA 19428
- UL—Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
- 333 Pfingsten Road
- Northbrook, IL 60062

(Add) **R326.9 Referenced standards.** The following standards are referenced:
parallel to the joist, rafter or truss span, not more than three stories above grade plane in height with each story not greater than 10 feet (3048 mm) high, and roof slopes not smaller than 3:12 (25-percent slope) or greater than 12:12 (100-percent slope). Truss roof framing constructed in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be limited to sites subjected to a maximum design wind speed of 140 miles per hour (63 m/s), Exposure B or C, and a maximum ground snow load of 70 psf (3352 Pa). For consistent loading of all truss types, roof snow load is to be computed as: 1.0 \( p_g \).

CHAPTER 9 – ROOF ASSEMBLIES

(Amdt) R905.1.1 Underlayment. Underlayment for asphalt shingles, clay and concrete tile, metal roof shingles, mineral-surfaced roll roofing, slate and slate-type shingles, wood shingles, wood shakes and metal roof panels shall conform to the applicable standards listed in this chapter. Underlayment materials required to comply with ASTM D 226, D 1970, D 4869 and D 6757 shall bear a label indicating compliance to the standard designation and, if applicable, type classification indicated in Table R905.1.1(1). A minimum 4-inch-wide (102 mm) strip of self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen membrane complying with ASTM D 1970, installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions for the deck material, shall be applied over all joints in the roof decking. Underlayment shall be applied over the entire roof and over the 4-inch-wide (102 mm) membrane strips and shall be applied in accordance with Table R905.1.1(2). Underlayment shall be attached in accordance with Table R905.1.1(3).

Exceptions:

1. As an alternative, self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen underlayment complying with ASTM D 1970 installed in accordance with both the underlayment manufacturer’s and roof covering manufacturer’s instructions for the deck material, roof ventilation configuration and climate exposure for the roof covering to be installed, shall be permitted.

2. The 4-inch-wide (102 mm) strips of self-adhering polymer-modified-bitumen membrane are not required for roofs sheathed with lumber having a nominal width of less than 3 feet (92 cm).

TABLE R905.2.4.1
CLASSIFICATION OF ASPHALT ROOF SHINGLES

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For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm; 1 mph = 0.447 m/s.
a. The standard calculations contained in ASTM D7156 assume Exposure Category B or C and building height of 80 feet or less. Additional calculations are required for conditions outside of these assumptions.

CHAPTER 11 [RE] – ENERGY EFFICIENCY

(Add) N1101.15 (R102.5.2) Energy efficiency standards for products. In addition to the requirements of this code, the testing, certification and enforcement of efficiency standards for new products sold, offered for sale or installed in the State of Connecticut shall be in compliance with section 16a-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes and regulations adopted under authority of said statute.

(Amd) N1101.4 (R102.1.1) Above code programs. The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee may deem a national, state or local energy efficiency program to exceed the energy efficiency required by this chapter. Such energy efficiency program may include, but not be limited to, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system, the Green Globes USA program, as established by the Green Building Initiative, the National Green Building Standard, as established by the National Association of Home Builders, or an equivalent rating system approved in accordance with section 29-256a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Buildings approved in writing by such an energy efficiency program shall be considered in compliance with this chapter. The requirements identified as "mandatory" in this Chapter of this code, as applicable, shall be met.

(Add) N1101.10.1.1.1 (R402.2.14) Foamed-In-place insulating material. Pursuant to section 29-277 of the Connecticut General Statutes, foamed-in-place insulating material, except urethane foam insulation or styrene foam insulation, shall not be sold in this state on or after May 28, 2013, unless the manufacturer or supplier has certified to the State Building Inspector that the material complies with the provisions of that section.

(Amd) N1102.1 (R402.1) General (Prescriptive). The building thermal envelope shall meet the requirements of Sections N1102.1.1 through N1102.1.5.

Exception: The following low energy buildings, or portions thereof, separated from the remainder of the building by building thermal envelope assemblies complying with this section shall be exempt from the building thermal envelope provisions of Section N1102.

1. Those with a peak design rate of energy usage less than 3.4 Btu/h · ft² (10.7 W/m²) or 1.0 watt/ft² of floor area for space conditioning purposes.
2. Those that do not contain conditioned space.
3. Buildings and structures for which heating and cooling is supplied solely by utilization of non-purchased renewable energy sources including but not limited to, on-site wind, on-site water or on-site solar power, or wood-burning heating appliances that do not rely on backup heat from other purchased, non-renewable sources.

(Amd) N1102.4.1.2 (R402.4.1.2) Testing. The building or dwelling unit shall be tested and verified as having an air leakage rate of not exceeding three air changes per hour. Testing shall be conducted in accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380, ASTM E 779 or ASTM E 1827 and reported at a pressure of 0.2 inches w.g. (50 Pascals). Where required by the code official, testing shall be conducted by an approved third party. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. Testing shall be performed at any time after creation of all penetrations of the building thermal envelope.

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During testing:

1. Exterior windows and doors, fireplace and stove doors shall be closed, but not sealed, beyond the intended weather stripping or other infiltration control measures.
2. Dampers including exhaust, intake, makeup air, backdraft and flue dampers shall be closed, but not sealed beyond intended infiltration control measures.
3. Interior doors, if installed at the time of the test, shall be open.
4. Exterior or interior terminations for continuous ventilation systems shall be closed and sealed.
5. Heating and cooling systems, if installed at the time of the test, shall be turned off.
6. Supply and return registers, if installed at the time of the test, shall be fully open.

Exception: Low-rise attached dwelling unit buildings in Climate Zone 5: For dwelling units greater than 850 square feet of floor area, the air leakage threshold shall be set at five air changes per hour. For dwelling units less than or equal to 850 square feet of floor area, the air leakage threshold shall be set at 6.5 air changes per hour. Testing shall be conducted with a blower door, unguarded, at a pressure of 0.2 inches w.g. (50 Pa) for the building system. If a guarded blower door testing (a test with one or more adjacent units pressurized, which should eliminate any leakage between units) is being performed, this exception is not allowed and the standard testing requirements of Section N1102.4.1.2 (402.4.1.2) apply. Where required by the code official, testing shall be conducted by an approved third party. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. Testing shall be performed at any time after creation of all penetrations of the building thermal envelope. For buildings with more than 7 units, a sampling protocol is allowed by an approved third party. The sampling protocol requires the first seven units to be tested without any failures. Upon successful testing of those initial seven units, remaining units can be sampled at a rate of 1 in 7. If any sampled unit fails compliance with the maximum allowed air leakage rate, two additional units in the same sample set must be tested. If additional failures occur, all units in the sample set must be tested. In addition, all units in the next sample set must be tested for compliance before sampling of further units can be continued.

(Add) N1103.3.1.1 (R403.2.1.1) Duct insulation values. Minimum duct insulation values stated in Section N1103.2.1 shall be installed R-values.

(Amd) N1103.3.3 (R403.3.3) Duct testing (Mandatory). Ducts shall be pressure tested in accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380 to determine air leakage by one of the following methods:

1. Rough-in test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the system, including the manufacturer’s air handler enclosure if installed at the time of the test. All registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.
2. Postconstruction test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer’s air handler enclosure. Registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.

Exceptions:

1. A duct air leakage test shall not be required where the ducts and air handlers are located entirely within the building thermal envelope.
2. Where ducts from an existing heating and cooling system are extended to an addition or are extended due to an alteration, duct systems with less than 40 linear feet (12.19 m) of
new duct in unconditioned spaces shall not be required to be tested in accordance with Section 1103.3.3.

A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official.

(Amd) N1103.3.4 (R403.3.4) Duct leakage (Prescriptive). The total leakage of the ducts, where measured in accordance with Section N1103.3.3, shall be as follows:

1. Rough in test: Total leakage shall be less than or equal to 8 cubic feet per minute (226.5 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area where the air handler is installed at the time of the test. Where the air handler is not installed at the time of the test, the total leakage shall be less than or equal to 3 cubic feet per minute (85 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area.

Exceptions:

1. The total leakage test is not required for ducts and air handlers located entirely within the building thermal envelope.

2. Where ducts from an existing heating and cooling system are extended to an addition or are extended due to an alteration, duct systems with less than 40 linear feet (12.19 m) in unconditioned spaces shall not be required to be tested in accordance with Section 403.2.2.

3. Post-construction test: Total leakage shall be less than or equal to 8 cubic feet per minute (226.5 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area.

(Amd) N1106.3 (R406.3) Energy Rating Index. The Energy Rating Index (ERI) shall be determined in accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301.

(Amd) N1106.4 (R406.4) ERI-based compliance. Compliance base on an ERI analysis requires that the rated design be shown to have a maximum ERI of 81 without the use of renewable energy when compared to the ERI reference design.

(Del) Table N1106.4 (R406.4) MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX. Delete without substitution.

(Amd) N1106.6 (R406.6.1) Compliance software tools. Software tools used for determining the ERI shall be Approved Software Rating Tools in accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301.

(Add) N1106.6.4 (R406.6.4) Specific approval. Performance analysis tools meeting the applicable sections of Section R406 shall be approved. Documentation demonstrating the approval of performance analysis tools in accordance with Section 1106.6.1 shall be provided to the code official.

(Add) N1106.6.5 (R406.6.5) Input values. When calculations require input values not specified by Sections N1102, N1103, N1104 and N1105, those input values shall be taken from ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301.

(Del) Section N1106.7 (R406.7) (no words used to describe what to do, e.g. Delete section.)

(Amd) N1108.1.1.1 (R502.1.1.1) Building envelope. New building envelope assemblies that are part of the addition shall comply with Sections N1102.1, N1102.2, N1102.3.1 through N1102.3.5, and N1102.4.
Exceptions:

1. Where nonconditioned space is changed to conditioned space, the building envelope of the addition shall comply where the UA, as determined in Section N1102.1.5, of the existing building and the addition, and any alterations that are part of the project, is less than or equal to UA generated for the existing building.

2. A visual inspection of the building envelope tightness and insulation shall be considered acceptable when the items listed in Table N1102.4.1.1 (R402.4.1.1), applicable to the method of construction, are field verified. Where required by the code official, an approved party independent from the installer of the insulation shall inspect the air barrier and insulation.

CHAPTER 13 – GENERAL MECHANICAL SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

(Amd) M1301.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall govern the installation of mechanical systems not specifically covered in other chapters applicable to mechanical systems. Installations of mechanical appliances, equipment and systems not addressed by this code shall comply with the applicable provisions of the International Mechanical Code and requirements as noted in Section R101.4.1 for Fuel Gas.

CHAPTER 15 – EXHAUST SYSTEMS

(Amd) M1503.4 Makeup air required. Exhaust hood systems capable of exhausting in excess of 400 cubic feet per minute (0.19 m³/s) shall be provided with makeup air at a rate approximately equal to the difference between the exhaust air rate and 400 cubic feet per minute. Such makeup air systems shall be equipped with a means of closure.

Exception: Where all appliances in the house are of sealed combustion, power-vent, unvented, or electric, the exhaust hood system may exhaust up to 600 cubic feet per minute (0.28 m³/s) without providing makeup air. Exhaust hood systems capable of exhausting in excess of 600 cubic feet per minute (0.28 m³/s) shall be provided with a makeup air at a rate approximately equal to the difference between the exhaust air rate and 600 feet per minute. Such makeup air systems shall be equipped with a means of closure.

CHAPTER 19 – SPECIAL APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

(Amd) M1904.1 Installation. Gaseous hydrogen shall be installed in accordance with the applicable requirements of Sections M1307.4 and M1903.1 and the 2015 International Building Code portion of the State Building Code, and the requirements as noted in Section R101.4.1 for Fuel Gas.

CHAPTER 22 – SPECIAL PIPING AND STORAGE SYSTEMS

(Amd) SECTION M2201.7 – TANK ABANDONMENT AND REMOVAL

(Add) M2201.7.1 Removal from service of tanks and related equipment. Except as provided for in M2201.7.2 or M2201.7.3, if a tank and its related piping are abandoned for whatever reason, the tank and all piping connected to it, including the outside fill and vent piping and any piping connected to the appliance, shall be emptied of all contents, cleaned, removed from the premises or property, and disposed of in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal rules and regulations.
(Add) M2201.7.2 Temporary removal from service. If a liquid fuel-burning appliance is converted to an alternate fuel, but the tank is kept in place so that it can be returned to service at some future date, the following requirements shall be met before the alternate fuel is used:

1. The entire contents of the tank shall be completely removed and the tank purged of all vapors.
2. The fuel tank vent line shall remain intact and open.
3. The outside fill pipe shall be removed and the tank opening shall be capped or plugged or the outside fill pipe shall be capped and filled with concrete, and all remaining piping, other than the vent line, shall be capped or sealed.

(Add) M2201.7.3 Permanent abandonment of underground tanks. Underground tanks shall be permitted to be permanently closed in place if the following requirements are met:

1. All applicable authorities having jurisdiction shall be notified.
2. A safe workplace shall be maintained throughout the prescribed activities.
3. All flammable and combustible liquids and residues shall be removed from the tank, appurtenances, and piping and shall be disposed of in accordance with regulatory requirements and industry practices, using a written procedure.
4. The tank, appurtenances, and piping shall be made safe by either purging them of flammable vapors or inerting the potential explosive atmosphere. Confirmation that the atmosphere in the tank is safe shall be by testing of the atmosphere using a combustible gas indicator if purging, or an oxygen meter if inerting, at intervals in accordance with written procedures.
5. Access to the tank shall be made by careful excavation to the top of the tank.
6. All exposed piping, gauging and tank fixtures, and other appurtenances, except the vent, shall be disconnected and removed.
7. The tank shall be completely filled with an inert solid material.
8. The tank vent and remaining underground piping shall be capped or removed.
9. The tank excavation shall be backfilled.

CHAPTER 24 – FUEL GAS

(Amd) G2402.3 Terms defined in other codes. Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in other portions of the State Building Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as in those portions of the code.

(Del) G2411.1.1 (310.1) CSST. Delete in its entirety without substitution.

(Add) G2411.2 (310.1.1) CSST. This section applies to corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) that is not listed with an arc-resistant jacket or coating system in accordance with ANSI LC 1/CSA 6.26. CSST gas piping systems and piping systems containing one or more segments of CSST shall be electrically continuous and bonded to the electrical service grounding electrode system or, where provided, the lightning protection grounding electrode system.

(Add) G2411.2.1 (310.1.1.1) Point of connection. The bonding jumper shall connect to a metallic pipe, pipe fitting or CSST fitting.
CHAPTER 26 – GENERAL PLUMBING REQUIREMENTS

(Add) P2602.1.1 Individual sewage disposal systems and individual water supply systems. Installations shall be approved in accordance with this code and the regulations enforced by the local health director in accordance with the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut adopted pursuant to section 19a-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(Delete) P2603.5.1 Sewer depth. Delete without substitution.

CHAPTER 29 – WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

(Add) P2902.5.3.1 Automatic lawn sprinkler system sensor device. An automatic lawn sprinkler system shall be equipped with a rain sensor or switch that will automatically override the irrigation cycle in accordance with section 29-265b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

CHAPTER 30 – SANITARY DRAINAGE

(Delete) Section P3009.1 through P3009.11. Delete sections, subsections and tables and replace with the following:


CHAPTER 31 – VENTS

(Amend) P3103.1 Roof extension. Open vent pipes that extend through a roof shall be terminated at least 12 inches (305 mm) above the roof, except that where a roof is to be used for any purpose other than weather protection, the vent extension shall be at least 7 feet (2134 mm) above the roof.

(Delete) P3103.2 Frost closure. Delete without substitution.

CHAPTER 34 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

CHAPTER 36 – SERVICES

(Amend) E3608.1 Grounding electrode system. If available on the premises at each building or structure served, each item in Section E3608.1.1 to E3608.1.6, inclusive, of this code shall be bonded together to form the grounding electrode system. Where none of these grounding electrodes are available, one or more of the grounding electrodes specified in Section E3608.1.3 to E3608.1.6, inclusive, shall be used.

CHAPTER 38 – WIRING METHODS

(Amend) TABLE E3802.1 GENERAL INSTALLATION AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR WIRING METHODS a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k
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For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 degree = 0.0175 rad.

a. Installed in accordance with listing requirements.
b. Supports not required in accessible ceiling spaces between light fixtures where lengths do not exceed 6 feet.
c. Six feet for MC cable.
d. Five feet for trade sizes greater than 1 inch.
e. Two and one-half feet where used for service or outdoor feeder and 4.5 feet where used for branch circuit or indoor feeder.
f. Twenty-four inches where flexibility is necessary.
g. Where flexibility after installation is necessary, lengths of flexible metal conduit and liquid tight flexible metal conduit measured from the last point where the raceway is securely fastened shall not exceed: 36 inches for trade sizes ½ through 1¼, 48 inches for trade sizes 1½ through 2 and 5 feet for trade sizes 2½ and larger.
h. Within 8 inches of boxes without cable clamps.
i. Flat cables shall not be stapled on edge.
j. Bushings and grommets shall remain in place and shall be listed for the purpose of cable protection.
k. See Sections R502.8 and R802.7 for additional limitations on the location of bored holes in horizontal framing members.
l. Where oversized, concentric or eccentric knockouts are not encountered, a raceway not greater than 18 inches in length shall not require support where it is a continuous length without couplings. Such raceways shall terminate at an outlet box, junction box, device box, cabinet, or other termination at each end of the raceway.

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(Amd) **FIGURE E3901.4 COUNTERTOP RECEPTACLES.** Add GFCI designation to the receptacle shown in the pictorial figure at the center island countertop.

(Amd) **E3902.17 Arc-fault circuit interrupter protection for branch circuit extensions or modifications.** Where branch-circuit wiring is modified, replaced, or extended in any of the areas specified in Section E3902.12, the branch circuit shall be protected by one of the following:

1. A combination-type AFCI located at the origin of the branch circuit.
2. An outlet branch-circuit type AFCI located at the first receptacle outlet of the existing branch circuit.

**Exceptions:**

1. AFCI protection shall not be required for replacement receptacles.
2. AFCI protection shall not be required where an extension of the existing conductors is not more than 6 feet (1.8 m) in length and does not include any additional outlets or devices.
CHAPTER 44 – REFERENCED STANDARDS

(Amd) ANSI
American National Standards Institute
25 West 43rd Street, Fourth Floor
New York, NY 10036

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1 Batterymarch Park
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APPENDIX E - MANUFACTURED HOUSING USED AS DWELLINGS

(Amd) AE101.1 General. The provisions of Appendix E shall be applicable only to a manufactured home used as a single dwelling unit and shall apply to the following:

1. Construction, alteration and repair of any foundation system necessary to provide for the installation of a manufactured home unit.

2. Construction, installation, addition, alteration, repair or maintenance of the building service equipment necessary for connecting manufactured homes to water, fuel or power supplies and sewage systems.
3. Alterations, additions or repairs to existing manufactured homes. The construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair and use of accessory buildings and structures and their building service equipment shall comply with the requirements of the State Building Code.

These provisions shall not be applicable to the design and construction of manufactured homes and shall not be deemed to authorize either modifications or additions to manufactured homes where otherwise prohibited.

**Exception:** In addition to these provisions, new and replacement manufactured homes to be located in flood hazard areas as determined locally shall meet the applicable requirements of Section R322 of this code.

(Amd) **AE600.1 General.** The provisions of Sections AE601 to AE606, inclusive, are applicable only upon request of the building permit applicant with the approval of the local building official.

(Amd) **SECTION AE606 REFERENCED STANDARDS**

- ASTM C 270 – 07 Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry..............AE602
- NFPA 501 – 10 Standard on Manufactured Housing.........................AE201

(Amd) **APPENDIX F – PASSIVE RADON GAS CONTROLS**

(Amd) **AF101.1 General.** This appendix contains radon-resistant construction techniques for new construction.

(Add) **AF101.2 Radon Mitigation Preparation Construction Technique.** All newly constructed detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses shall be provided with radon mitigation preparation construction in accordance with Section AF104 of this code.

**Exceptions:**
1. Radon-resistant construction technique complying with Section AF103 of this code.
2. Such systems shall not be required in existing buildings undergoing repair, addition or alteration. In the case of an addition to an existing building, this exception also applies to the new construction.

(Add) **AF102.2 Definitions.** Add or amend the following definitions.

(Amd) **SOIL-GAS-RETARDER.** A continuous membrane of 6-mil (0.15 mm) polyethylene or other approved equivalent material used to retard the flow of soil gases into a dwelling.

**SECTION AF103 PASSIVE RADON-RESISTANT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

(Amd) **AF103.2 Entry routes.** Potential radon entry routes shall be closed in accordance with Sections AF103.2.1 to AF103.2.7, inclusive, of this code.

(Amd) **AF103.3.2 “T” fitting and vent pipe.** A 3- or 4-inch "T" fitting shall be inserted beneath the soil-gas-retarder and be connected to a vent pipe. The vent pipe shall extend through the conditioned space of the dwelling and terminate not less than 12 inches (305 mm) above the roof in a location not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) away from any window or other opening into the conditioned spaces of the building that is less than 2 feet (610 mm) below the exhaust point.
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Footnotes:
1. If Site Class F is present, the Short Period Spectral Response Acceleration ($S_{SP}$) shall be determined according to Section 1613.3 of the International Building Code, and the Seismic Design Category shall be determined in accordance with Table 301.2.2.1.1.
2. Areas south of Interstate 95 in this municipality are classified as a Wind-Borne Debris Region. See Section R202 for exceptions.