

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

BUILDING CODE COMMISSION

Title of Rule: RISBC-3 Rhode Island Plumbing Code

Rule Identifier: 510-RICR-00-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 02/08/2019

Hearing Date: 02/26/2019

End of Public Comment: 03/10/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § Chapter 23-27.3

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

RISBC-3 State Plumbing Code sets forth the requirements for plumbing in Rhode Island. Rhode Island Building Codes are amendments of the International Building Codes which we use as our model. The Building Standards Committee modifies parts of the Codes to adhere to our State and the elements of our State. The State Building Code Standards Committee has reviewed this regulation and proposes the following non-technical amendments as described below:

- All references to International Plumbing Code ("IPC") 2012, have been changed to the 2015 edition. Some IPC section numbers have been amended to conform to IPC 2015.
- Throughout the regulation: updated internal cross-references with new RICR citations and references to the 2019 version for all Parts in Title 510 being amended this year.
- § 3.2(A)(4) and (5) and (B) because this information is not regulatory content and could change. The dates of distribution of updated codes cannot be known in the drafting process so this information will be provided on the State Building Code Standards Committee's website. The date of adoption by the Legislative Regulation Committee will be recorded in the Concise Explanatory Statement.
- Chapter 6: Water Supply and Distribution, Section 602.3.4. Added exception of construction or repair, the individual water supply system shall be purged of deleterious matter and disinfected in accordance with 610.

- Chapter 6: Water Supply and Distribution, deleted Sections 703.6 and 705.11.2. The RI amendment is deleted as the model code inclusion makes the amendment no longer necessary. No Code Changes or additional requirements result.
- Chapter 9: Traps, Deleted section 1002.4.1 through 1002.4.4. The RI amendment is deleted as the model code inclusion makes the amendment no longer necessary. No Code Changes or additional requirements result.
- Chapter 9 Traps, section 1002.6. Added exception for Building (house traps) shall be prohibited, except where local conditions necessitate such traps. Building traps shall be provided with a clean out and a relief vent or fresh air intake on the inlet side of the trap. The size of the relief vent or fresh air intake shall not be less than one-half the diameter of the drain to which the relief vent or air intake connects. Such relief vent or fresh air intake shall be carried above grade and shall be terminated in a screened outlet located outside the building.
- Chapter 9 Traps, deleted sections 1003.3.6 and 1003.3.7. The RI amendment is deleted as the model code inclusion makes the amendment no longer necessary. No Code Changes or additional requirements result.
- Chapter 10: Storm Drainage, IPC Figure 1106.1. The RI amendment is deleted as the model code inclusion makes the amendment no longer necessary. No Code Changes or additional requirements result.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until March 10, 2019 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on February 26, 2019 at 10:00 am at Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Conference Room A, 1st Floor, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02886 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-889-5487 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

Building codes have a significant impact on the state. The following economic analysis will explain the process of regulatory development and the potential impacts that these regulations will have on Rhode Islanders. The construction standards in the state building codes impacts include:

- Safety, health, livability, and environmental impacts related to increased protective requirements;
- Building quality and resiliency impacts related to higher-quality construction and energy savings requirements;
- Construction cost impacts related to the cost of construction and compliance with the state building code requirements; and,
- Procedural and administrative impacts related to the management and application of the code requirements.

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information. The complete regulatory analysis can be found here: <http://www.ribcc.ri.gov/>

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.