

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

BUILDING CODE COMMISSION

Title of Rule: RISBC-19 State Fuel Gas Code

Rule Identifier: 510-RICR-00-00-19

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-19 State Fuel Gas Code sets for the minimum standards for all building systems that use fuel gas in the State. 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.

- All references to International Fuel Gas ("IFGC") 2012, have been changed to the 2015 edition. Some IFGC section numbers have been amended to conform to IFGC 2015.
- Throughout the regulation: updated internal cross-references with new RICR citations and references to the 2019 version.
- § 19.2(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 3, 305.10 Repair garages, adding language from 2013, 305.10. Board felt this was better code clarification and had 2 necessary exceptions.
- Chapter 3, 307.6 Condensate Pumps. Delete RI amendment to IFGC. Provisions are in place to prevent system operation in event of a failure in section 307

- Chapter 3, 310.1.1.1 Point of connection. Delete RI amendment and keep new ICC language, which is in-line with prior RI amendment.
- Chapter 3, 310.1.1.2 Size and material of jumper. Deleted RI amendment and keep new ICC language, which is in-line with prior RI amendment.
- Chapter 3, 310.1.1.3 Bonding jumper length. Delete RI amendment and keep new ICC language, which is in-line with prior RI amendment.
- Chapter 3, 310.1.1.4 Bonding connections. Delete RI amendment and keep new ICC language, which is in-line with prior RI amendment.
- Chapter 3, 310.1.1.5 Connection devices. Delete RI amendment and keep new ICC language, which is in-line with prior RI amendment.

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), First Floor, Conference Room A, 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.