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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: 04/09/2021
End of Public Comment: 05/10/2021

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") 2015, have been changed to the 2018 edition. Some IPC section numbers have been amended to conform to IPC 2018.

· Throughout the regulation: updated internal cross-references with new RICR citations and references to the 2021 version for all Parts in Title 510 being amended this year.

· § 3.3 Administration: Advises that the RI Swimming Pool and Spa Code, SBC 14 (Part 14 of this Subchapter) shall apply whenever the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code is referenced

· §3.6 Sanitary Drainage – Deletes IPC §§ 701.2 and 705.10.2

Additional Information and Comments:
All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until May 10, 2021 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

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.