Representative Jeremy A. Peterson proposes the following substitute bill:

LOCAL LAND USE AMENDMENTS
2015 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Jeremy A. Peterson
Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble
LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill amends land use provisions in the municipal, county, and state construction
code.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
 defines "rental dwelling";
 prohibits, with certain exceptions, a municipality or county from requiring physical
changes to a legal nonconforming rental dwelling use;
 prohibits a municipality or county from requiring physical changes to install an
egress or emergency escape window in certain circumstances; and
 amends bedroom window egress provisions in the State Construction Code.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
10-9a-511, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 289

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26	15A-3-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 297
27	ENACTS:
28	10-9a-511.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953
29	17-27a-510.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953
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31	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
32	Section 1. Section 10-9a-511 is amended to read:
33	10-9a-511. Nonconforming uses and noncomplying structures.
34	(1) (a) Except as provided in this section, a nonconforming use or noncomplying
35	structure may be continued by the present or a future property owner.
36	(b) A nonconforming use may be extended through the same building, provided no
37	structural alteration of the building is proposed or made for the purpose of the extension.
38	(c) For purposes of this Subsection (1), the addition of a solar energy device to a
39	building is not a structural alteration.
40	(2) The legislative body may provide for:
41	(a) the establishment, restoration, reconstruction, extension, alteration, expansion, or
42	substitution of nonconforming uses upon the terms and conditions set forth in the land use
43	ordinance;
44	(b) the termination of all nonconforming uses, except billboards, by providing a
45	formula establishing a reasonable time period during which the owner can recover or amortize
46	the amount of his investment in the nonconforming use, if any; and
47	(c) the termination of a nonconforming use due to its abandonment.
48	(3) (a) A municipality may not prohibit the reconstruction or restoration of a
49	noncomplying structure or terminate the nonconforming use of a structure that is involuntarily
50	destroyed in whole or in part due to fire or other calamity unless the structure or use has been
51	abandoned.
52	(b) A municipality may prohibit the reconstruction or restoration of a noncomplying
53	structure or terminate the nonconforming use of a structure if:
54	(i) the structure is allowed to deteriorate to a condition that the structure is rendered
55	uninhabitable and is not repaired or restored within six months after written notice to the
56	property owner that the structure is uninhabitable and that the noncomplying structure or

57	nonconforming use will be lost if the structure is not repaired or restored within six months; or
58	(ii) the property owner has voluntarily demolished a majority of the noncomplying
59	structure or the building that houses the nonconforming use.
60	(c) (i) Notwithstanding a prohibition in its zoning ordinance, a municipality may
61	permit a billboard owner to relocate the billboard within the municipality's boundaries to a
62	location that is mutually acceptable to the municipality and the billboard owner.
63	(ii) If the municipality and billboard owner cannot agree to a mutually acceptable
64	location within 90 days after the owner submits a written request to relocate the billboard, the
65	provisions of Subsection 10-9a-513(2)(a)(iv) apply.
66	(4) (a) Unless the municipality establishes, by ordinance, a uniform presumption of
67	legal existence for nonconforming uses, the property owner shall have the burden of
68	establishing the legal existence of a noncomplying structure or nonconforming use.
69	(b) Any party claiming that a nonconforming use has been abandoned shall have the
70	burden of establishing the abandonment.
71	(c) Abandonment may be presumed to have occurred if:
72	(i) a majority of the primary structure associated with the nonconforming use has been
73	voluntarily demolished without prior written agreement with the municipality regarding an
74	extension of the nonconforming use;
75	(ii) the use has been discontinued for a minimum of one year; or
76	(iii) the primary structure associated with the nonconforming use remains vacant for a
77	period of one year.
78	(d) The property owner may rebut the presumption of abandonment under Subsection
79	(4)(c), and shall have the burden of establishing that any claimed abandonment under
80	Subsection (4)(b) has not in fact occurred.
81	(5) A municipality may terminate the nonconforming status of a school district or
82	charter school use or structure when the property associated with the school district or charter
83	school use or structure ceases to be used for school district or charter school purposes for a
84	period established by ordinance.
85	[(6) A municipal ordinance adopted under Section 10-1-203.5 may not:]
86	[(a) require physical changes in a structure with a legal nonconforming rental housing
87	use unless the change is for:]

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88	[(i) the reasonable installation of:]
89	[(A) a smoke detector that is plugged in or battery operated;]
90	[(B) a ground fault circuit interrupter protected outlet on existing wiring;]
91	[(C) street addressing;]
92	[(D) except as provided in Subsection (7), an egress bedroom window if the existing
93	bedroom window is smaller than that required by current state building code;]
94	[(E) an electrical system or a plumbing system, if the existing system is not functioning
95	or is unsafe as determined by an independent electrical or plumbing professional who is
96	licensed in accordance with Title 58, Occupations and Professions;]
97	[(F) hand or guard rails; or]
98	[(G) occupancy separation doors as required by the International Residential Code; or]
99	[(ii) the abatement of a structure; or]
100	[(b) be enforced to terminate a legal nonconforming rental housing use.]
101	[(7) A municipality may not require a change described in Subsection (6)(a)(i)(D) if the
102	ehange:]
103	[(a) would compromise the structural integrity of a building; or]
104	[(b) could not be completed in accordance with current building codes, including
105	set-back and window well requirements.]
106	[(8) A legal nonconforming rental housing use may not be terminated under Section
107	10-1-203.5.]
108	Section 2. Section 10-9a-511.5 is enacted to read:
109	<u>10-9a-511.5.</u> Changes to dwellings Egress windows.
110	(1) For purposes of this section, "rental dwelling" means the same as that term is
111	defined in Section 10-8-85.5.
112	(2) A municipal ordinance adopted under Section <u>10-1-203.5</u> may not:
113	(a) require physical changes in a structure with a legal nonconforming rental dwelling
114	use unless the change is for:
115	(i) the reasonable installation of:
116	(A) a smoke detector that is plugged in or battery operated;
117	(B) a ground fault circuit interrupter protected outlet on existing wiring;
118	(C) street addressing;

119	(D) except as provided in Subsection (3), an egress bedroom window if the existing
120	bedroom window is smaller than that required by current State Construction Code;
121	(E) an electrical system or a plumbing system, if the existing system is not functioning
122	or is unsafe as determined by an independent electrical or plumbing professional who is
123	licensed in accordance with Title 58, Occupations and Professions;
124	(F) hand or guard rails; or
125	(G) occupancy separation doors as required by the International Residential Code; or
126	(ii) the abatement of a structure; or
127	(b) be enforced to terminate a legal nonconforming rental dwelling use.
128	(3) A municipality may not require physical changes to install an egress or emergency
129	escape window in an existing bedroom that complied with the State Construction Code in
130	effect at the time the bedroom was finished if:
131	(a) the dwelling is an owner-occupied dwelling or a rental dwelling that is:
132	(i) a detached one-, two-, three-, or four-family dwelling; or
133	(ii) a town home that is not more than three stories above grade with a separate means
134	of egress; and
135	(b) (i) the window in the existing bedroom is smaller than that required by current State
136	Construction Code; and
137	(ii) the change would compromise the structural integrity of the structure or could not
138	be completed in accordance with current State Construction Code, including set-back and
139	window well requirements.
140	(4) Nothing in this section prohibits a municipality from:
141	(a) regulating the style of window that is required or allowed in a bedroom;
142	(b) requiring that a window in an existing bedroom be fully openable if the openable
143	area is less than required by current State Construction Code; or
144	(c) requiring that an existing window not be reduced in size if the openable area is
145	smaller than required by current State Construction Code.
146	Section 3. Section 15A-3-202 is amended to read:
147	15A-3-202. Amendments to Chapters 1 through 5 of IRC.
148	(1) In IRC, Section R102, a new Section R102.7.2 is added as follows: "R102.7.2
149	Physical change for bedroom window egress [in legal nonconforming rental housing use]. A

150 structure [classified as a legal nonconforming rental housing use,] whose egress [bedroom]

- 151 window in an existing bedroom is smaller than required by this code, and that complied with
- 152 the construction code in effect at the time that the bedroom was finished, is not required to

153 undergo a physical change to conform to this code if the change would compromise the

- structural integrity of the [building] structure or could not be completed in accordance with
- 155 other applicable requirements of this code, including setback and window well requirements."
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(2) In IRC, Section 109:

(a) A new IRC, Section 109.1.5, is added as follows: "R109.1.5 Weather-resistant
exterior wall envelope inspections. An inspection shall be made of the weather-resistant
exterior wall envelope as required by Section R703.1 and flashings as required by Section
R703.8 to prevent water from entering the weather-resistive barrier."

(b) The remaining sections are renumbered as follows: R109.1.6 Other inspections;
R109.1.6.1 Fire- and smoke-resistance-rated construction inspection; R109.1.6.2 Reinforced
masonry, insulating concrete form (ICF) and conventionally formed concrete wall inspection;
and R109.1.7 Final inspection.

(3) IRC, Section R114.1, is deleted and replaced with the following: "R114.1 Notice to
owner. Upon notice from the building official that work on any building or structure is being
prosecuted contrary to the provisions of this code or other pertinent laws or ordinances or in an
unsafe and dangerous manner, such work shall be immediately stopped. The stop work order
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; and shall state the conditions under which work will be
permitted to resume."

(4) In IRC, Section R202, the following definition is added: "CERTIFIED
BACKFLOW PREVENTER ASSEMBLY TESTER: A person who has shown competence to
test Backflow prevention assemblies to the satisfaction of the authority having jurisdiction
under Utah Code, Subsection 19-4-104(4)."

(5) In IRC, Section R202, the definition for "CONDITIONED SPACE" is modified by
deleting the words at the end of the sentence "being heated or cooled by any equipment or
appliance" and replacing them with the following: "enclosed within the building thermal
envelope that is directly heated or cooled, or indirectly heated or cooled by any of the following
means:

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181 1. Openings directly into an adjacent conditioned space. 182 2. An un-insulated floor, ceiling or wall adjacent to a conditioned space. 183 3. Un-insulated duct, piping or other heat or cooling source within the space." 184 (6) In IRC, Section R202, the definition of "Cross Connection" is deleted and replaced 185 with the following: "CROSS CONNECTION. Any physical connection or potential 186 connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate piping systems, one of which 187 contains potable water and the other either water of unknown or questionable safety or steam, 188 gas, or chemical, whereby there exists the possibility for flow from one system to the other,

- 189 with the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems (see
- 190 "Backflow, Water Distribution")."

(7) In IRC, Section 202, in the definition for gray water a comma is inserted after the
word "washers"; the word "and" is deleted; and the following is added to the end: "and clear
water wastes which have a pH of 6.0 to 9.0; are non-flammable; non-combustible; without
objectionable odors; non-highly pigmented; and will not interfere with the operation of the
sewer treatment facility."

(8) In IRC, Section R202, the definition of "Potable Water" is deleted and replaced
with the following: "POTABLE WATER. Water free from impurities present in amounts
sufficient to cause disease or harmful physiological effects and conforming to the Utah Code,
Title 19, Chapters 4, Safe Drinking Water Act, and 5, Water Quality Act, and the regulations of
the public health authority having jurisdiction."

201 (9) IRC, Figure R301.2(5), is deleted and replaced with Table R301.2(5a) and Table
202 R301.2(5b) as follows:

203	"TABLE NO. R301.2(5a)				
204	STATE OF UTAH - REGIONAL SNOW LOAD FACTORS				
205		COUNTY	Po	S	A _o
206		Beaver	43	63	6.2
207		Box Elder	43	63	5.2
208		Cache	50	63	4.5
209		Carbon	43	63	5.2
210		Daggett	43	63	6.5

214	Garfield	43	63	6.0
215	Grand	36	63	6.5
216	Iron	43	63	5.8
217	Juab	43	63	5.2
218	Kane	36	63	5.7
219	Millard	43	63	5.3
220	Morgan	57	63	4.5
221	Piute	43	63	6.2
222	Rich	57	63	4.1
223	Salt Lake	43	63	4.5
224	San Juan	43	63	6.5
225	Sanpete	43	63	5.2
226	Sevier	43	63	6.0
227	Summit	86	63	5.0
228	Tooele	43	63	4.5
229	Uintah	43	63	7.0
230	Utah	43	63	4.5
231	Wasatch	86	63	5.0
232	Washington	29	63	6.0
233	Wayne	36	63	6.5
234	Weber	43	63	4.5
235		TABLE	NO. R301.2(5b)	
236	REQUIRED SNOW LOADS FOR SELECTED UTAH CITIES AND TOWNS ^{1,2}			
237	The following jurisdictions require design snow load values that differ from the Equation in			
	the Utah Snow Load Stu			-

238	County	City	Elevation	Ground Snow	Roof Snow		
				Load (psf)	Load (psf) ⁶		
239	Carbon	Price ³	5550	43	30		
		All other county locations ⁵					
240	Davis	Fruit Heights ³	4500 - 4850	57	40		
241	Emery	Green River ³	4070	36	25		
242	Garfield	Panguitch ³	6600	43	30		
243	Rich	Woodruff ³	6315	57	40		
		Laketown ⁴	6000	57	40		
		Garden City ⁵					
		Randolph ⁴	6300	57	40		
244	San Juan	Monticello ³	6820	50	35		
245	Summit	Coalville ³	5600	86	60		
		Kamas ⁴	6500	114	80		
246	Tooele	Tooele ³	5100	43	30		
247	Utah	Orem ³	4650	43	30		
		Pleasant Grove ⁴	5000	43	30		
		Provo ⁵					
248	Wasatch	Heber ⁵					
249	Washington	Leeds ³	3460	29	20		
		Santa Clara ³	2850	21	15		
		St. George ³	2750	21	15		
		All other county locations ⁵					
250	Wayne	Loa ³	7080	43	30		
251	¹ The IRC requires a minimum live load See R301.6.						
252	² This table is	informational only in that actu	al site elevations	may vary. Table	is only valid		
	if site elevation is within 100 feet of the listed elevation. Otherwise, contact the local						
	Building Official.						
253	³ Values adopted from Table VII of the Utah Snow Load Study						

254	⁴ Values based on site-specific study. Contact local Building Official for additional information.			
255	⁵ Contact local Building Official.			
256	⁶ Based on $C_e = 1.0$, $C_t = 1.0$ and $I_s = 1.0$ "			
257	(10) IRC, Section R301.6, is deleted and replaced with the following: "R301.6 Utah			
258	Snow Loads. The snow loads specified in Table R301.2(5b) shall be used for the jurisdictions			
259	identified in that table. Otherwise, the ground snow load, P _g , to be used in the determination of			
260	design snow loads for buildings and other structures shall be determined by using the following			
261	formula: $P_g = (P_o^2 + S^2(A-A_o)^2)^{0.5}$ for A greater than A_o , and $P_g = P_o$ for A less than or equal to			
262	A _o .			
263	WHERE:			
264	P_g = Ground snow load at a given elevation (psf);			
265	$P_o =$ Base ground snow load (psf) from Table No. R301.2(5a);			
266	S = Change in ground snow load with elevation (psf/100 ft.) From Table No. R301.2(5a);			
267	A = Elevation above sea level at the site $(ft./1,000)$;			
268	A_0 = Base ground snow elevation from Table R301.2(5a) (ft./1,000).			
269	The building official may round the roof snow load to the nearest 5 psf. The ground snow			
270	load, Pg, may be adjusted by the building official when a licensed engineer or architect submits			
271	data substantiating the adjustments.			
272	Where the minimum roof live load in accordance with Table R301.6 is greater than the design			
273	roof snow load, such roof live load shall be used for design, however, it shall not be reduced to			
274	a load lower than the design roof snow load. Drifting need not be considered for roof snow			
275	loads less than 20 psf."			
276	(11) In IRC, Section R302.2, the words "Exception: A" are deleted and replaced with			
277	the following:			
278	"Exceptions:			
279	1. A common 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall is permitted for townhouses if such walls do			
280	not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common			
281	wall. Electrical installation shall be installed in accordance with Chapters 34 through 43.			
282	Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.			
283	2. In buildings equipped with an automatic residential fire sprinkler system, a".			

- (12) In IRC, Section R302.2.4, a new exception 6 is added as follows: "6. Townhouses
 separated by a common 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall as provided in Section R302.2."
- (13) In IRC, Section R302.5.1, the words "self-closing device" are deleted and replaced
 with "self-latching hardware".
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(14) In IRC, Section R303.4, the number "5" is changed to "3" in the first sentence.

(15) IRC, Sections R311.7.4 through R311.7.4.3, are deleted and replaced with the
following: "R311.7.4 Stair treads and risers. R311.7.4.1 Riser height. The maximum riser
height shall be 8 inches (203 mm). The riser shall be measured vertically between leading
edges of the adjacent treads. The greatest riser height within any flight of stairs shall not
exceed the smallest by more than 3/8 inch (9.5 mm).

R311.7.4.2 Tread depth. The minimum tread depth shall be 9 inches (228 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 3/8 inch (9.5 mm). Winder

treads shall have a minimum tread depth of 10 inches (254 mm) measured as above at a point

299 12 inches (305 mm) from the side where the treads are narrower. Winder treads shall have a

300 minimum tread depth of 6 inches (152 mm) at any point. Within any flight of stairs, the

301 greatest winder tread depth at the 12-inch (305 mm) walk line shall not exceed the smallest by
302 more than 3/8 inch (9.5 mm).

R311.7.4.3 Profile. The radius of curvature at the leading edge of the tread shall be no greater than 9/16 inch (14.3 mm). A nosing not less than 3/4 inch (19 mm) but not more than 1 1/4

305 inches (32 mm) shall be provided on stairways with solid risers. The greatest nosing projection

306 shall not exceed the smallest nosing projection by more than 3/8 inch (9.5 mm) between two

307 stories, including the nosing at the level of floors and landings. Beveling of nosing shall not

308 exceed 1/2 inch (12.7 mm). Risers shall be vertical or sloped from the underside of the leading

309 edge of the tread above at an angle not more than 30 degrees (0.51 rad) from the vertical. Open

310 risers are permitted, provided that the opening between treads does not permit the passage of a

311 4-inch diameter (102 mm) sphere.

312 Exceptions.

313 1. A nosing is not required where the tread depth is a minimum of 10 inches (254 mm).

314 2. The opening between adjacent treads is not limited on stairs with a total rise of 30 inches

315 (762 mm) or less."

316 (16) In IRC, Section R312.1.2, the words "adjacent fixed seating" are deleted.

317 (17) IRC, Section R312.2, is deleted.

(18) IRC, Sections R313.1 through R313.2.1, are deleted and replaced with the
following: "R313.1 Design and installation. When installed, automatic residential fire
sprinkler systems for townhouses or one- and two-family dwellings shall be designed and
installed in accordance with Section P2904."

(19) A new IRC, Section R315.5, is added as follows: "R315.5 Power source. Carbon
monoxide alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring when such wiring
is served from a commercial source, and when primary power is interrupted, shall receive
power from a battery. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other

than those required for over-current protection.

327 Exceptions:

328 1. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be permitted to be battery operated when installed in329 buildings without commercial power.

330 2. Hard wiring of carbon monoxide 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, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available which could provide

333 access for hard wiring, without the removal of interior finishes."

334 (20) A new IRC, Section R315.6, is added as follows: "R315.6 Interconnection.

335 Where more than one carbon monoxide alarm is required to be installed within an individual

dwelling unit in accordance with Section R315.1, the alarm devices shall be interconnected in

337 such a manner that the actuation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual

338 unit. Physical interconnection of smoke alarms shall not be required where listed wireless

alarms are installed and all alarms sound upon activation of one alarm.

340 Exception: Interconnection of carbon monoxide alarms in existing areas shall not be required

341 where alterations or repairs do not result in removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing

342 the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available which could provide

343 access for interconnection without the removal of interior finishes."

344 (21) In IRC, Section R403.1.6, a new Exception 4 is added as follows: "4. When
345 anchor bolt spacing does not exceed 32 inches (813 mm) apart, anchor bolts may be placed

346	with a minimum of two bolts per plate section located not less than 4 inches (102 mm) from
347	each end of each plate section at interior bearing walls, interior braced wall lines, and at all
348	exterior walls."
349	(22) In IRC, Section R403.1.6.1, a new exception is added at the end of Item 2 and
350	Item 3 as follows: "Exception: When anchor bolt spacing does not exceed 32 inches (816 mm)
351	apart, anchor bolts may be placed with a minimum of two bolts per plate section located not
352	less than 4 inches (102 mm) from each end of each plate section at interior bearing walls,
353	interior braced wall lines, and at all exterior walls."
354	(23) In IRC, Section R404.1, a new exception is added as follows: "Exception: As an
355	alternative to complying with Sections R404.1 through R404.1.5.3, concrete and masonry
356	foundation walls may be designed in accordance with IBC Sections 1807.1.5 and 1807.1.6 as
357	amended in Section 1807.1.6.4 and Table 1807.1.6.4 under these rules."
358	(24) IRC, Section R501.3, is deleted.
359	Section 4. Section 17-27a-510.5 is enacted to read:
360	<u>17-27a-510.5.</u> Changes to dwellings Egress windows.
361	(1) For purposes of this section, "rental dwelling" means the same as that term is
362	defined in Section 10-8-85.5.
363	(2) A county ordinance adopted under Section <u>10-1-203.5</u> may not:
364	(a) require physical changes in a structure with a legal nonconforming rental dwelling
365	use unless the change is for:
366	(i) the reasonable installation of:
367	(A) a smoke detector that is plugged in or battery operated;
368	(B) a ground fault circuit interrupter protected outlet on existing wiring;
369	(C) street addressing;
370	(D) except as provided in Subsection (3), an egress bedroom window if the existing
371	bedroom window is smaller than that required by current State Construction Code;
372	(E) an electrical system or a plumbing system, if the existing system is not functioning
373	or is unsafe as determined by an independent electrical or plumbing professional who is
374	licensed in accordance with Title 58, Occupations and Professions;
375	(F) hand or guard rails; or
376	(G) occupancy separation doors as required by the International Residential Code; or

377	(ii) the abatement of a structure; or
378	(b) be enforced to terminate a legal nonconforming rental dwelling use.
379	(3) A county may not require physical changes to install an egress or emergency escape
380	window in an existing bedroom that complied with the State Construction Code in effect at the
381	time the bedroom was finished if:
382	(a) the dwelling is an owner-occupied dwelling or a rental dwelling that is:
383	(i) a detached one-, two-, three-, or four-family dwelling; or
384	(ii) a town home that is not more than three stories above grade with a separate means
385	of egress; and
386	(b) (i) the window in the existing bedroom is smaller than that required by current State
387	Construction Code; and
388	(ii) the change would compromise the structural integrity of the structure or could not
389	be completed in accordance with current State Construction Code, including set-back and
390	window well requirements.
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394	area is less than required by current State Construction Code; or
395	(c) requiring that an existing window not be reduced in size if the openable area is
396	smaller than required by current State Construction Code.