

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

BUILDING CODE COMMISSION

Title of Rule: RISBC-1 Rhode Island Building Code

Rule Identifier: 510-RICR-00-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 06/29/2021

End of Public Comment: 07/29/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § Chapter 23-27.3

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

RISBC-1 State Building Code sets forth the requirements for building structures in Rhode Island. Rhode Island Building Codes are amendments to the International Building Codes which we use as our model. The State Building Code Standards Committee has reviewed this regulation and proposes the following non-technical amendments as described below:

- Numerous punctuation and grammatical changes have been made throughout that do not result in substantive changes to the regulation.
- All references to International Building Code (IBC) 2015, have been changed to the 2018 edition. Some IBC section numbers have been amended to conform to IBC 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.
- Chapter 1: Administration, § 101.4.8 Swimming Pool and Spa Code. Adds to the administration chapter the requirement that SBC 14, (Part 14 of this Subchapter) shall apply whenever the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code is referenced.
- Chapter 10: Means of Egress. Deleted IBC § 1010.1.4.4 and substituted language pertaining to egress doors in Group E and B occupancies which requires the installation of intruder locks.
- Chapter 16, Section 1608.1, Replaced Table 1608.1 with new Table 1608.1 referencing the pertinent changes made in the 2018 IBC.

- Chapter 18, Soils and Foundations, Deletes IBC § 1801.3 and substitutes § 1809.5. This change aligns with the 2018 IBC but contains no substantive changes to the regulation.
- Chapter 34 – Existing Structures
 - o 3412.6.8.1 Categories: Deleted Category f
 - o 3412.6.12 Categories: Deleted Category d
 - o Table 3412.6.19: Deleted reference to Section 508.2.5 and deleted categories listed in 1401.6.21.3.1

This Part is connected to the following Parts

510-RICR-00-00-2

510-RICR-00-00-8

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until July 29, 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.