

1 STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE AMENDMENTS

2 2012 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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7 LONG TITLE

8 Committee Note:

9 The Business and Labor Interim Committee recommended this bill.

10 General Description:

11 This bill modifies the State Construction Code.

12 Highlighted Provisions:

13 This bill:

14 ▶ updates the edition of the National Electrical Code, adopted by reference, to the  
15 2011 edition;

15a **⚡→ ▶ modifies an adopted amendment to the National Electrical Code; ←⚡**

16 ▶ enacts a new exception to and deletes and replaces a provision of the International  
17 Building Code relating to concrete durability requirements;

18 ▶ enacts new provisions of the International Building Code related to standards  
19 applicable to concrete elements and minimum clear floor space; and

20 ▶ adopts local amendments to the International Plumbing Code.

21 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

22 None

23 Other Special Clauses:

24 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

25 Utah Code Sections Affected:

26 AMENDS:

27 15A-2-103, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 14



28 15A-3-108, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 14

29 15A-3-113, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 14

30 15A-3-601, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 14

31 ENACTS:

32 15A-4-304, Utah Code Annotated 1953

33 15A-4-305, Utah Code Annotated 1953

34 15A-4-306, Utah Code Annotated 1953

35 15A-4-307, Utah Code Annotated 1953



37 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

38 Section 1. Section 15A-2-103 is amended to read:

39 **15A-2-103. Specific editions adopted of construction code of a nationally**  
40 **recognized code authority.**

41 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this part, the following construction codes are  
42 incorporated by reference, and together with the amendments specified in [~~Chapters 3 and 4~~]  
43 Chapter 3, Statewide Amendments to International Plumbing Code, and Chapter 4, Local  
44 Amendments Incorporated as Part of State Construction Code, are the construction standards to  
45 be applied to building construction, alteration, remodeling, and repair, and in the regulation of  
46 building construction, alteration, remodeling, and repair in the state:

47 (a) the 2009 edition of the International Building Code, including Appendix J, issued  
48 by the International Code Council;

49 (b) the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code, issued by the International  
50 Code Council;

51 (c) the 2009 edition of the International Plumbing Code, issued by the International  
52 Code Council;

53 (d) the 2009 edition of the International Mechanical Code, issued by the International  
54 Code Council;

55 (e) the 2009 edition of the International Fuel Gas Code, issued by the International  
56 Code Council;

57 (f) the [~~2008~~] 2011 edition of the National Electrical Code, issued by the National Fire  
58 Protection Association;

59 (g) the 2009 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, issued by the  
 60 International Code Council;

61 (h) subject to Subsection 15A-2-104(2), the HUD Code;

62 (i) subject to Subsection 15A-2-104(1), Appendix E of the 2009 edition of the  
 63 International Residential Code, issued by the International Code Council; and

64 (j) subject to Subsection 15A-2-104(1), the 2005 edition of the NFPA 225 Model  
 65 Manufactured Home Installation Standard, issued by the National Fire Protection Association.

66 (2) Consistent with Title 65A, Chapter 8, Management of Forest Lands and Fire  
 67 Control, the Legislature adopts the 2006 edition of the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code,  
 68 issued by the International Code Council, with the alternatives or amendments approved by the  
 69 Utah Division of Forestry, as a construction code that may be adopted by a local compliance  
 70 agency by local ordinance or other similar action as a local amendment to the codes listed in  
 71 this section.

72 Section 2. Section **15A-3-108** is amended to read:

73 **15A-3-108. Amendments to Chapters 17 through 19 of IBC.**

74 (1) A new IBC, Section 1807.1.6.4, is added as follows: "1807.1.6.4 Empirical  
 75 concrete foundation design. Group R, Division 3 Occupancies three stories or less in height,  
 76 and Group U Occupancies, which are constructed in accordance with Section 2308, or with  
 77 other methods employing repetitive wood-frame construction or repetitive cold-formed steel  
 78 structural member construction, shall be permitted to have concrete foundations constructed in  
 79 accordance with Table 1807.1.6.4."

80 (2) A new IBC, Table 1807.1.6.4 is added as follows:

81 "TABLE 1807.1.6.4

82 EMPIRICAL FOUNDATION WALLS (1,7,8)

83 Max. Height	Top Edge Support	Min. Thickness	Vertical Steel (2)	Horizontal Steel (3)	Steel at Openings (4)	Max. Lintel Length	Min. Lintel Length
84 2'(610 mm)	None	6"	(5)	2- #4 Bars	2- #4 Bars above 1- #4 Bar each side 1- #4 Bar below	2'(610 mm)	2" for each foot of opening width; min. 6"

85	3'(914 mm)	None	6"	#4@32"	3- #4 Bars	2- #4 Bars above 1- #4 Bar each side 1- #4 Bar below	2'(610 mm)	2" for each foot of opening width; min. 6"
86	4'(1,219 mm)	None	6"	#4@32"	4- #4 Bars	2- #4 Bars above 1- #4 Bar each side 1- #4 Bar below	3'(914 mm)	2" for each foot of opening width; min. 6"
87	6'(1,829 mm)	Floor or roof Diaphragm (6)	8"	#4@24"	5- #4 Bars	2- #4 Bars above 1- #4 Bar each side 1- #4 Bar below	6'(1,829 mm)	2" for each foot of opening width; min. 6"
88	8'(2,438 mm)	Floor or roof Diaphragm (6)	8"	#4@24"	6- #4 Bars	2- #4 Bars above 1- #4 Bar each side 1- #4 Bar below	6'(1,829 mm)	2" for each foot of opening width; min. 6"
89	9'(2,743 mm)	Floor or roof Diaphragm (6)	8"	#4@16"	7- #4 Bars	2- #4 Bars above 1- #4 Bar each side 1- #4 Bar below	6'(1,829 mm)	2" for each foot of opening width; min. 6"
90	Over 9'(2,743 mm), Engineering required for each column							
91	Footnotes:							
92	(1) Based on 3,000 psi (20.6 Mpa) concrete and 60,000 psi (414 Mpa) reinforcing steel.							
93	(2) To be placed in the center of the wall, and extended from the footing to within three inches (76 mm) of the top of the wall; dowels of #4 bars to match vertical steel placement shall be provided in the footing, extending 24 inches (610 mm) into the foundation wall.							
94	(3) One bar shall be located in the top four inches (102 mm), one bar in the bottom four inches (102 mm) and the other bars equally spaced between. Such bar placement satisfies the requirements of Section 1805.9. Corner reinforcing shall be provided so as to lap 24 inches (610 mm).							
95	(4) Bars shall be placed within two inches (51 mm) of the openings and extend 24 inches (610 mm) beyond the edge of the opening; vertical bars may terminate three inches (76 mm) from the top of the concrete.							
96	(5) Dowels of #4 bar at 32 inches on center shall be provided in the footing, extending 18 inches (457 mm) into the foundation wall.							
97	(6) Diaphragm shall conform to the requirements of Section 2308.							

98 (7) Footing shall be a minimum of nine inches thick by 20 inches wide.

99 (8) Soil backfill shall be soil classification types GW, GP, SW, or SP, per Table 1610.1. Soil shall not be submerged or saturated in groundwater."

100 (3) In IBC, Section 1904.3, a new exception 1 is added as follows and the current  
 101 exception is modified to be number 2.

102 Exceptions:

103 "1. In ACI Table 4.3.1, for Exposure Class F1, change Maximum w/cm from 0.45 to  
 104 0.5 and Minimum f'c from 4,500 psi to 3,000 psi."

105 (4) IBC, Section 1904.4.1 is deleted and replaced with the following:

106 "1904.4.1 Air Entrainment. Concrete that extends above grade and is exposed to  
 107 freezing and thawing while moist shall be air entrained in accordance with ACI 318, Section  
 108 4.4.1."

109 Section 3. Section **15A-3-113** is amended to read:

110 **15A-3-113. Amendments to Chapters 32 through 35 of IBC.**

111 (1) A new section IBC, Section 3401.6, is added as follows: "3401.6 Parapet bracing,  
 112 wall anchors, and other appendages. Buildings constructed before 1975 shall have parapet  
 113 bracing, wall anchors, and appendages such as cornices, spires, towers, tanks, signs, statuary,  
 114 etc. evaluated by a licensed engineer when said building is undergoing reroofing, or alteration  
 115 of or repair to said feature. Such parapet bracing, wall anchors, and appendages shall be  
 116 evaluated in accordance with 75% of the seismic forces as specified in Section 1613. When  
 117 allowed by the local building official, alternate methods of equivalent strength as referenced in  
 118 an approved code under Utah Code, Subsection 15A-1-204(6)(a), will be considered when  
 119 accompanied by engineer-sealed drawings, details, and calculations. When found to be  
 120 deficient because of design or deteriorated condition, the engineer's recommendations to  
 121 anchor, brace, reinforce, or remove the deficient feature shall be implemented.

122 **EXCEPTIONS:**

- 123 1. Group R-3 and U occupancies.
- 124 2. Unreinforced masonry parapets need not be braced according to the above stated provisions  
 125 provided that the maximum height of an unreinforced masonry parapet above the level of the  
 126 diaphragm tension anchors or above the parapet braces shall not exceed one and one-half times  
 127 the thickness of the parapet wall. The parapet height may be a maximum of two and one-half

128 times its thickness in other than Seismic Design Categories D, E, or F."

129 (2) IBC, Section 3408.4, is deleted and replaced with the following: "3408.4 Change in  
130 Occupancy. When a change in occupancy results in a structure being reclassified to a higher  
131 Occupancy Category (as defined in Table 1604.5), or when such change of occupancy results in  
132 a design occupant load increase of 100% or more, the structure shall conform to the seismic  
133 requirements for a new structure.

134 Exceptions:

135 1. Specific seismic detailing requirements of this code or ASCE 7 for a new structure shall not  
136 be required to be met where it can be shown that the level of performance and seismic safety is  
137 equivalent to that of a new structure. Such analysis shall consider the regularity, overstrength,  
138 redundancy, and ductility of the structure within the context of the existing and retrofit (if any)  
139 detailing providing. Alternatively, the building official may allow the structure to be upgraded  
140 in accordance with referenced sections as found in an approved code under Utah Code,  
141 Subsection 15A-1-204(6)(a).

142 2. When a change of use results in a structure being reclassified from Occupancy Category I or  
143 II to Occupancy Category III and the structure is located in a seismic map area where SDS is  
144 less than 0.33, compliance with the seismic requirements of this code and ASCE 7 are not  
145 required.

146 3. Where design occupant load increase is less than 25 occupants and the Occupancy Category  
147 does not change."

148 (3) In IBC, Section 3411.1, the exception is deleted and replaced with the following:  
149 "Exception: Type B dwelling or sleeping units required by Section 1107 of this code are not  
150 required to be provided in existing buildings and facilities unless being altered or undergoing a  
151 change of occupancy classification."

152 (4) In IBC, Chapter 35, the referenced standard ACI 318-08 is modified to change  
153 Table 4.2.1 of ACI 318-08 as follows: In the portion of Table 4.2.1 designated as "Conditions",  
154 the Exposure categories and classes are deleted and replaced with the following:

155 "F0: Concrete elements not exposed to freezing and thawing cycles to include footing  
156 and foundation elements that are completely buried in soil.

157 F1: Concrete elements exposed to freezing and thawing cycles and are not likely to be  
158 saturated or exposed to deicing chemicals.

159 F2: Concrete elements exposed to freezing and thawing cycles and are likely to be  
 160 saturated, but not exposed to deicing chemicals.

161 F3: Concrete elements exposed to freezing and thawing cycles and are likely to be  
 162 saturated and exposed to deicing chemicals."

163 (5) In IBC, Chapter 35, the referenced standard ICC/ANSI A117.1-03, Section 606.2,  
 164 Exception 1 is modified to include the following sentence at the end of the exception:

165 "The minimum clear floor space shall be centered on the sink assembly."

166 [~~4~~] (6) The following referenced standard is added under NFPA in IBC, Chapter 35:

"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
720-09	Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection and Warning Equipment	907.9"

169 [~~5~~] (7) The following referenced standard is added under UL in IBC, Chapter 35:

"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
2034-2008	Standard of Single- and Multiple-station Carbon Monoxide Alarms	907.9"

172 [~~6~~] (8) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 10-07 is deleted and replaced  
 173 with the following:

"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
10-10	Portable Fire Extinguishers	906.2, 906.3.2, 906.3.4, Table 906.3(1), Table 906.3(2)"

176 [~~7~~] (9) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 11-05 is deleted and replaced  
 177 with the following:

"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
11-10	Low Expansion Foam	904.7"

180 [~~8~~] (10) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 12-05 is deleted and replaced  
 181 with the following:

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"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
183 12-08	Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems	904.8, 904.11"

184 [~~(9)~~] (11) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 12A-04 is deleted and  
 185 replaced with the following:

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"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
187 12A-09	Halon 1301 Fire Extinguishing Systems	904.9"

188 [~~(10)~~] (12) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 13-07 is deleted and  
 189 replaced with the following:

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"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
191 13-10	Installation of Sprinkler Systems	708.2, 903.3.1.1, 903.3.2, 903.3.5.1.1, 903.3.5.3, 904.11, 905.3.4, 907.6.3, 1613.3"

192 [~~(11)~~] (13) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 13D-07 is deleted and  
 193 replaced with the following:

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"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
195 13D-10	Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes	903.3.1.3, 903.3.5.1.1"

196 [~~(12)~~] (14) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 13R-07 is deleted and  
 197 replaced with the following:

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"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
199 13R-10	Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies Up to and Including Four Stories in Height	903.3.1.2, 903.3.5.1.1, 903.3.5.1.2, 903.4"

200 [~~(13)~~] (15) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 14-07 is deleted and  
 201 replaced with the following:



202	"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
203	14-10	Installation of Standpipe and Hose System	905.2, 905.3.4, 905.6.2, 905.8"

204 [~~(14)~~] (16) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 17-02 is deleted and  
 205 replaced with the following:

206	"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
207	17-09	Dry chemical Extinguishing Systems	904.5, 904.11"

208 [~~(15)~~] (17) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 17A-02 is deleted and  
 209 replaced with the following:

210	"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
211	17A-09	Wet Chemical Extinguishing System	904.5, 904.11"

212 [~~(16)~~] (18) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 20-07 is deleted and  
 213 replaced with the following:

214	"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
215	20-10	Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection	913.1, 913.2.1, 913.5"

216 [~~(17)~~] (19) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 72-07 is deleted and  
 217 replaced with the following:

218	"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
219	72-10	National Fire Alarm Code	901.6, 903.4.1, 904.3.5, 907.2, 907.2.5, 907.2.11, 907.2.13.2, 907.3, 907.3.3, 907.3.4, 907.5.2.1.2, 907.5.3.3, 907.6, 907.6.1, 907.6.5, 907.7, 907.7.1, 907.7.2, 911.1.5, 3006.5, 3007.6"

220 [~~(18)~~] (20) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 92B-05 is deleted and  
 221 replaced with the following:

222	"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
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223	92B-09	Smoke Management Systems in Malls, Atria and Large Spaces	909.8"
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224 [~~(19)~~] (21) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 101-06 is deleted and  
 225 replaced with the following:

226	"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
227	101-09	Line Safety Code	1028.6.2"

228 [~~(20)~~] (22) In IBC, Chapter 35, NFPA referenced standard 110-05 is deleted and  
 229 replaced with the following:

230	"Number	Title	Referenced in code section number
231	110-10	Emergency and Standby Power Systems	2702.1"

232 Section 4. Section **15A-3-601** is amended to read:

233 **15A-3-601. General provision.**

234 The following are adopted as amendments to the NEC to be applicable statewide:

235 (1) ~~H→ [During the period of time when the adopted IRC has not yet incorporated the latest~~  
 236 ~~residential electrical provisions contained in the adopted NEC, the] The ←H~~ IRC provisions  
 236a ~~H→ [shall prevail~~  
 237 ~~as the] are ←H~~ adopted ~~H→ as the ←H~~ residential electrical standards applicable to installations  
 237a applicable under the  
 238 IRC. All other installations shall comply with the adopted NEC.

239 (2) In NEC, Section 310.15(B)~~[(6)](7)~~, the second sentence is deleted and replaced  
 240 with the following: "For application of this section, the main power feeder shall be the  
 241 feeder(s) between the main disconnect and the panelboard(s)."

242 [~~(3) In NEC, Section 338.10(B)(4)(a), the following words are added at the end of the~~  
 243 ~~first sentence after Section 334: "excluding Section 334.80."]~~

244 Section 5. Section **15A-4-304** is enacted to read:

245 **15A-4-304. Amendments to IPC applicable to Grand County.**

246 The following amendment is adopted as an amendment to the IPC for Grand County:

247 IPC, Appendix C, as specified and amended in Subsection 15A-3-314(3).

248 Section 6. Section **15A-4-305** is enacted to read:

249 **15A-4-305. Amendments to IPC applicable to City of Moab.**

250           The following amendment is adopted as an amendment to the IPC for City of Moab:  
251           IPC, Appendix C, as specified and amended in Subsection 15A-3-314(3).

252           Section 7. Section **15A-4-306** is enacted to read:

253           **15A-4-306. Amendments to IPC applicable to Murray City.**

254           The following amendment is adopted as an amendment to the IPC for Murray City:  
255           IPC, Appendix C, as specified and amended in Subsection 15A-3-314(3).

256           Section 8. Section **15A-4-307** is enacted to read:

257           **15A-4-307. Amendments to IPC applicable to Salt Lake County.**

258           The following amendment is adopted as an amendment to the IPC for Salt Lake  
259           County, IPC, Appendix C, as specified and amended in Subsection 15A-3-314(3).

260           Section 9. **Effective date.**

261           This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

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