



CITY OF BOULDER

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: January 21, 2020

AGENDA TITLE: Second reading and consideration of a motion to adopt Ordinance 8366 amending Title 10, “Structures,” B.R.C. 1981 by adopting and modifying international codes regarding property maintenance, rental licenses, building, electrical, energy conservation, commercial and industrial energy efficiency, fire, wildland, mechanical, fuel gas, and plumbing; adopting the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code; and setting forth related details.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is for City Council to consider Ordinance 8366 (**Attachment A**) updating Boulder’s construction codes. The proposed ordinance would amend Title 10, “Structures” by adopting the 2018 Building Codes with local amendments and the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code. Boulder’s construction codes were last updated in 2014. The proposed code updates address a wide range of public health and safety issues related to the built environment. The proposed adoption date for the new codes is April 1, 2020. The codes proposed for adoption include the 2018 International Building

Codes with local amendments mostly consistent with current amendments to the 2012 codes. The amendments are compiled in the proposed ordinance and included in **Attachment A** to the memo. Significant recommended changes include:

- Adoption of the 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
- 2018 IEBC CHAPTER 6 - CLASSIFICATION OF WORK: Used to identify project scopes and as thresholds for energy code requirements/compliance
- 2018 IBC 2902 and IPC 403: The option of all gender toilet facilities
- 2018 IRC 313 Sprinkler requirements for newly constructed one-and two-family dwellings
- 2018 IRC Appendix Q TINY HOUSES
- 2018 IRC Appendix R LIGHT STRAW-CLAY CONSTRUCTION
- 2018 IRC Appendix S STRAWBALE CONSTRUCTION
- 2018 IFC (46) Section 1103.5: Sprinkler systems for changes of occupancy
- 2018 WUIC 503.2: Composite decking in the wildland urban interface
- Introduction of a deconstruction waste deposit to improve compliance with waste diversion requirements
- Introduction of construction and deconstruction waste requirements for commercial projects.

Additionally, the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code (2020 COBECC) is also proposed for adoption. The 2020 COBECC is a localized version of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code that will be 20% more efficient than the national code. The 2020 COBECC is included as **Attachment B**. The city has committed to updating the COBECC on a three-year cycle with the goal of attaining net zero energy (NZE), outcome-verified codes by 2031 to meet broader city-wide climate commitment goals. Proposed updates to the COBECC include:

- Net-zero energy requirements for all new residential construction larger than 3,000 square feet;
- Adoption of performance-based requirements by specific building class for commercial construction;
- Introduction of an outcome-based compliance pathway for commercial construction;
- Introduction of mandatory on-site solar generation for new construction;
- Introduction of an offset pathway for achieving code compliance; and
- Tailoring the commercial electric vehicle-ready requirements based on building use.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Suggested Motion Language:

Staff requests council consideration of this matter and action in the form of the following motion:

Motion to adopt Ordinance 8366 amending Title 10, “Structures,” B.R.C. 1981 by adopting and modifying international codes regarding property maintenance, rental licenses, building, electrical, energy conservation, commercial and industrial energy efficiency, fire, wildland, mechanical, fuel gas, and plumbing; adopting the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code; and setting forth related details.

The proposed ordinance permits adoption of the 2018 International Building Codes with local amendments and the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code.

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT AND IMPACTS

Updating current building and energy codes can produce economic, environmental and social benefits at multiple levels across a community. High-performance buildings reduce energy and environmental impacts, improve economic vitality, increase community pride and decrease utility costs for building owners and tenants.

- **Economic:** Higher performing buildings increase property values, command higher lease prices, cost less to operate, improve occupant comfort, and reduce community greenhouse gas emissions. However, high performance buildings can come at a cost premium as the initial costs to construct these buildings are higher. The recommended code changes have been analyzed by our consultants and the resulting efficiency measures the code requires have all been found to be cost effective, with benefit-to-cost ratios ranging from 1.0 to 2.9. Cost effectiveness was determined over a 30-year lifespan, including first costs, replacements, maintenance, and energy savings. Please see the previous City Council [memo](#).
- **Environmental:** On [July 23, 2019](#), council endorsed a declaration of a climate emergency and reaffirmed Boulder's commitment to climate action. In climate projection models done by staff to show pathways to our climate goals, increasing the stringency of energy codes (eventually to net zero status for all new buildings and major alterations by 2031) may be the largest contributing factor of any policy or program, other than transitioning our electricity supply to clean, renewable energy. Achieving and implementing net zero energy codes as soon as possible, while balancing economic and social interests, is a crucial step in Boulder's climate commitment. In fact, when staff projected emissions reductions out to 2050, savings from the implementation of progressively more stringent energy codes was the largest of any building efficiency program, including [EnergySmart](#), [SmartRegs](#) and the [Building Performance Program](#).
- **Social:** Improving the energy codes above the minimum standard requires energy conservation in the residential, public and private sectors resulting in less money flowing to energy costs over time, and more household and business income available for other uses. Additionally, the net outcome of decreased greenhouse gas emissions supports the community's strong value of protecting the environment and living in a sustainable way. Recovery of reusable building materials helps create future opportunities for affordable building projects that use recovered architectural features and building components.

BOARD FEEDBACK

Staff presented and gathered feedback on proposed code changes to Planning Board on May 16, 2019. Staff returned to Planning Board on October 17, 2019, where the Board unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendments, adoption of the 2018 International Building Codes and adoption of the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code, with two additional changes recommended related to tiny homes:

- That BRC 1981, 9-13-5 Livability Standards, under the Inclusionary Housing (IH) chapter of the Code, be amended such that dwelling units that are permitted under Residential Code Appendix Q, Tiny Houses, and which are also permanently affordable under the City's IH program, not be required to meet all of the Livability Standards; and
- That the Tiny Houses code be modified to require that tiny houses be set on fixed foundations and be served by fixed utilities.

Regarding the livability standards, staff have consulted with Housing and Human Services staff and have found no conflict with the livability standards as currently written nor with updates that will be adopted soon. Appendix Q for tiny homes addresses units 400 square feet or less and includes standards for lofts, stairways, ladders, etc. Neither the livability standards nor the inclusionary housing chapter of the code address any of these items or has conflicts with them. The livability standards have two categories tiny units could fall into, "micro units < 300 square feet." and "efficiency/studio/one bedroom units 301-475 square feet.". Tiny homes could meet the standards in these categories as easily as any apartment or condo of a similar size.

Regarding requirements for foundations, staff have adjusted the tiny homes code language to require that all tiny homes be set on fixed foundations and be permanently connected to utilities.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Staff have engaged key community stakeholders including design professionals, architects, engineers, energy modelers, builders, developers, building owners, etc. through community engagement events, targeted meetings, and consultant interviews. Table 1 summarizes these engagement activities. Community feedback was generally positive around both the building code and energy code updates. Many permit applicants are already familiar with the 2018 building codes as they are being adopted in a number of surrounding jurisdictions. Boulder adopting the 2018 codes will create more consistency for contractors and consultants.

Many of the changes proposed to the energy code are in direct response to community feedback. In particular, the process has been revised for how alterations demonstrate compliance with the energy code to eliminate confusion and inequitable regulation. Staff received feedback that the current code, which relies on construction value and data from the Boulder County Assessor's database, is an unfair approach; and staff have received support in their recommendation to align the energy compliance thresholds with definitions found in the building codes.

Table 1: Public Outreach Activities to Solicit Stakeholder Feedback

	Outreach Activity	Number of Attendees	Description
December 20, 2018	Residential Energy Code Engagement Session	29	City staff organized a meeting to invite residential building stakeholders to discuss and give direct feedback on the proposed energy code changes.
February 11 & 20, 2019	Land Use Code Open House	30-50	The city's Energy Code Coordinator participated in the Land Use Code Open Houses to address energy related questions and solicit feedback on energy code changes that could encourage more modest home sizes.
February 21, 2019	Presentation to International Building Performance Simulation Association	86	City staff presented to the local chapter of the International Building Performance Simulation Association, an international society of building performance simulation researchers, developers and practitioners, dedicated to improving the built environment.
February 22, 2019	Energy Code Collaboration Session with Denver	20-30	The city's Energy Code Coordinator participated in a collaboration meeting with Denver and local design professionals to discuss code changes and aligning code language where feasible.
February 27, 2019	Commercial Energy Code Engagement Session	38	City staff organized a meeting to invite commercial building stakeholders to discuss and give direct feedback on the proposed energy code changes.
May 29, 2019	International Existing Building Code Outreach	10-15	City staff organized a meeting to invite community stakeholders to discuss and give direct feedback on the 2018 IEBC, which will be a new code for the city.
June 12, 2019	International Building Code Outreach	10-15	City staff organized a meeting to invite community stakeholders to discuss and give direct feedback on the 2018 IBC - significant changes from current requirements, including proposed amendments.

	Outreach Activity	Number of Attendees	Description
June 25, 2019	International Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Code Outreach	10-15	City staff organized a meeting to invite community stakeholders to discuss and give direct feedback on the 2018 IPC, IMC, IFGC - significant changes from current requirements, including proposed amendments.
July 10, 2019	International Residential Code Outreach	20-25	City staff organized a meeting to invite community stakeholders to discuss and give direct feedback on the 2018 IRC - significant changes from current requirements, including proposed amendments.
July 30, 2019	International Property Maintenance Code Outreach	10-15	City staff organized a meeting to invite community stakeholders to discuss and give direct feedback on the 2018 IPMC - significant changes from current requirements, including proposed amendments.
Ongoing			The city's Energy Code Coordinator and Chief Building Official continue to reach out to energy modelers, design professionals, contractors, and peer jurisdiction staff for feedback on the proposed code language.

BACKGROUND

On [April 16, 2019](#) city staff presented an in-depth overview of building code changes being proposed for the 2020 code update and sought City Council's feedback on a number of important changes. The issues presented are summarized below.

- Incorporating a local amendment to allow or require gender neutral restrooms. City Council was in support of creating an amendment that clarifies the requirements and provides flexibility for building owners.
- Eliminating the current amendment exempting one-and-two family dwellings from the sprinkler requirement. This would require all newly constructed detached one-and two-family dwellings and detached buildings undergoing changes of use to dwellings, including ADUs, to be protected with automatic sprinkler systems. City Council was in support of this change, but, wanted additional information on cost implications.

- Accelerating net zero energy (NZE) requirements for residential new construction, such that all new homes larger than 3,000 square feet be required to be NZE. Currently all homes larger than 5,000 square feet are required to be NZE. City Council was in support of this acceleration.
- Introducing a financial deposit to improve compliance with construction and deconstruction waste requirements currently in the residential code. City Council was in support of improving compliance.
- Restructuring energy code requirements for building alterations to encourage more building reuse and to move away from using the construction value relative to the Boulder County Assessor's database to determine energy code requirements. City Council was in support of this change.
- Expanding construction and deconstruction waste requirements to commercial construction projects. City Council was in support of this, however, requested additional information on specifics.
- Expanding the Energy Impact Offset Fund (EIOF) as a last resort compliance pathway when projects are unable to meet net zero energy code requirements on-site and when off-site solar is unavailable. City Council was in support of using the EIOF but wanted to ensure that it was implemented only as a last resort.

With this feedback, and feedback solicited from Planning Board at their May 16, 2019 meeting, staff proceeded with preparing the amendments to the 2018 Building Codes and the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code. Staff are proposing adoption, with local amendments, as summarized in this memo, of the following codes:

- 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
- 2018 International Building Code (IBC)
- 2018 International Residential Code (IRC)
- 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
- 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code (COBECC)
- 2018 International Fire Code (IFC)
- 2018 International Wildland Urban Interface Code (IWUIC)
- 2018 International Mechanical Code (IMC)
- 2018 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
- 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC)

ANALYSIS: 2018 ICC BUILDING CODES ADOPTION AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Collectively, as a comprehensive family of codes which complement one another, the International Building Codes are designed to protect the public health and safety in the built environment. Currently, the city has adopted the 2012 edition of the following International Building Codes:

- International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
- International Building Code (IBC)
- International Residential Code (IRC)
- International Fire Code (IFC)
- International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC)
- International Mechanical Code (IMC)
- International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
- International Plumbing Code (IPC)

The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is currently replaced with the 2017 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code (COBECC). The International Existing Building Code (IEBC) is not currently adopted by the city but is recommended for adoption, as it replaces provisions previously contained within the IBC, that have been deleted.

The International Codes are developed and vetted through a national public consensus process and are used by most jurisdictions in Colorado and the United States. The International Building Codes are revised and updated on a three-year cycle. Boulder has adopted new building codes every six years, except for COBECC, which is updated every three years. The National Electrical Code is promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association and by current amendment is automatically updated when it is updated by the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies.

Staff have reviewed the 2018 International Codes and after facilitating a transparent and public process including education, collaboration and feedback with the community, the Planning Board and City Council, staff have identified significant changes, as well as proposed local amendments.

Staff suggest there are five significant reasons to consider a local amendment:

1. To provide consistency with other regulatory departments and agencies
2. To address concerns of City Council
3. To address concerns of stakeholders
4. To incorporate local information and/or current data into the Codes
5. To address significant changes compared to current requirements

Through a public process, staff have identified the following issues of local concern and have prepared local amendments to address them.

Adoption of the 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)

Previous versions of the IBC included provisions for existing buildings. Starting with the 2015 IBC, these provisions were deleted, and the City of Boulder has not yet adopted their replacement, the International Existing Building Code (IEBC). Should the City of Boulder choose to have building code requirements specific to existing buildings, staff recommend adoption of the 2018 IEBC. The IEBC is designed to work in conjunction with and is consistent with other International Codes (I-Codes).

The IEBC is intended to provide requirements for repair and alternative approaches for alterations and additions to existing buildings. Many existing buildings do not comply with current building code requirements for new construction. Although many existing buildings are salvageable, the cost to bring them into compliance with current building codes is cost prohibitive. For public safety, it is necessary to regulate construction in existing buildings that undergo alterations, additions, extensive repairs or changes of occupancy. The IEBC provides the opportunity to ensure new construction in existing buildings complies with current building codes and that existing conditions are maintained or improved to meet basic safety levels. The IEBC allows options for controlled departure from full compliance with the International Codes for new construction in existing buildings, while maintaining basic levels for fire protection, structural and life safety features of rehabilitated buildings.

The IEBC treats different project scopes with different threshold levels for requiring upgrades or improvements to the building or spaces within the building. Basic repairs may only require upgrades to structural elements that have been damaged, while comprehensive alterations may require upgrades to fire protection systems, fire-resistance-rated construction, means of egress, etc. To describe changes to existing buildings, the IEBC does not use the term remodel; it uses the term alteration. Chapter 6 of the IEBC, Classification of Work, defines three different levels of alterations. Each progressive level requires more upgrades than the previous level. For example, a Level 3 Alteration (work area > 50% of the floor area of the building) requires specific upgrades, in addition to the upgrades required by Level 2 Alterations (changes to systems or floor plans) and Level 1 Alterations (replacement of existing systems without changes). Proposed amendments use the definitions of alterations in the IEBC to also determine the required upgrades for energy code compliance.

The current COBECC uses the percentage of assessed property valuation compared to project valuation as the thresholds for energy compliance requirements. With the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code, staff recommend using the three levels of alterations defined in the 2018 IEBC and adding a Level 4 Alteration as the thresholds to determine the required level of compliance to the energy conservation code. This recommendation is in response to the extensive public feedback staff received that the current process often creates implications which are difficult to predict, can be manipulated and most importantly are very cost prohibitive for smaller projects. Staff believe the recommended approach addresses those concerns.

2018 International Building Code (IBC) 2902 and International Plumbing Code (IPC) 403: The option for all gender toilet facilities

Both the IBC and the IPC have requirements specifying when restrooms are required to be provided for employees and for the public. Typically, when an area has no more than 15 employee and public

occupants, only one single-user restroom is required, and it is required to be available to all genders. Areas having higher numbers of occupants typically require gender specific restrooms. When gender specific restrooms are required in smaller areas, often they are single-user, and are required to be identified with signage as being gender specific. To make existing single-user restrooms available to all genders would typically only require changing signage. Proposed amendments include a requirement for all gender toilet facilities to have appropriate signage by January 01, 2021.

Code provisions also specify the numbers and types of plumbing fixtures required (sinks, toilets, urinals), often resulting in multiple-user restrooms. The 2012 and 2018 editions of the codes require multiple-user restrooms to be gender specific. Currently, a code modification is necessary for multiple-user facilities to be available to all genders. Staff have received multiple requests for code modifications to approve multiple-user restrooms as gender neutral instead of gender specific, as required by the building codes. Rather than require applicants to apply for and require staff to review modification requests, staff recommends amendments that address this local concern as an option, at the discretion of building owners or their agents. During public engagement, community feedback supported providing an option for all gender facilities rather than requiring them.

2018 International Residential Code (IRC) 313: Sprinkler requirements for newly constructed detached one-and two-family dwellings

Since the 2009 edition of the IRC, automatic sprinkler systems have been required in all newly constructed dwellings, including detached single-family homes. This sprinkler requirement does not apply to alterations (remodels) or additions, regardless of the project area size or costs, unless the dwelling already has an automatic sprinkler system. The issue of residential sprinklers was discussed extensively during the process to adopt the 2012 International Building Codes. As an outcome of the 2013 process, the City of Boulder currently has an amendment exempting detached one-and two-family dwellings from the sprinkler requirement, in the IRC. At least eleven Colorado jurisdictions have not amended this code requirement and do require all new detached one and two-family dwellings to be protected with automatic sprinkler systems, including Boulder County, Golden, Westminster, Kiowa, Aspen, Elizabeth, Blue River, Elbert County, Greenwood Village, Cherry Hills Village and Vail. Staff, including the Chief Building Official and the Chief Fire Marshall, recommend not continuing the amendment to exempt newly constructed detached one-and two-family dwellings from the sprinkler requirement which has been a requirement in the IRC for more than ten years.

Sprinklers in residential homes are a critical first line of defense for saving occupants from fire and the dangerous byproducts of combustion. The speed with which modern fires grow unchecked make it difficult for even the most progressive fire departments to control them before significant damage is done to life and property. Sprinklers can hold a fire in check or extinguish them with far less fire, smoke and water damage than a fire department response to a non-sprinklered fire that requires more than 250 gallons of water per minute to extinguish. Sprinklers can catch an incipient fire and extinguish it with 25 gallons of water per minute or less.

A study funded by the NFPA in 2008 and 2013 showed costs to install residential sprinkler systems has decreased to an estimated \$1.35 per square foot of floor area. Based on staff research, the cost to install

an automatic sprinkler system in Boulder, in a detached single-family dwelling during initial construction is \$3.50-\$4.00 per square foot. Typically, construction costs per square foot increase as the size of the home decreases; this is true for sprinkler systems. Additionally, existing buildings undergoing a change of occupancy, such as a studio converted to an ADU, have increased costs in Boulder because separate fire sprinkler water service lines are required by the water utility system standard in the city's Design and Construction Standards. The requirement for a separate line for fire sprinkler was developed in 1988 in response to concerns about the impacts and potential liability created when the city shuts off water to a structure by shutting off the water meter or if the water meter failed, either of which would make the fire sprinkler system inoperable. Water meter shut offs are routinely used by the city as a part of the utility billing process for non-payment of utility bills. The requirement for a separate line allows the city to leave fire sprinkler systems operating when water meters are shut off. The expense of installing an additional water line from either the city water main or the house service line into and through the existing buildings in combination with higher unit costs increases sprinkler costs for smaller dwellings, such as ADUs.

2018 International Residential Code (IRC) Appendix Q - TINY HOUSES

This is the first edition of the IRC to have provisions for tiny dwellings. The provisions in Appendix Q are less restrictive than provisions for other single-family homes regulated by the IRC (stair geometry, loft ceiling height, loft egress window, etc.). If Appendix Q is adopted, proposed amendments require tiny homes be installed on permanent foundations and connected to public utilities. An Appendix is not part of the code, unless it is specifically adopted. Generally, the IRC, including Appendix Q, does not address land use regulations. Land use regulations may also need to be revised to allow tiny houses if Appendix Q is adopted.

2018 International Residential Code (IRC) Appendix R - LIGHT STRAW-CLAY CONSTRUCTION

Staff have received public feedback requesting the adoption of Appendix R. Lighter forms of straw-clay construction are intended as infill materials in non-load-bearing walls. The advantages of light straw-clay construction, such as regulated by Appendix R, include thermal performance and low environmental impact. Also called "slip-straw," it is a natural building material used to infill between a wooden frame in a timber framed building using a combination of clay and straw, woodchips or some other lighter material.

2018 International Residential Code (IRC) Appendix S - STRAWBALE CONSTRUCTION

Staff have received public feedback requesting the adoption of Appendix S. Appendix S provides prescriptive requirements for the construction of exterior and interior walls, both structural and nonstructural, in buildings that are under the scope of this code.

2018 International Fire Code (IFC) 13 - 1011.4: Means of egress, general.

At the May 16, 2019 Planning Board meeting, some board members expressed concerns regarding the current amendment that requires automatic sprinkler systems to be installed in all spaces with areas greater than 2,000 square feet, when they undergo changes of occupancy. To address this concern, staff recommend an exception to that provision, which exempts changes of occupancy which are of a lower relative hazard than the existing occupancy, as determined by Table 1011.4 in the 2018 IEBC. The

exception does not apply to occupancies that are required to be protected by automatic sprinkler systems elsewhere in the codes.

Building code requirements are determined based on two primary factors, the materials used to construct the building (combustible/non-combustible – non-fire resistive/fire-resistive) and occupancy classification (how the building/area is used). The building code recognizes different hazards are associated with different uses and therefore has different requirements for different uses. For example, areas where occupants are not capable of self-preservation (prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, daycares, etc.) have more restrictive requirements than do offices and retail businesses. Chapter 10 of the IEBC specifies requirements for buildings or portions of existing buildings that have a change of occupancy (how the area is used). Included in Chapter 10 is Table 1011.4, Means of Egress Hazard Categories. This table has five levels of hazard classifications, based on occupancy classification (how the area is used). These levels are established based on IBC requirements for different occupancies for means of egress, fire protection and fire-resistance-rated construction. A proposed amendment uses this table to also identify if a proposed occupancy is more or less hazardous, to determine if an automatic sprinkler system is required by change of occupancy, per a current amendment. The Chief Building Official and the Chief Fire Marshal support this recommendation.

2018 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC) 503.2: Composite decking in the wildland urban interface

During public engagement meetings and individual conversations with property owners and designers, staff have received numerous concerns regarding Section 503.2 in the IWUIC. This section establishes the requirements with which materials must comply in order to be considered ignition-resistant building materials. Staff are not aware of any composite decking material that complies with these requirements. Composite decking is a wood-plastic material that is a mixture of wood fiber, plastic and a bonding agent. It is a manufactured product that is denser, stronger, and heavier than wood. It is the most common material choice for the walking surfaces of decks. Boulder County has amended the code to allow some composite decking materials. Jefferson County is proposing adopting the same amendment. On this issue, the Chief Building Official, the Chief Fire Marshal and the Planning Board support consistency with Boulder County.

ANALYSIS: CITY OF BOULDER ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE UPDATES

The significant changes being proposed for the energy code are described in detail in the [April 16, 2019 City Council Memo](#). The presentation can be found at this [video link](#). For the residential code, the most significant changes being proposed are:

- **More stringent Energy Rating Index (ERI) requirements.** An ERI score is the same as a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) score. This is a numerical score where 100 equates to the efficiency levels prescribed in the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code and 0 is equivalent to a net-zero-energy home. Currently, and in the proposed 2020 code, new construction and major alteration projects must demonstrate compliance with Boulder's energy code by using the prescribed ERI compliance path. The 2017 COBECC resulted in just over half

of the new homes being constructed achieving net zero. For this code cycle, staff are proposing a reduction in ERI score represented in Figure 1 such that all new homes over 3,000 square feet would be required to achieve net zero. Figure 1 illustrates both the 2017 and proposed 2020 ERI requirements for comparison.

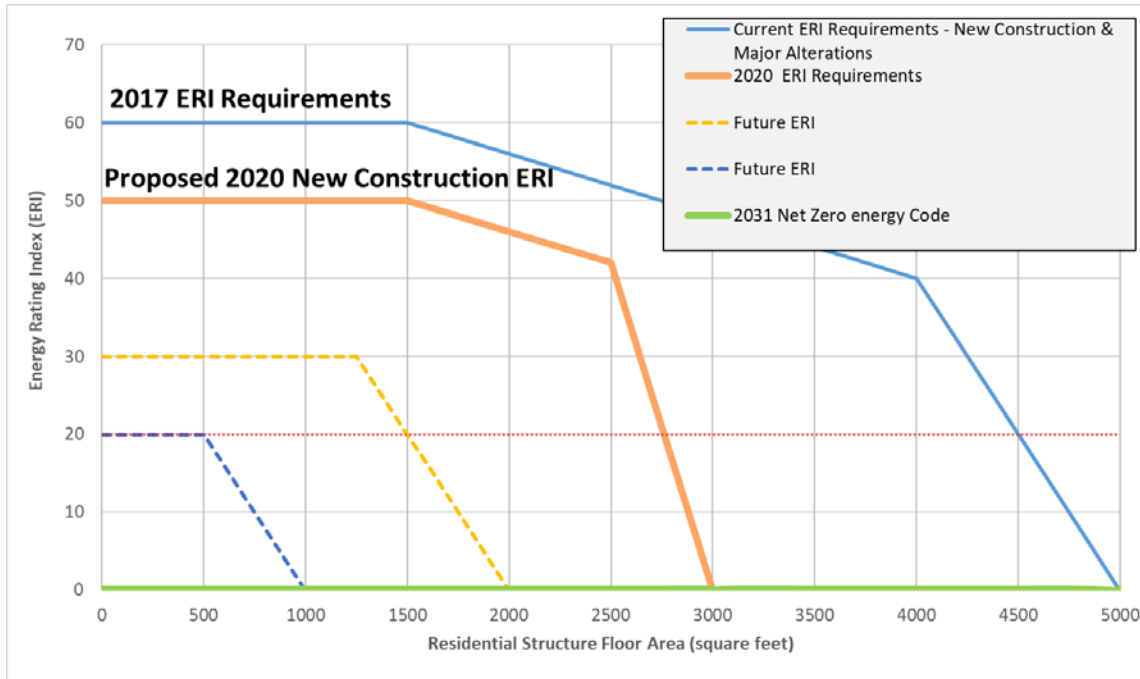


Figure 1: Proposed 2020 ERI Requirements for Residential Energy Code.

- **Envelope Backstop.** With the cost of renewables decreasing, some projects simply deploy large solar arrays to achieve building performance requirements instead of investing in basic building efficiency. With this code update, an envelope backstop is being introduced that will ensure all elements of the building enclosure: windows, walls, floor slabs, roof assemblies, and doors are energy efficient. Each project will need to comply with prescriptive building envelope requirements in the energy code.
- **Renewable Offsets.** Identical to requirements that already exist for Boulder County projects, staff is proposing all residential pools, spas, outdoor radiant heating, and snow melt systems be required to offset 100% of the system's annual energy use by on-site renewable energy generation.
- **Construction & Demolition Waste Requirements.** For over a decade, Boulder's codes have included construction and demolition waste requirements for residential projects. With this code update, staff are proposing several improvements to code provisions and enforcement.

- **Code Provisions for Alterations.** Currently, the 2017 COBECC requires additional energy efficiency improvements be made when renovating homes. The requirements are currently based on the construction value of the project; the higher the construction value, the more significant the energy efficiency requirements. Staff recommends continuing to require energy efficiency improvements for home renovations. However, based on feedback staff have received from design professionals, homeowners, and builders, staff are proposing the energy efficiency improvements be based on code definitions for alterations instead of construction value.
- **Energy Offsets.** Staff expect there will be a small number of projects where installing the necessary solar on-site to meet the new, lower ERI scores will be technically infeasible due to shading and/or roof constraints. For these projects, participation in a verified community solar program can be used to meet the code requirements. However, staff are aware that community solar options are limited and not always available. Therefore, in these instances, staff are proposing applicants pay a 2.16 cent charge¹ per kWh necessary to offset the home's energy use that would have otherwise been offset by renewables onsite. The fee would go into the City of Boulder's [Energy Impact Offset Fund](#) (EIOF). A prerequisite to using the EIOF for code compliance will be demonstrating that the home is designed to be energy efficient and has an ERI no greater than 40.
- **Energy Use Index (EUI) Performance Path.** The proposed code will adopt an EUI target compliance path that will allow Boulder to transition towards outcome-based compliance, which staff and our consultants believe will be necessary to meet the City's building energy efficiency goals. The EUI targets proposed for the 2020 code update are found below in Figure 2. These targets represent energy performance factors that are approximately 20% better than the national code.

¹ The 2.16 cent charge was derived using Xcel Energy's grid factor (0.599 metric tons of carbon dioxide per MWh, and US Environmental Protection Agency estimates for the cost of carbon per metric ton of carbon (\$36 per metric ton of carbon dioxide). An applicant with a home that will consume 12,000kWh/year would be required to pay $12,000\text{kWh} / 1000 \text{ kWh/MWh} * \$36/ \text{metric ton} * 0.599 \text{ metric tons/MWh} * 20 \text{ years} = \$5,180$.

EUI Performance Targets		
Building Type	COBECC 2017	COBECC 2020 New Construction
Medium Office	24	23
Small Office	22	19
Primary School	39	34
Secondary School	32	31
Mid-rise Apartment	35	32
Warehouse	13	11
Retail Store	40	35
Small Hotel	60	40
Hospital	93	88

Figure 2: 2020 Proposed EUI Targets for New Construction where the first column represents the equivalent EUI for the COBECC 2017 and the second represents the proposed targets for the 2020 update.

- **Solar Mandate.** To meet long-term NZE performance goals, it is necessary to encourage the deployment of renewable energy at the project level. The current code mandates solar ready requirements. In the 2020 code cycle, it is proposed that at least 5% of commercial building energy use be supplied by on-site renewables.
- **Pilot for Outcome-Verified Code Path.** Staff are proposing an outcome-verified code compliance path be piloted in the 2020 COBECC. Ultimately, the 2031 goal of Boulder’s energy code is to set standards that will result in buildings that are NZE, not just in theory and as designed, but verified through metered data once the building is constructed, commissioned, and occupied. The outcome path proposed for this code cycle would achieve this goal for projects that opt into this path.
- **Construction & Demolition Waste Management Requirements.** Because commercial projects have the potential to create significant amounts of waste, the proposed 2020 code includes the same requirements for commercial projects that apply to residential projects. All new construction projects (both residential and commercial) must recycle 100% of all wood, metal, and cardboard, and must provide documentation to the city certifying that the reuse and recycling occurred. For all new construction projects that include a full demolition, and residential projects that are essentially gutting the home (“level 4 alterations”), contractors will be required to provide a deconstruction plan before a permit is issued and prove that the project recycled or reused 75% of all waste, including at least three material types. In addition, staff propose instituting a refundable deposit to increase accountability and adherence to the requirements for all demolition projects and residential level 4 alterations. The deposit is currently structured as a refundable cash deposit where the city retains the ability to withhold a portion or the entirety of the deposit as a civil penalty if the waste recycling requirements are not met.

- **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Requirements.** In 2017, provisions were added to the code requiring commercial and residential projects provide EV charging infrastructure. Because technology has evolved and the demand for EV charging is better understood, staff are proposing clarifications and adjustments to these requirements for commercial projects. The new requirements are outlined in [Figure 3](#).

Figure 3: EV Charging Requirements for Commercial Projects

	Offices >20 Spaces	Retail & Restaurant >20 Spaces	MFU & Hotels/Motels
EV Charger Installed Level 1 or 2 charging station.	2 parking spaces minimum	2 parking spaces minimum	2 parking spaces minimum
EV Ready Full circuits are “ready to go” with the addition of an EV charging station. Full circuit installations include 208/240V 40-amp panel capacity, conduit, wiring, receptacle, and overprotection devices. The endpoint of the system must be near the planned EV charger location.	20% of parking spaces required	10% of parking spaces required	20% of parking spaces required
EV Capable Accessible conduit must be installed during new construction to avoid expensive and intrusive retrofits when additional EV charging capacity is needed in the future.	n/a	n/a	75% Total
Electric Panel Capacity Panels must have space and electrical capacity to accommodate simultaneous charging on a 40-amp circuit per the required number of EV parking ready spaces	Sufficient to supply EV Ready Required	Sufficient to supply EV Ready Required	Sufficient to supply 25% of EV Ready & EV Capable spaces Required

More detailed information about the long-term road map for the city’s energy code can be found in the [April 16, 2019 City Council Memo](#). The long-term strategy increasingly considers and requires reductions to embodied carbon² as well as operational carbon. The proposed 2020 code begins to address embodied carbon reduction by lowering the requirements for building renovations, making building reuse more attractive, and by increasing construction waste reuse and recycling requirements. Construction and demolition waste requirements in this code update are being expanded to commercial projects and new measures are being put in place to increase enforcement. Future code updates will propose regulation of embodied carbon in new construction. City staff are working with experts at the University of Colorado, Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance, and other leading jurisdictions to develop meaningful, impactful, and enforceable policy to address this increasingly important topic.

² Embodied Energy is the sum impact of all greenhouse gas emissions attributed to materials throughout their life cycle (extracting from the ground, manufacturing, construction, maintenance and end of life/disposal).

NEXT STEPS

- January – March 2020: Provide staff and community outreach training on code changes. Develop supporting documentation and resources on the city’s website to help explain the energy codes and the documentation materials required to demonstrate compliance.
- January 21, 2020: City Council Second Reading to adopt 2018 Building Codes with local amendments and the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code.
- April 1, 2020: Proposed new codes take effect for all newly permitted projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

A: Proposed Ordinance 8366

B: Proposed 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code

ORDINANCE 8366

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, "STRUCTURES," B.R.C. 1981 BY ADOPTING AND MODIFYING INTERNATIONAL CODES REGARDING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, RENTAL LICENSES, BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, ENERGY CONSERVATION, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY, FIRE, WILDLAND, MECHANICAL, FUEL GAS, AND PLUMBING; ADOPTING THE 2020 CITY OF BOULDER ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE; AND SETTING FORTH RELATED DETAILS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO:

Section 1. Chapter 10-1, "Definitions," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

10-1-1. - Definitions.

(a) The following terms used in this title have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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Approved semi-rigid tubing connector means a flexible metal pipe connecting a gas residential dryer or range, if it meets the requirements of and is installed in accordance with the city ~~fuel~~mechanical gas code, or, if it is a commercial gas dryer or range, it is a connector supplied with the appliance from the manufacturer, or is an equivalent commercial grade flex connector, and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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Section 2. Chapter 10-2, "Property Maintenance Code," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

10-2-1. - Legislative Intent.

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(d) The city council hereby adopts the ~~2018~~2012 edition of the *International Property Maintenance Code* as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Boulder. This chapter establishes minimum code standards related to: administration; definitions; general requirements; light, ventilation and occupancy limitations; plumbing facilities and fixture requirements; mechanical and electrical systems; fire safety requirements; and rental licensing; and existing residential rental structure energy conservation.

1 **10-2-2. - Adoption of International Property Maintenance Code With Modifications.**

- 2 (a) The ~~2018~~2012 edition of the *International Property Maintenance Code* (IPMC) of the
3 International Code Council is hereby adopted by reference as the City of Boulder
4 Property Maintenance Code and has the same force and effect as though fully set forth in
5 this chapter, except as specifically amended for local application by this chapter.
- 6 (b) IPMC Appendix chapters A, "Boarding Standard," B, "Rental Housing Inspections," and
7 C, "Energy Efficiency Requirement - Existing Residential Rental Structures Energy
8 Conservation," are adopted.
- 9 (c) For ease of reference, the following identifies all chapters, sections and appendices of the
10 published and adopted IPMC and includes specific amendments for local application.
11 Chapter, Section, Subsection, or Appendix numbers of provisions not amended appear,
12 followed by the words, "No changes." The amended text of specifically amended
13 provisions appears below. Chapter, Section, Subsection, or Appendix numbers of any
14 provisions not adopted appear, followed by the word, "Deleted."

15 **CHAPTER 1**
16 **SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION**

17 **PART 1 - SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION**

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19 **SECTION 102**
20 **APPLICABILITY**

21 **102.1 General.** No changes.

22 **102.2 Maintenance.** Equipment, systems, devices, and safeguards required by this code
23 shall be maintained in accordance with the code in effect when the structure or premises
24 were legally constructed, altered, or repaired and shall be maintained in good working
25 order.

102.3 Application of Other Codes. Repairs, additions, or alterations to a structure,
inspections, or changes of occupancy shall be done in accordance with the procedures
and provisions of the City of Boulder Building Code, City of Boulder Residential Code,
City of Boulder Existing Building Code, City of Boulder Fuel Gas Code, City of Boulder
Mechanical Code, City of Boulder Plumbing Code, City of Boulder Fire Code, City of
Boulder Energy Conservation Code, and City of Boulder Electrical Code.

102.4—102.10 No changes.

PART 2 - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

SECTION 103
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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103.2 Appointment. Deleted.

103.2 Deputies. Deleted.

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103.5 Fees. The fees and costs for activities and services performed by the department in carrying out its responsibilities under this code shall be as detailed in ~~Section 111.9 of this code and~~ Section 4-20-47, "Zoning Adjustment and Building Appeals Filing Fees," B.R.C. 1981.

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SECTION 107 \ NOTICES AND ORDERS

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107.4 Unauthorized Tampering. No changes.

107.5 Penalties. Penalties for noncompliance with orders and notices shall be as set forth in Section 106.1.

107.6 Transfer of Ownership. Deleted.

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SECTION 109 EMERGENCY MEASURES

109.1 Imminent danger. When in the opinion of the code official, there is imminent danger of failure or collapse of a building or structure that endangers life, or when any structure or part of a structure has fallen and life is endangered by the occupation of the structure, or when there is actual or potential danger to the building occupants or those in the proximity of any structure because of explosives, explosive fumes or vapors or the presence of toxic fumes, gases or materials, or operation of defective or dangerous equipment, the code official is hereby authorized and empowered to order and require the occupants to vacate the premises forthwith. The code official shall cause to be posted at each entrance to such structure a notice bearing the words "Unsafe, Do Not Enter". It shall be unlawful for any person to enter such structure, except with the prior approval of the building official, for the purpose of securing the structure, making the required repairs, removing the hazardous condition or of demolishing the same.

109.2109.1—109.6 No changes.

SECTION 110 DEMOLITION

110.1—110.4 No changes.

SECTION 111 MEANS OF APPEAL

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~~111.9 Fees.~~ Deleted.

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CHAPTER 3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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SECTION 304 EXTERIOR STRUCTURE

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304.7 Roofs and Drainage. The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not have defects that admit ~~water~~^{rain}. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration in the walls or interior portion of the structure. Roof drains, gutters and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions. Roof water shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.

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304.19 Gates. No changes.

SECTION 305 INTERIOR STRUCTURE

305.1 General. No changes.

305.1.1 Unsafe Conditions. The following conditions shall be determined as unsafe and shall be repaired or replaced to comply with the City of Boulder ~~Residential Building~~ Code or the City of Boulder Existing International Building Code as required for existing buildings:

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SECTION 306 COMPONENT SERVICEABILITY

~~306.1 & 306.1.1~~ No changes.

306.1.1 Unsafe Conditions. Where any of the following conditions cause the component or system to be beyond its limit state, the component or system shall be determined as unsafe and shall be repaired or replaced to comply with the City of Boulder Residential Code or the City of Boulder Existing Building Code as required for existing buildings:

1. Soils that have been subjected to any of the following conditions:

1.1. Collapse of footing or foundation system.

1.2. Damage to footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to soil expansion.

1.3. Adverse effects to the design strength of footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to a chemical reaction from the soil.

1.4. Inadequate soil as determined by a geotechnical investigation.

1.5. Where the allowable bearing capacity of the soil is in doubt.

- 1.6. Adverse effects to the footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to the ground water table.
2. Concrete that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
- 2.1 Deterioration.
 - 2.2. Ultimate deformation.
 - 2.3. Fractures.
 - 2.4. Fissures.
 - 2.5. Spalling.
 - 2.6. Exposed reinforcement.
 - 2.7. Detached, dislodged or failing connections.
3. Aluminum that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
- 3.1. Deterioration.
 - 3.2. Corrosion.
 - 3.3. Elastic deformation.
 - 3.4. Ultimate deformation.
 - 3.5. Stress or strain cracks.
 - 3.6. Joint fatigue.
 - 3.7. Detached, dislodged or failing connections.
4. Masonry that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
- 4.1 . Deterioration.
 - 4.2. Ultimate deformation.
 - 4.3. Fractures in masonry or mortar joints.
 - 4.4. Fissures in masonry or mortar joints.
 - 4.5. Spalling.
 - 4.6. Exposed reinforcement.
 - 4.7. Detached, dislodged or failing connections.
5. Steel that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
- 5.1. Deterioration.
 - 5.2. Elastic deformation.
 - 5.3. Ultimate deformation.
 - 5.4. Metal fatigue.
 - 5.5. Detached, dislodged or failing connections.
6. Wood that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
- 6.1 Ultimate deformation.
 - 6.2. Deterioration.
 - 6.3. Damage from insects, rodents and other vermin.
 - 6.4. Fire damage beyond charring.
 - 6.5. Significant splits and checks.
 - 6.6. Horizontal shear cracks.
 - 6.7. Vertical shear cracks.
 - 6.8. Inadequate support.
 - 6.9. Detached, dislodged or failing connections.
 - 6.10. Excessive cutting and notching.
- Exceptions:
- 1. Where substantiated otherwise by an *approved* method.

2. Demolition of unsafe conditions shall be permitted where approved by the code official

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CHAPTER 6 MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

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SECTION 605 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

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605.3 Luminaires. No changes~~Deleted.~~

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SECTION 607 DUCT SYSTEMS

607.1 General. No changes.

SECTION 608 CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

608.1 General. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in existing residential structures in accordance with Colorado state law, including Title 38, Article 45, Carbon Monoxide Alarms, C.R.S.

608.2 Carbon Monoxide Alarms. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in existing dwellings and rented single and multi-family dwellings that have fuel fired heaters, appliances, or fireplaces, or attached garages based on the following:

1. ~~Alarms must be installed within 15' of the entrance to each sleeping area and must be wired to AC power, connected to an electrical panel, plugged into an electrical outlet without a switch or, if battery operated, attached to the wall or ceiling per the manufacturer's installation instructions and in accordance with National Fire Protection Association 70.~~
2. ~~Alarms must be installed in existing rental dwellings upon change of tenant occupancy after July 1, 2009.~~
3. ~~Alarms must be installed in all newly constructed or renovated single family and multi-family rental units.~~
4. ~~Alarms may be installed within 25' of any fuel-fired heater or appliance, fireplace, or garage entrance in a multi-family dwelling used for rental purposes ONLY if the multi-family dwelling is equipped with a centralized alarm system or other mechanism that allows a responsible person to hear the alarm at all times (commercially monitored system).~~
5. ~~Rental owners are responsible for replacing nonfunctioning carbon monoxide alarms upon written request of the tenant or when the unit is being vacated and re-rented.~~
6. ~~Carbon monoxide detectors shall not be disarmed, removed or have the batteries removed to make them inoperable.~~

1 **608.3 Carbon Monoxide Alarm Inspections.** Carbon monoxide alarm inspections shall be
2 conducted by the property owner or agent as detailed below.

- 3 1. ~~Carbon monoxide alarms that receive their primary power from the building wiring~~
4 ~~shall be checked for good operating condition once each year and supplied with battery~~
5 ~~backup. The battery shall be replaced as necessary for proper function of the carbon~~
6 ~~monoxide alarm.~~
- 7 2. ~~Battery powered carbon monoxide alarms shall be tested for proper function on an~~
8 ~~annual basis. Batteries shall be replaced as necessary for proper function of the carbon~~
9 ~~monoxide alarm.~~

10 **CHAPTER 7**
11 **FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**
12 **SECTIONS 701—703**

13 No changes.

14 **SECTION 704**
15 **FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

16 **704.1-704.7 No Changes.**

17 **704.8 Smoke Alarm Inspections.** Smoke alarm inspections shall be conducted by the
18 property owner or agent as detailed below.

19 1. Smoke alarms that receive their primary power from the building wiring shall
20 be checked for good operating condition once each year and if supplied with
21 battery backup, the battery shall be replaced as necessary for proper function of
22 the smoke alarm.

23 2. Battery-powered smoke alarms shall be tested for proper function on an annual
24 basis. Batteries shall be replaced as necessary for proper function of the smoke
25 alarm.

704.9 Residential Rental Smoke Alarms. In R-occupancies governed by Chapter 10-3,
"Rental Licenses," B.R.C. 1981, smoke alarms shall be installed and inspected as
required in this section.

704.10 Fire Alarms. Fire alarms in existing residential structures shall be installed in
accordance with Chapter 10-8, Section 907.3, "Fire Code," B.R.C. 1981.

~~**704.1—704.4 No changes.**~~

~~**704.5 Residential Rental Smoke Alarms.** In R-occupancies governed by Chapter 10-3,~~
"Rental Licenses," B.R.C. 1981, smoke alarms shall be installed and inspected as
required in this section.

~~**704.6 Smoke Alarm Inspections.** Smoke alarm inspections shall be conducted by the~~
property owner or agent as detailed below.

1. ~~Smoke alarms that receive their primary power from the building wiring shall~~
~~be checked for good operating condition once each year and if supplied with~~
~~battery backup, the battery shall be replaced as necessary for proper function of~~

the smoke alarm.

~~2. Battery powered smoke alarms shall be tested for proper function on an annual basis. Batteries shall be replaced as necessary for proper function of the smoke alarm.~~

704.7 Fire Alarms. Fire alarms in existing residential structures shall be installed in accordance with Chapter 10-8, Section 907.3, "Fire Code," B.R.C. 1981.

SECTION 705

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

705.1 – 705.2 No changes.

705.3 General. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in existing residential structures in accordance with Colorado state law, including Title 38, Article 45, Carbon Monoxide Alarms, C.R.S.

705.4 Carbon Monoxide Alarms. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in existing dwellings and rented single and multi-family dwellings that have fuel fired heaters, appliances, or fireplaces, or attached garages based on the following:

1. Alarms must be installed within 15' of the entrance to each sleeping area and must be wired to AC power, connected to an electrical panel, plugged into an electrical outlet without a switch or, if battery operated, attached to the wall or ceiling per the manufacturer's installation instructions and in accordance with National Fire Protection Association 70.
2. Alarms must be installed in existing rental dwellings upon change of tenant occupancy after July 1, 2009.
3. Alarms must be installed in all newly constructed or renovated single-family and multi-family rental units.
4. Alarms may be installed within 25' of any fuel-fired heater or appliance, fireplace, or garage entrance in a multi-family dwelling used for rental purposes ONLY if the multi-family dwelling is equipped with a centralized alarm system or other mechanism that allows a responsible person to hear the alarm at all times (commercially monitored system).
5. Rental owners are responsible for replacing nonfunctioning carbon monoxide alarms upon written request of the tenant or when the unit is being vacated and rerented.
6. Carbon monoxide detectors shall not be disarmed, removed or have the batteries removed to make them inoperable.

705.5 Carbon Monoxide Alarm Inspections. Carbon monoxide alarm inspections shall be conducted by the property owner or agent as detailed below.

1. Carbon monoxide alarms that receive their primary power from the building wiring shall be checked for good operating condition once each year and supplied with battery backup. The battery shall be replaced as necessary for proper function of the carbon monoxide alarm.

2. Battery-powered carbon monoxide alarms shall be tested for proper function on an annual basis. Batteries shall be replaced as necessary for proper function of the carbon monoxide alarm.

SECTION ~~706~~**705** PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

~~706.1705.1~~ Where Required. Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed as required by the City of Boulder Fire Code Section 906.

~~706.1.1705.1.1~~ In new and existing R-1, R-2 and R-4 occupancies, portable fire extinguishers need only be installed when interior corridors and common areas exist in accordance with Section 906.1 and table 906.3(2) for light (low) hazard occupancies and sections 906.3 through 906.9.

APPENDIX A BOARDING STANDARD

~~A101—A104~~A103**** No changes.

APPENDIX B RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTION AND LICENSING

B101 Scope. Appendix B sets standards for administering the rental housing maintenance, inspection and licensing process.

B102 Rental Licenses. Residential rental licenses are applied for and renewed in accordance with Chapter 10-3, "Rental Licenses," B.R.C. 1981.

B103 Inspections. Rental inspections "~~Baseline~~" and "~~Renewal inspections~~" shall be performed and certified by licensed contractors as detailed in Chapter 4-4, "Building Contractor License," B.R.C. 1981.

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Section 3. Chapter 10-3, "Rental Licenses," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

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10-3-3. - Terms of Licenses.

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- (b) In addition to any other applicable requirements, new licenses and renewals shall require that the licensee submit to the city manager a complete application packet for the license, on forms provided by the manager. The application shall satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) A current rental~~baseline~~ inspection report (for a new license except as set forth in Section 10-3-5, "License Procedure for Newly Constructed Rental Property," B.R.C.

1981,) ~~or a current renewal inspection report executed by a rental housing inspector~~ certifying compliance with those portions of Chapter 10-2, "Property Maintenance Code," and Section 9-9-16, "Lighting, Outdoor," B.R.C. 1981, for which the report form requires inspection and certification.

(2) The operator shall certify on the application forms provided by the manager that the operator has a current valid contract with a commercial trash hauler for removal of accumulated trash from the licensed property in accordance with Subsection 6-3-3(b), B.R.C. 1981.

(c) The city manager shall issue separate licenses for individual buildings. Such licenses shall cover all dwelling units and rooming units within such buildings. In a building containing attached but individually owned dwelling units, or any other dwelling units which may be separately conveyed, the city manager shall issue separate licenses for each dwelling unit. A structure, or group of structures, shall be considered to be a single building if it has been assigned a single street address by the City. If a complex of buildings on one property is under common ownership, and this owner is willing to have a common expiration date for the licenses for all dwelling and rooming units, the city manager may consider the whole complex to be the equivalent of a single building for the purposes of licensing and the fee schedule in Section 4-20-18, "Rental License Fee," B.R.C. 1981.

(d) Whenever an existing license is renewed, the renewal license shall be effective from the date of expiration of the last license if the applicant submits a complete renewal application by or within ninety days from the expiration date. ~~Licenses not renewed within ninety days will be considered expired, requiring a new baseline inspection report.~~

(e) Issuance of any license (new or renewed) extending beyond December 31, 2018 requires meeting the energy efficiency requirements of Chapter 10-2, "Property Maintenance Code, Appendix C - Energy Efficiency Requirements," B.R.C. 1981.

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10-3-6. - License Application Procedure for Buildings Converted to Rental Property.

Every operator converting a property to rental property shall follow the procedures in this section for procuring a rental license:

(a) Submit to the city manager a complete application packet, on forms provided by the manager, at least thirty days before rental of the property including:

(1) A rental housing inspector's certification of ~~rental~~baseline inspection dated within twelve months before the application. The operator shall make a copy of the inspection form available to city staff and tenants of inspected units within fourteen days of a request;

(2) The rental housing inspector shall certify in the ~~rental~~baseline inspection report the condition and location of all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms required by Chapter 10-2, "Property Maintenance Code," B.R.C. 1981;

(3) A trash removal plan meeting the requirements of Subsection 6-3-3(b), B.R.C. 1981, made and verified by the operator; and

(4) If the unit is an affordable accessory unit as defined in Section 9-16-1, "Definitions," B.R.C. 1981, a sworn certification that the unit will meet the rental affordability standard as defined in Section 9-16-1, "Definitions," B.R.C. 1981.

(b) Pay all license fees prescribed by Section 4-20-18, "Rental License Fee," B.R.C. 1981, ~~at the time of submitting the license application.~~ The city manager shall not issue any rental license if the operator owes any fees or penalties, unless the penalties are subject to a pending appeal.

(c) Take all reasonable steps to notify any occupants of the property in advance of the date and time of the inspection. The operator shall be present and accompany the inspector throughout the inspection, unlocking and opening doors as required.

10-3-7. - License Renewal Procedure for Buildings Occupied as Rental Property.

Every operator of a rental property shall follow the procedures in this section when renewing an unexpired license:

(a) Submit to the city manager a complete application packet, on forms provided by the manager including:

(1) A rental housing inspector's certification of rental renewal inspection dated within twelve months before the application. The operator shall make a copy of the inspection form available to city staff and tenants of inspected units within fourteen days of a request;

(2) The rental housing inspector shall certify in the rental baseline inspection report the condition and location of all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms required by Chapter 10-2, "Property Maintenance Code," B.R.C. 1981;

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10-3-12. - License Fees.

(a) Applicants for any rental housing license, and operators renewing an existing rental housing license, shall pay the license fees prescribed by Section 4-20-18, "Rental License Fee," B.R.C. 1981, prior to issuance~~upon submission~~ of any license application.

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10-3-14. - Local Agent Required.

Whenever any rental property is required to be licensed under this chapter, and neither the owner nor the operator is a natural person domiciled within Boulder County, Colorado, the owner shall appoint a natural person who is capable of responding to the property within sixty minutes~~domiciled within Boulder County, Colorado~~, to serve as the local agent of the owner and the operator for service of such notices as are specified in Section 10-2-2, "Property Maintenance Code," Section 108, "Unsafe Structures and Equipment," and Section 109, "Emergency Measures," B.R.C 1981, and notices given to the local agent shall be sufficient to satisfy any requirement of notice to the owner or the operator. The owner shall notify the city manager in writing of the appointment within five days of being required to make such an appointment, and shall thereafter notify the city manager of any change of local agent within fifteen days of such change.

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Section 4. Chapter 10-5, "Building Code," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

10-5-1. - Legislative Intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health and safety by regulating the construction, alteration, repair, wrecking, and moving of structures in the city. The city council hereby adopts the ~~2018~~2012 edition of the *International Building Code* with certain amendments and deletions thereto found to be in the best interests of the residents of the city.

10-5-2. - Adoption of International Building Code With Modifications.

(a) The ~~2018~~2012 edition of the *International Building Code* of the International Code Council is hereby adopted by reference as the City of Boulder Building Code and has the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this chapter, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The appendix chapters I, "PATIO COVERS," J, "GRADING," and K, "ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS," and sections contained therein are adopted.

(c) Section 101.1, "Title," is repealed and reenacted to read:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Building Code of the City of Boulder or building code, hereinafter referred to as "this code." Where other codes are referenced in this code, those code provisions shall not apply unless otherwise adopted by the City of Boulder. Where reference is made anywhere in this code to the "Department" or "Department of Building Safety," it shall have the same meaning as the "Division of Building Safety." Where reference is made anywhere in this code to the "International Energy Conservation Code," it shall have the same meaning as the "City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code."

(d) Section 101.4, "Referenced codes," is repealed and reenacted to read:

Chapter 1, "Administration," in this code shall also apply and serve as Chapter 1, "Administration," in the following codes ~~adopted by reference in this title:~~ Chapter 10-2, "International Property Maintenance Code"; Chapter 10-5.5, "International Residential Code"; Chapter 10-5.6, "International Existing Building Code"; Chapter 10-7, "City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code"; Chapter 10-8.5, "International Wildland-Urban Interface Code"; Chapter 10-9, "International Mechanical Code"; Chapter 10-9.5, "International Fuel Gas Code"; and Chapter 10-10, "International Plumbing Code," B.R.C. 1981. Where administrative provisions are expressly adopted, or adopted in an altered form, for use in those chapters, they shall supersede any conflicting provisions of the administrative provisions of this chapter.

The other codes listed in Sections 101.4.1 through ~~101.4.7~~101.4.6 and referenced elsewhere in this code shall be considered as part of the requirements of this code as applicable.

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(j) Section 105.2, "Work exempt from permit," is repealed and reenacted to read:

105.2 Work exempt from permit. Exemptions from the building permit requirements of this code do not grant authorization for any work to be done in violation of the requirements of this code or any other laws or ordinances of the City. Building permits shall not be required for the following:

General:

1. One-story detached nonconditioned buildings accessory to a residential structure and not more than 80 square feet in area or ten feet in height and not being served by any electrical, mechanical, or plumbing fixtures or systems.
2. Fences not over ~~7~~^{six} feet (2,134 mm) high.

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(n) Section 107.1, "General," is repealed and reenacted to read:

107.1 General. An applicant for a building permit shall submit a minimum of two sets of plans and specifications with each application when required by the building official for enforcement of any provisions of this code.

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(2) Drawings and specifications for footings and foundations shall bear the seal and signature of a professional engineer ~~or architect~~ registered in Colorado or an architect licensed in Colorado and be designed as specified in Chapter 18 of the building code for all occupancies.

Exceptions:

- (a) Detached structures not intended for human occupancy;
- (b) Additions to existing detached dwellings not exceeding 150 square feet.

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(q) Section 113, "Board of Appeals," is repealed and reenacted to read:

113 Appeals and advisory opinions.

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(g) The board or hearing officer has no authority to interpret Chapter 1 (the administrative requirements) ~~and Chapter 34~~ of this code except as expressly provided in this section, nor, because this code sets minimum standards, to waive any requirement of this code.

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(x) Section 202, "Definitions," is amended by the addition of the following new definitions:

MULTIPLE FIXTURE ALL GENDER TOILET FACILITY. A toilet facility consisting of multiple water closet compartments and associated lavatories which serve all genders.

PERMIT ISSUANCE. The date that the approved building permit is paid for and received back from the city manager by the applicant or a representative of the applicant.

(y) A new Subsection 6 is added to Section 708.1, "General," to read:

6. Walls separating marijuana growing, processing, and dispensing occupancies from adjacent occupancies.

(z) A paragraph is added to Section (F) 903.2, "Where required," to read:

The maximum fire area without an automatic sprinkler system shall be determined by Section 903.2 of the fire code.

(aa) Section ~~907.2.10~~~~907.2.11~~, "Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms," is amended by the addition of the following subsections:

~~907.2.10.8~~~~907.2.11.5~~ Alterations, repairs, and enlargements. (1) When buildings or structures, or portions of buildings or structures, classified as Group R are altered, repaired, or enlarged and the work requires a building permit, or (2) when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created, smoke alarms shall be installed for each dwelling or sleeping unit affected by such work in accordance with Section ~~907.2.10~~~~907.2.11~~, except as provided otherwise in this section or its subsections.

Exceptions:

1. Work involving solely the exterior surfaces of the building or structure, such as replacement of roofing or siding or the addition of a porch or deck.
2. Installation, alterations, and repairs of plumbing or mechanical systems.

~~907.2.10.8~~~~907.2.11.5.1~~ Exception to interconnection. Section ~~907.2.10.5~~~~907.2.11.3~~ applies except that interconnection of smoke alarms in existing areas shall not be required where alterations and repairs do not include removal of interior wall and ceiling finishes exposing the structure unless an attic, crawlspace, or basement is available to provide access for interconnection without removal of interior finishes.

~~907.2.10.8.2~~~~907.2.11.5.2~~ Exception to power source. Section ~~907.2.10.6~~~~907.2.11.4~~ applies except that (1) smoke alarms may be battery-operated when installed in a building without commercial power and (2) hard-wired smoke alarms shall not be required in existing areas where alterations or repairs do not result in the removal of interior wall and ceiling finishes exposing the structure unless an attic, crawlspace, or basement is available to provide access for hard wiring without removal of interior finishes.

(**) **Section 1109.2.2. "Water closet compartment."** is repealed and reenacted to read:

1109.2.2 Water closet compartment. Where water closet compartments are provided in a toilet room or bathing room, at least one wheelchair-accessible compartment shall be provided. Where the combined total water closet compartments and urinals provided in a toilet room or bathing room is eleven or more, at least one ambulatory-accessible water closet compartment shall be provided in addition to the wheelchair-accessible compartment.

- (bb) Section ~~1404.31~~~~405.3~~, "Vapor retarders," is amended by adding two exceptions:
4. Commercial and multiple-residence buildings complying with the 2020 City of Boulder2012 International Energy Conservation Code Section ~~C402.5~~~~C402.4~~, Air leakage (mandatory).
 5. Residential buildings complying with the 2020 City of Boulder2012 International Energy Conservation Code Section R402.4, Air leakage (mandatory).

(cc) Section 1505.1, "General," is repealed and reenacted to read:

1505.1 General. All roof assemblies and roof coverings required to be listed by this section shall be tested in accordance with ASTM Standard E 108 or UL Standard 790. Class A roofs and the exceptions noted in Section 1505.3 for class B roofs as described in this Chapter 15 are the only roof assemblies and roof coverings allowed to be installed on any new or existing building within the city of Boulder. Wood shakes, wood shingles, and wood roof covering materials are prohibited except as provided in Section 10-5-5, "Wood Roof Covering Materials Prohibited," B.R.C. 1981, for certain minimal repairs.

~~(dd) Section 1608.1, "General," is repealed and reenacted to read:~~

~~**1608.1 General.** The minimum roof snow load shall be thirty pounds per square foot, but the design roof load shall not be less than that determined by Section 1607.~~

(ee) Section 1608.2, "Ground snow loads," is ~~deleted~~repealed and reenacted to read:

Ground snow loads shall be 40 pounds per square foot, $P_g = 40 \text{ lb/ft}^2$

(ff) Section 1609.3, "Basic wind speed," is amended by adding the following sentence:~~but not Section 1609.3.1 and Table 1609.3.1, is repealed and reenacted to read:~~

~~1609.3 – Basic wind speed.~~

The ~~basic~~ultimate design wind speed, V_{ult} , in mph, for the determination of wind loads shall be determined by Table 1609.3. based on the wind zone and building risk category ~~130~~.

TABLE 1609.3. ^a

BASICULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEED

<u>BasicUltimate</u> Design Wind Speed (V_{ult}) in MPH according to Wind Zone and Building <u>Risk</u> Category			
Wind Zone	Risk Category I	Risk Category II	Risk Category III and IV <u>V</u>
East of Broadway	140	150	160
West of Broadway	155	165	175

^a. These standards were developed by Jon A. Peterka in the Colorado Front Range Gust Map—

ASCE 7-167-10 Compatible dated November 18, 2013.

(gg) Sections 1612.2, 1612.3 and 1612.4~~1612.3, 1612.4 and 1612.5~~ are repealed.

(hh) Section 1705, "Required Special Inspections and Tests~~verification and inspection~~," is amended by adding the following subsection:

1705.191705.18 Special inspection for medical gas systems. Medical gas systems shall be tested as detailed in Chapter 12, "Special Piping and Storage Systems," of the City of Boulder Plumbing Code.

(**) A new exception 5 is added to Section 2902.2, **Separate Facilities:**

5. Separate facilities are not required when multiple fixture all gender facilities are provided. Multiple fixture all gender facilities are not required; they are an alternative to be determined by the property owner or the owners' agent.

(**) 2902.4 "Signage". is repealed and reenacted to read:

2902.4 Signage. Required public facilities shall be provided with signs that designate which genders the facility accommodates as required by section 2902.2. Signs shall be readily visible and located near the entrance to each toilet facility. Signs for accessible toilet facilities shall comply with Section 1111.

Exception: Toilet facilities with only one water closet shall not be identified for exclusive use by any gender and shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this section. Signage shall be provided in accordance with Section 2902.4.2.

2902.4.1 Directional signage. Directional signage indicating the route to the required public toilet facilities shall be posted in a lobby, corridor, aisle or similar space, such that the sign can be readily seen from the main entrance to the building or tenant space.

2902.4.2 All gender signage. Single-user toilet facilities provided in accordance with Section 2902.1.2, and family or assisted-use toilet facilities provided in accordance with Section 2902.2.1, shall be provided with signs which clearly indicate the facilities are available for use by all genders.

2902.4.2.1 Existing facilities. After December 31, 2020, all existing single-user toilet facilities and family or assisted-use toilet facilities, shall be provided with signage in accordance with Section 2902.4.2.

(ii) Section J103, "Permits required," of Appendix J, "GRADING," is amended by adding the following subsections:

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(**) A new Chapter 36 is added to read:

CHAPTER 36. COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION WASTE RECYCLING.

3601.1 Commercial construction recycling requirement.

An applicant for a building permit to construct a new building shall demonstrate all recyclable wood, metal and cardboard materials were donated, reused or recycled.

3601.1.1 Reporting.

Within sixty days following the completion of the project and prior to final inspection, the applicant shall submit documentation to the city manager which proves that all recyclable wood, metal and cardboard was donated, reused, or recycled. The documentation shall consist of a final completed waste diversion report in a form as prescribed by the city manager showing the tonnage of materials salvaged for recycling and reuse, supported by original weight receipts or other waste documentation that reasonably verifies that materials generated from the site have been accepted for recycling, reuse, salvage or otherwise diverted. For construction debris for which weighing is not practical due to size, lack of scales at the facility, or other considerations, a volumetric measurement shall be used. For conversion of volumetric measurements to weight, the applicant shall use the standardized conversion rates established by the city manager.

3601.2 Commercial deconstruction waste recycling.

An applicant for a full demolition shall adhere to the requirements of 3601.2.1 through 3601.2.5.

3601.2.1 Diversion requirements.

The applicant shall divert from landfills at least seventy-five percent of the waste tonnage of demolition debris generated from the project by using recycling, reuse, and diversion programs. The city manager may modify this requirement if the applicant demonstrates it is unfeasible as set forth in section 3601.2.2. The materials diverted must also include at least three of the material types set forth in the in the deconstruction plan form established by the city manager.

3601.2.2 Information required before issuance of demolition permit.

The applicant shall submit a properly completed deconstruction plan in a form as established by the city manager. The applicant must propose to divert at least three of the material types identified by the city manager in the deconstruction plan form. No building permit or demolition permit shall be issued prior to the approval of the deconstruction plan by the city manager. In estimating the volume or weight of materials identified in the deconstruction plan, the applicant shall use the standardized conversion rates established by the city manager. The city manager may modify the required diversion percentage if the applicant demonstrates in the deconstruction plan that the percentage is not feasible because the maximum weight of materials that can be reused or recycled is less than the required diversion rate, or due to the presence of materials that are unable to be diverted due to special waste conditions such as environmental hazards.

3601.2.3 Administrative fee and deposit required.

Prior to issuance of a permit for a full demolition or level 4 alteration as defined in the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code, the applicant shall post a cash deposit and pay the administrative fee described in Section 4-20-72, B.R.C. 1981. The cash deposit shall be one dollar per square foot of the demolition or work area of the alteration as identified in the permit application, or \$1,500, whichever is greater.

1 **3601.2.4 Reporting.**

2 Within sixty days following the completion of the demolition, the applicant shall submit
3 documentation to the city which proves compliance with the requirements of sections 3601.2.1
4 and 3601.2.2. The documentation shall consist of a final completed waste diversion report in a
5 form established by the city manager showing the tonnage of materials salvaged for recycling
6 and reuse, supported by original weight receipts or other waste documentation that reasonably
7 verifies that materials generated from the site have been accepted for recycling, reuse, salvage or
8 otherwise diverted at the required diversion percentage. The documentation shall further
9 demonstrate that the diverted materials include at least three material types. For demolition
10 debris for which weighing is not practical due to size, lack of scales at facility, or other
11 considerations, a volumetric measurement shall be used. For conversion of volumetric
12 measurements to weight, the applicant shall use the standardized conversion rates established by
13 the city manager.

14 **3601.2.5 Deposit refunded or forfeited.**

15 No applicant shall fail to comply with 3601.2.1 through 3601.2.4. The deposit shall be refunded
16 to the applicant in proportion to the ratio of the actual diversion rate to the required diversion
17 rate. If the required diversion percentage is not fully complied with, the remainder of the deposit
18 shall be forfeited to the city as a civil penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of this
19 chapter, after notice and an opportunity for hearing under the procedures prescribed by Chapter
20 1-3, "Quasi-Judicial Hearings," B.R.C. 1981. The city manager may adjust the amount of the
21 refund or forfeiture where the applicant demonstrates that the required diversion percentage was
22 not feasible based on the factors identified in 3601.2.2 for modification of the diversion
23 percentage. The forfeiture remedy is cumulative and is in addition to any other action the city
24 manager is authorized to take, including suspension or revocation of a building contractor license
25 or prosecution in the municipal court. Each 2,500 square feet of the demolition or alteration shall
give rise to a separate violation, and each violation is subject to a maximum fine of \$2,500.

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Section 5. Chapter 10-5.5, "Residential Building Code," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

10-5.5-1. - Legislative Intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by regulating the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, removal, and demolition of detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses, not more than three stories above grade in height with a separate means of egress, and their accessory structures. The city council hereby adopts the ~~2018~~2012 edition of the *International Residential Code* with certain amendments thereto found to be in the best interests of the city.

10-5.5-2. - Adoption of the International Residential Code With Modifications.

- (a) The ~~2018~~2012 edition of the International Residential Code of the International Code Council is hereby adopted by reference as the City of Boulder Residential Building Code

and has the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this chapter, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this chapter.

- (b) The Appendix chapters D, E, F, ~~G~~, H, J, K, ~~and P, Q, R and S~~ and sections contained therein are adopted.

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- (f) A new sentence is added to the end of Section R301.1, "Application," stating:
Structural calculations shall be submitted to the building official, demonstrating how the proposed construction meets the applicable requirements for design loads ~~supports must be provided to the building official.~~

- (g) The climatic and geographic design criteria applicable to Table R301.2.(1) are:
Ground ~~s~~Snow ~~L~~Ioad = ~~thirty~~ 40 pounds per square foot, $P_g = 40 \text{ lb/ft}^2$ ~~with a minimum Roof Snow Load of 30 pounds per square foot.~~

Three-second wind gust velocity = ~~150~~120 mph east of Broadway, ~~165~~130 mph west of Broadway

Topographic effects = Yes

Special wind region = Yes

Windborne debris zone = No

Seismic Design Category = B

Weathering = severe

Frost line depth = 32 inches

Termite = slight

Decay = none to slight

Winter Design Temp = 2 degrees Fahrenheit

Ice barrier underlayment required = NO

Flood Hazards = See Sections 9-3-3 through 9-3-9, B.R.C. 1981

Air freezing index = 459

Mean annual temp = 52.1

Elevation = 5385 feet

Latitude = 40 degrees

Winter Heating = 0 degrees Fahrenheit

Summer Cooling = 91 degrees Fahrenheit

Altitude Correction Factor= 0.821

Indoor Design Temperature = 72 degrees Fahrenheit

Design Temperature Cooling = 75 degrees Fahrenheit

Heating Temperature difference = 66 degrees Fahrenheit

Cooling Temperature difference = 18 degrees Fahrenheit

Wind Velocity Heating = 15

Wind Velocity Cooling = 7.5

Coincident Wet Bulb = 59 degrees Fahrenheit

Daily Range = High

Winter Humidity = 30%

Summer Humidity = 50%

- (h) Section R301.2.4, "Floodplain construction": A new sentence is added to the end of the section reading "All work on structures in the scope of this code shall also meet the requirements of Sections ~~9-3-29-3-3~~ through 9-3-9, B.R.C 1981."

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- (j) The first sentence of the Exception to Item 2 in Section ~~R302.2.4~~R302.2.2, "Parapets for townhouses," is amended by deleting "a minimum class C roof covering" and replacing it with "a minimum Class B roof covering."

- (k) Section R302.5.1, "Opening protection," is repealed and reenacted to read:

R302.5.1 Opening protection. Openings from a garage directly into a room used for sleeping purposes shall not be permitted. Other openings between the garage and residence shall be equipped with weather-stripped, solid wood doors not less than 1 and 3/8 inches (35 mm) in thickness, solid or honeycomb-core steel doors not less than 1 and 3/8 inches (35 mm) in thickness, or 20-minute fire-rated doors, equipped with a self-closing device.

- ~~(l) Section R309.5, "Fire sprinklers," is deleted.~~

- (m) Section R311.2, "Egress doors," is repealed and reenacted to read:

R311.2 Egress doors. At least one egress door shall be provided for each dwelling unit. The egress door shall be side hinged, and shall provide a minimum clear width of 32 inches (813 mm) when measured between the face of the door and the stop, with the door open 90 degrees (1.57 rad). The minimum clear height of the door opening shall not be less than 78 inches (1981 mm) in height measured from the top of the threshold to the bottom of the stop.

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- ~~(p) Section R313.1, "Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems," is repealed and reenacted to read:~~

~~**R313.1 Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems.** Automatic fire sprinkler systems shall be installed in townhouses in accordance with the requirements of Section 903.2.8 of the City of Boulder Fire Code.~~

- ~~(q) Section R313.2, "One and two family dwelling automatic fire sprinkler systems," is repealed and reenacted to read:~~

~~**R313.2 One and two family dwelling automatic fire sprinkler systems.** Automatic sprinkler systems shall be installed in one and two family dwellings in accordance with the requirements of Section 903.2.8 of the City of Boulder Fire Code.~~

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- (t) A new Section R324 Construction Waste Management is added to read:

SECTION R324 CONSTRUCTION WASTE MANAGEMENT

R324.1 Construction Waste Recycling. An applicant for a building permit for a new dwelling unit or an addition to an existing dwelling unit shall demonstrate all recyclable wood, metal, and cardboard materials will be donated, reused, or recycled.

1 **~~R324.2 Deconstruction Management.~~** ~~An applicant proposing to demolish more than 50~~
2 ~~percent of exterior walls shall demonstrate through a deconstruction plan that 100 percent of~~
3 ~~concrete and asphalt and at least 65 percent of other the existing building materials, by~~
4 ~~weight, from the deconstruction, excluding concrete and asphalt, will be diverted from the~~
5 ~~landfill for reuse or recycling.~~

6 A new Section R328, Construction Waste Management, is added to read:

7 **SECTION R328 CONSTRUCTION WASTE MANAGEMENT**

8 **R328.1 Residential construction waste recycling.** An applicant for a building permit to
9 construct a new dwelling unit shall demonstrate all recyclable wood, metal and cardboard
10 materials were donated, reused or recycled.

11 **R328.1.1 Reporting.** Within sixty days following the completion of the project and prior to
12 final inspection, the applicant shall submit documentation to the city manager which proves
13 that all recyclable wood, metal and cardboard was donated, reused, or recycled. The
14 documentation shall consist of a final completed waste diversion report in a form as
15 prescribed by the city manager showing the tonnage of materials salvaged for recycling and
16 reuse, supported by original weight receipts or other waste documentation that reasonably
17 verifies that materials generated from the site have been accepted for recycling, reuse,
18 salvage or otherwise diverted. For construction debris for which weighing is not practical
19 due to size, lack of scales at the facility, or other considerations, a volumetric measurement
20 shall be used. For conversion of volumetric measurements to weight, the applicant shall use
21 the standardized conversion rates established by the city manager.

22 **R328.2 Residential deconstruction waste recycling.** An applicant for a full demolition or
23 level 4 alteration as defined in the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code shall
24 adhere to the requirements of R328.2.1 through R328.2.5.

25 **R328.2.1 Diversion requirements.** The applicant shall divert from landfills at least seventy-
26 five percent of the waste tonnage of demolition debris generated from the project by using
27 recycling, reuse, and diversion programs. The city manager may modify this requirement if
28 the applicant demonstrates it is unfeasible as set forth in section R328.2.2. The materials
29 diverted must also include at least three of the material types set forth in the in the
30 deconstruction plan form established by the city manager.

31 **R328.2.2 Information required before issuance of demolition and/or building permit.**
32 The applicant shall submit a properly completed deconstruction plan in a form as established
33 by the city manager. The applicant must propose to divert at least three of the material types
34 identified by the city manager in the deconstruction plan form. No building permit or
35 demolition permit shall be issued prior to the approval of the deconstruction plan by the city
36 manager. In estimating the volume or weight of materials identified in the deconstruction
37 plan, the applicant shall use the standardized conversion rates established by the city
38 manager. The city manager may modify the required diversion percentage if the applicant
39 demonstrates in the deconstruction plan that the percentage is not feasible because the
40 maximum weight of materials that can be reused or recycled is less than the required
41 diversion rate, or due to the presence of materials that are unable to be diverted due to

special waste conditions such as environmental hazards.

R328.2.3 Administrative fee and deposit required. Prior to issuance of a permit for a full demolition or level 4 alteration as defined in the *2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code*, the applicant shall post a cash deposit and pay the administrative fee described in section 4-20-72, B.R.C. 1981. The cash deposit shall be one dollar per square foot of the demolition or work area of the alteration as identified in the permit application, or \$1,500, whichever is greater.

R328.2.4 Reporting. Within sixty days following the completion of the demolition or alteration, the applicant shall submit documentation to the city which proves compliance with the requirements of sections R328.2.1 and R328.2.2. The documentation shall consist of a final completed waste diversion report in a form established by the city manager showing the tonnage of materials salvaged for recycling and reuse, supported by original weight receipts or other waste documentation that reasonably verifies that materials generated from the site have been accepted for recycling, reuse, salvage or otherwise diverted at the required diversion percentage. The documentation shall further demonstrate that the diverted materials include at least three material types. For demolition debris for which weighing is not practical due to size, lack of scales at facility, or other considerations, a volumetric measurement shall be used. For conversion of volumetric measurements to weight, the applicant shall use the standardized conversion rates established by the city manager.

R328.2.5 Deposit refunded or forfeited. No applicant shall fail to comply with R328.2.1 through R328.2.4. The deposit shall be refunded to the applicant in proportion to the ratio of the actual diversion rate to the required diversion rate. If the required diversion percentage is not fully complied with, the remainder of the deposit shall be forfeited to the city as a civil penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter, after notice and an opportunity for hearing under the procedures prescribed by Chapter 1-3, "Quasi-Judicial Hearings," B.R.C. 1981. The city manager may adjust the amount of the refund or forfeiture where the applicant demonstrates that the required diversion percentage was not feasible based on the factors identified in R328.2.2 for modification of the diversion percentage. The forfeiture remedy is cumulative and is in addition to any other action the city manager is authorized to take, including suspension or revocation of a building contractor license or prosecution in the municipal court. Each 2500 square feet of the demolition or alteration shall give rise to a separate violation, and each violation is subject to a maximum fine of \$2,500.

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(v) A new Section R401.5, "Placement of backfill," is added to read:

R401.5 Placement of backfill. The provisions of Section ~~1804.3~~1804.2 of the Building Code of the City of Boulder shall apply to the placement of backfill.

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(cc) Chapter 11, "Energy Efficiency." Sections N1101 through N1105 are repealed. A new Section N1101 is added to read:

N1101 Scope. Regulations concerning the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and requirements for green building practices shall be administered in accordance with the 2020~~2017~~ *City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code* as adopted by Chapter 10-7, "Energy Conservation Code," B.R.C. 1981.

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(gg) Section ~~M1601.4.10~~**M1601.4.9**, "Flood hazard areas," is repealed and reenacted to read:

M1601.4.10~~M1601.4.9~~ Flood hazard areas. In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981, duct systems shall be located or installed in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(hh) A new sentence is added to Section ~~M1602.2~~**M1602.1**, "Return air," to read:

Within individual dwelling units there shall be at least one return air opening on each floor.

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(kk) ~~Chapter 23 is renamed to read "Solar Energy Systems and Solar Ready Buildings."~~

(ll) ~~A new Section M2303, "Solar photovoltaic power systems," is added to read:~~

~~**M2303 Solar photovoltaic power systems.** Solar photovoltaic power systems shall also meet the provisions of Section E3804, as amended.~~

(mm) ~~A new Section M2304, "Requirements for Solar Ready Buildings," is added to read:~~

~~**M2304.1 General.** All new buildings shall comply with the requirements of this Section M2304.1. This section shall not apply to additions, alterations or repairs to existing buildings.~~

~~**M2304.1.1 Solar Zone.** Solar Zones shall be clearly indicated on the construction documents.~~

~~**M2304.1.1.1 Location and Size of Solar Zones.** The solar zone shall have a minimum total area as described below. The solar zone shall comply with access, pathway, smoke ventilation, and spacing requirements as specified in the Boulder Revised Code. The solar zone total area shall be comprised of one or more rectangular areas that are no less than 80 square feet and no side of any rectangular area shall be less than five feet in length. The solar zone shall be located:~~

- ~~1. On the roof or overhang of the building;~~
- ~~2. On the roof or overhang of another structure located within 250 feet of the building on the same parcel or lot;~~
- ~~3. On covered parking installed with the building project, or~~
- ~~4. On a façade that is less than 15 degrees greater or less than true south.~~

~~The solar zone shall have a total area of no less than 40 percent of the total roof area, as measured by the area of the roof planes. The following roof areas can be excluded when calculating the total roof area of the building:~~

- ~~1. Roof areas with a permanently installed domestic solar water heating system.~~
- ~~2. Roof areas where the annual solar access is less than 70 percent. For the purpose of this code, solar access means the ratio of solar insolation including shade to the solar insolation without shade. Shading from obstructions located on the roof or any other part of the building shall not be included in the determination of annual solar access.~~

~~**Exception:** Solar zones are not required in:~~

1. Buildings with a permanently installed solar electric system having a nameplate DC power rating, measured under standard test condition of no less than one watt per square foot of roof area.

2. Buildings where the roof is designed and approved to be used for vehicular traffic or parking or for a heliport.

M2304.1.1.2 Orientation. All sections of the solar zone located on steep slope roofs shall be oriented between 90 degrees and 270 degrees of true north.

M2304.1.1.3 Shading.

1. No obstructions, including but not limited to, vents, chimneys, architectural features, and roof mounted equipment, shall be located in the solar zone.

2. Any obstruction located on the roof or any other part of the building that projects above a solar zone shall be located at least twice the distance, measured in the horizontal plane, of the height difference between the highest point of the obstruction and the horizontal projection of the nearest point of the solar zone, measured in the vertical plane.

Exception: Any roof obstruction, located on the roof or any other part of the building, that is oriented north of all points on the solar zone.

M2304.1.1.4 Structural Design Loads on Construction Documents. For areas of the roof designated as solar zone, the structural design loads for roof dead load and roof live load shall be clearly indicated on the construction documents.

NOTE: The inclusion of any collateral loads for future solar energy systems is not required.

M2304.1.2 Interconnection Pathways. The construction documents shall indicate a location for inverters and metering equipment and a pathway for routing of conduit for the solar zone to the point of interconnection with the electrical service.

M2304.1.3. Documentation. A copy of the construction documents or a comparable document indicating the information from Sections M2304.1.1 through M2304.1.2 shall be provided to and maintained by the building owner. The building owner shall provide a copy of the construction documents or a comparable document indicating the information from Sections M2304.1.1 through M2304.1.2 to any purchasers and subsequent owners of the building or any part thereof.

M2304.1.4. Main Electrical Service Panel.

1. The main electrical service panel shall have a minimum busbar rating of no less than 200 amps.

2. The main electrical service panel shall have a reserved space to allow for the installation of double pole circuit breakers for a future solar electric installation.

A. Location. The reserved space shall be positioned at the opposite (load) end from the input feeder location or main circuit location.

B. Marking. The reserved spaces shall be permanently marked as "For Future Solar Electric."

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(vv) Section P3009, "Subsurface Landscape Irrigation SystemsGray water recycling systems," is deleted in its entirety.

(ww) Section P3101.5, "Flood resistance," is repealed and reenacted to read:

P3101.5 Flood resistance. In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981, vents shall be located or installed in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land

Use Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(xx) — A new Section E3804, "Solar photovoltaic power systems," is added to read:
E3804 Solar photovoltaic power systems. Solar photovoltaic power systems shall meet the provisions of sections 605.11 through 605.11.3.2.3 of the City of Boulder Fire Code.

(yy) — New Subsections E3901.13, "Electric vehicle charging requirements for new construction," and E3901.14, "Electric vehicle charging requirements for renovations," are added to read:

E3901.13 Electric vehicle charging requirements for new construction. Every new dwelling unit in a detached one- and two-family dwelling or townhouse shall include the following in at least one of the provided off-street parking spaces:

1. — A 240-volt dedicated electric vehicle charging receptacle outlet, and
2. — A 120-volt dedicated electric vehicle charging receptacle outlet.

The electric vehicle charging receptacle outlets shall be labeled as an electric vehicle outlet.

E3901.14 Electric vehicle charging requirements for renovations. For every dwelling unit where a garage is converted to habitable space, at least one 120-volt or 240-volt dedicated electric vehicle charging receptacle outlet shall be provided adjacent to at least one of any provided parking spaces.

Exception: A dedicated charging outlet is not required if off-street parking is not provided.

The electric vehicle charging receptacle outlets shall be labeled as an electric vehicle outlet.

(zz) — Section E4209.3, "Accessibility," is amended by adding the following to the end of the section:

Equipment shall be accessed by a panel with a minimum size of 12 inches (305 mm).

(aaa) Appendix F, "Radon Control Method," is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

APPENDIX F RADON CONTROL METHOD

The requirements of Appendix F to the 2018~~2015~~ edition of the *International Residential Code* of the International Code Council shall hereby be complied with which appendix is hereby adopted by reference as part of the City of Boulder Residential Code and have the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this subsection, ~~except as specifically amended by the provisions of this subsection.~~

(bbb) — Section AJ102.5, "Flood hazard areas," is repealed and reenacted to read:

AJ102.5 Flood hazard areas. Work performed in existing buildings located in a floodplain, as established by Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981, shall be done in accordance with the applicable provisions of Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(**) — Appendix P, "Sizing of Water Piping System," is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

APPENDIX P SIZING OF WATER PIPING SYSTEM

The requirements of Appendix P to the 2018 edition of the *International Residential Code* of the International Code Council shall hereby be complied with which appendix is hereby

adopted by reference as part of the City of Boulder Residential Code and have the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this subsection, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this subsection.

(**) Appendix Q, "Tiny Houses," is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

APPENDIX Q

TINY HOUSES

The requirements of Appendix Q to the 2018 edition of the International Residential Code of the International Code Council shall hereby be complied with which appendix is hereby adopted by reference as part of the City of Boulder Residential Code and have the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this subsection, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this subsection.

AQ101.1 "Scope" is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

This appendix shall be applicable to tiny houses used as single dwelling units. Tiny houses shall comply with this code except as otherwise stated in this appendix. Tiny houses shall be constructed on permanent foundations and connected to city utilities, as required by this code.

(ccc) A new footnote notation "b" is added to the heading and a new footnote "b" is added to AP Table AP103.3(2), "Load values assigned to fixtures," reading:

- b. For the purpose of determining the largest instantaneous demand required in order to size a water meter, ~~or for determining the amount of the plant investment fee,~~ this table is repealed and replaced by Chapter 11-1-35, "Meter Size Requirements," the Fixture Unit/GPM Demand Chart and PIF Computation sheet found at Appendix A to Chapter 11-1, "Water Utility," B.R.C. 1981.

Section 6. Tile 10 is amended to add a new Chapter 10-5.6, "Existing Building Code,"
B.R.C. 1981 to read as follows:

10-5.6-1 Legislative Intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health and safety by regulating the repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition to and relocation of existing buildings in the city. This chapter is intended to encourage the use and reuse of existing buildings while requiring reasonable upgrades and improvements. The city council hereby adopts the 2018 edition of the International Existing Building Code with certain amendments, additions and deletions found to be in the best interests of the city.

10-5.5-2 – Adoption of the International Existing Building Code With Modifications.

(a) The 2018 edition of the *International Existing Building Code* of the International Code Council is hereby adopted by reference as the City of Boulder Existing Building Code and has the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this chapter, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this chapter. This code shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 1,

1 "Administration," of the International Building Code as adopted, with amendments, by Section
2 10-5-2, "Adoption of International Building Code With Modifications," B.R.C. 1981.

3 (b) Section 104.2.1, Determination of substantially improved or substantially damaged
4 existing buildings and structures in flood hazard areas, is amended by the addition of a new
5 sentence to read: "In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on
6 structures in the scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9,
7 Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981."

8 (c) Section 104.10.1, "Flood hazard areas," is repealed and reenacted to read:

9 In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the
10 scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use
11 Code, B.R.C. 1981.

12 (d) Section 109.3.3, "Lowest floor elevation," is repealed and reenacted to read:

13 In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the
14 scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use
15 Code, B.R.C. 1981.

16 (e) Section 301.3 Alteration, addition or change of occupancy, is amended by replacing the
17 exception with the following:

18 **Exception:**

19 Subject to the approval of the code official, alterations complying with the laws in
20 existence at the time the building or the affected portion of the building was built shall be
21 considered in compliance with the provisions of this code. New structural members
22 added as part of the alteration shall comply with the International Building Code. This
23 exception shall not apply to alterations that constitute substantial improvement in flood
24 hazard areas, which shall comply with Section 503.2, 701.3 or 1301.3.3; and in
25 accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981. This exception
shall not apply to the structural provisions of Chapter 5 or to the structural provisions of
Sections 706, 806 and 906.

(f) Section 401.3 "Flood hazard areas" is repealed and reenacted to read:

In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the
scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use
Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(g) Section 405.2.5 "Flood hazard areas" is repealed and reenacted to read:

In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the
scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use
Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(h) Section 502.3 "Flood hazard areas" is repealed and reenacted to read:

In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the
scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use
Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(i) Section 503.2 Flood hazard areas is repealed and reenacted to read:

In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(j) Section 507.3 “Flood hazard areas” is repealed and reenacted to read:

In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(k) Section 701.3 “Flood hazard areas” is repealed and reenacted to read:

In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(l) Section 1103.3 “Flood hazard areas” is repealed and reenacted to read:

In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(m) Section 1201.4 “Flood hazard areas” is repealed and reenacted to read:

In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(n) Section 1301.3.3 “Compliance with flood hazard provisions” is repealed and reenacted to read:

1301.3.3 Compliance with flood hazard provisions.

In floodplains, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(o) Section 1402.6 “Flood hazard areas” is repealed and reenacted to read:

If relocated or moved into a flood hazard area, as established in Title 9, Land Use Code, all work on structures in the scope of this code shall also be in accordance with the provisions of Title 9, Land Use Code, B.R.C. 1981.

(p) Section 803.2.2 “Groups A, B, E, F-1, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4, S-1 and S-2” is repealed and reenacted to read:

———In buildings with occupancies in Groups A, B, E, F-1, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4, S-1 and S-2, *work areas* that have exits or corridors shared by more than one tenant or that have exists or corridors serving an occupant load greater than 30 shall be provided with automatic sprinkler protection where both of the following conditions occur:

1 1. The work area is required to be provided with automatic sprinkler protection
2 in accordance with the *International Building Code* as applicable to new
3 construction.

4 2. The work area exceeds 50 percent of the floor area.

5 (q) Section 904.1.4 Other required automatic sprinkler systems, is repealed and reenacted to
6 read:

7 **904.1.4 Other required automatic sprinkler systems.**

8 In buildings and areas listed in Table 903.2.11.6 of the *International Building Code*,
9 works areas that have exits or corridors shared by more than one tenant or that have exits
10 or corridors serving an occupant load greater than 30 shall be provided with an automatic
11 sprinkler system under the following conditions:

12 1. The work area is required to be provided with an automatic sprinkler system in
13 accordance with the *International Building Code* applicable to new construction.

14 (r) APPENDIX B, "SUPPLEMENTARY ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR
15 EXISTING BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES," and sections contained therein are adopted.

16 Section 7. Chapter 10-6, "Electrical Code," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

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18 **10-6-2. - Adoption of the National Electrical Code With Modifications.**

- 19 (a) The current National Electrical Code of the National Fire Protection Association, as
20 currently adopted by the State of Colorado or as is from time to time modified, reenacted
21 or readopted by the State of Colorado is hereby adopted by reference as the City of
22 Boulder Electrical Code or electrical code and has the same force and effect as though
23 fully set forth in this chapter, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this
24 chapter.
- 25 (b) This code shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 1, Administration, of the
20182012 edition of the International Building Code and Appendix K, Administrative
Provisions, of the 20182012 edition of the International Building Code, as adopted,
respectively, with amendments, by Section 10-5-2, "Adoption of the International
Building Code With Modifications," B.R.C. 1981.

~~10-6-3. - Electric Vehicle Charging Requirements for New Multifamily Dwellings.~~

~~Every newly permitted multifamily dwelling with more than twenty-five parking spaces shall
include the following:~~

- ~~(a) Ten percent of parking spaces shall have one 240-volt and one 120-volt dedicated
charging receptacle outlet.~~
- ~~(1) Accessible Spaces. Ten percent of accessible parking spaces, but in no case less than
one accessible parking space, shall have one 240-volt and one 120-volt dedicated
charging receptacle outlet. Parking in accessible spaces where electric vehicle supply
equipment is installed shall not be limited to electric vehicles when no other comparable
accessible space is available.~~

- (2) ~~Designation. Fifty percent of the parking spaces with a required dedicated charging receptacle outlet for electric vehicles shall be designated for electric vehicle charging.~~
- (b) ~~At least two parking spaces shall have a Level 2 dual port electric vehicle charging station. These two parking spaces with a Level 2 dual port electric vehicle charging station shall be designated for electric vehicle charging.~~

10-6-4. ~~Electric Vehicle Charging Requirements for New Commercial Structures and R-1 and R-2 Occupancies.~~

~~Every newly permitted commercial structure with more than twenty-five parking spaces and buildings serving a Group R-1 or R-2 occupancy shall comply with the following:~~

- (a) ~~Ten percent of parking spaces shall have one 240-volt and one 120-volt dedicated charging receptacle outlet.~~
- (1) ~~Accessible spaces. Ten percent of accessible parking spaces, but no less than one accessible parking space, shall have one 240-volt and one 120-volt dedicated charging receptacle outlet. Parking in accessible spaces where electric vehicle supply equipment is installed shall not be limited to electric vehicles when no other comparable accessible space is available.~~
- (2) ~~Designation. Fifty percent of the parking spaces with a required dedicated charging receptacle outlet for electric vehicles shall be designated for electric vehicle charging.~~
- (b) ~~In commercial structures with more than twenty-five parking spaces, at least two parking spaces shall have a Level 2 dual port electric vehicle charging station. These two parking spaces with a Level 2 dual port electric vehicle charging station shall be designated for electric vehicle charging.~~
- (c) ~~Buildings serving a Group R-1 or R-2 occupancy shall have a Level 2 dual port charging station in one percent of, but no less than two, parking spaces. Parking spaces with a required Level 2 dual port electric vehicle charging station shall be designated for electric vehicle charging.~~

10-6-35. - Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection in Existing Dwelling Units.

When electrical panels or sub-panels are replaced or added in existing dwelling units, arc-fault circuit interrupter protection shall be provided for each replaced or added electrical panel or subpanel meeting the standards for new construction under the City of Boulder Electrical Code. The listed arc-fault circuit interrupter protective device shall be located at the origin of each circuit requiring protection.

Section 8. Chapter 10-7, "Energy Conservation Code," B.R.C. 1981 is amended as follows:

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10-7-2. - Energy Conservation Code.

- (a) Council adopts by reference the ~~2017~~2020 *City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code* of the International Code Council which shall have the same force and effect as though fully set forth in the Boulder Revised Code, 1981. This chapter and the ~~2017~~2020 *City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code* shall be administered, applied, and interpreted in accordance with and as part of Chapter 10-5, "Building Code," B.R.C. 1981.

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Section 9. Chapter 10-7.7, “Commercial and Industrial Energy Efficiency,” B.R.C. 1981,
is amended as follows:

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10-7.7-4. - Required Lighting Upgrades.

(a) Within five years of the first reporting requirement, each owner shall:

(1) Replace or upgrade any interior lighting fixtures as necessary to meet lighting power allowances for interior lighting established in the ~~2017~~2020 *City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code*.

(2) Replace or upgrade any exterior lighting fixtures as necessary to meet lighting power allowances for exterior lighting established in the ~~2012~~2020 *International Energy Conservation Code*.

(3) Comply with requirements for automatic time switch control devices, occupancy sensors, and exterior lighting controls as necessary to meet the ~~2017~~2020 *City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code*.

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10-7.7-8. - Large Industrial Campus.

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(b) The owner of a large industrial campus shall:

(1) On or before June 1, 2019 and at least once every ten years thereafter, conduct an energy assessment that covers at least seventy-five percent of the total energy usage on the large industrial campus; and

(2) Within two years after each assessment, the owner must implement any measures recommended that are projected to produce monetary savings over a one-year period equal to or in excess of the cost of implementation, less the value of rebates.

(c) By June 1, 2025, each owner of a large industrial campus shall:

(1) Replace or upgrade any interior lighting fixtures necessary to meet the lighting power allowances for interior lighting established in the ~~2017~~2020 *City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code*.

(2) Replace or upgrade any exterior lighting fixtures as necessary to meet the lighting power allowances for exterior lighting established in the ~~2012~~2020 *International Energy Conservation Code*.

(3) Comply with the requirements for automatic time switch control devices, occupancy sensors, and exterior lighting controls as necessary to meet the ~~2017~~2020 *City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code*.

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Section 10. Chapter 10-8, "Fire Code," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

10-8-1. - Legislative Intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect public health and safety by regulating the use, condition, construction, alteration, and repair of property, structures, and occupancies in the city in order to prevent the ignition and spread of fire and risk of harm to persons or property from fire and other causes. The city council hereby adopts the 2018 2012-edition of the *International Fire Code* with certain amendments, additions, and deletions thereto found to be in the best interests of the city. The standards provided in this chapter shall be used, insofar as they are applicable, in determining whether a condition is hazardous, whether any work that has been performed has been done in an approved manner, or whether any equipment is of an approved type or quality, and in any determination concerning fire hazards and fire safety in the city building code not specifically provided for therein.

10-8-2. - Adoption of International Fire Code With Modifications.

(a) The 2018 2012-edition of the *International Fire Code* of the International Code Council is adopted by reference as the City of Boulder Fire Code, and has the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this chapter, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The Fire Code adopted by Subsection (a) of this section is amended in the following places:

(1) Section 102.3 is repealed and reenacted to read:

102.3 Change of use or occupancy. No change shall be made in the use or occupancy of any structure that would place the structure in a different division of the same group or occupancy or in a different group of occupancies, unless such structure is made comply with the requirements of this code and the International Building Code.

(2) Section 103.1 is repealed and reenacted to read:

103.1 Community Risk Reduction ~~Division of Fire Safety~~.

A Community Risk Reduction ~~Division of Fire Safety~~ is established within the fire department under the direction of the manager, which shall consist of such fire department personnel as may be assigned thereto by the manager. The function of this division shall be to assist the manager in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

....

(5) Section 105.6 is repealed and reenacted to read:

105.6 Required operational permits. The fire code official may issue an operational permit for the following operations:

(a) 105.6.14, Explosives

(b) 105.6.32~~105.6.30~~, Open Burning

(c) 105.6.36, Outdoor assembly events~~105.6.32, Open Flames and Candles~~

(d) 105.6.38, Plant extraction systems

(~~e~~) 105.6.40~~105.6.36~~, Pyrotechnic special effects material

(~~6~~) ~~Section 105.6.43 is amended by the addition of the following:~~

(f) 105.6.47~~105.6.43~~, Temporary membrane structures and, tents ~~and canopies~~. ~~An operational permit may be issued with the construction permit that will be issued by the building official.~~

(~~6~~7) Section 105.7 is repealed and reenacted to read:

105.7 Required construction permits. All construction permits will be issued by the building official. Community Risk Reduction ~~The Division of Fire Safety~~ will be the approving authority for the following:

(a) 105.7.1, Automatic fire-extinguishing systems.

(b) 105.7.7~~105.7.6~~, Fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment.

(c) 105.7.8~~105.7.7~~, Fire pumps and related equipment.

(d) 105.7.11 Gas detection systems

(e) 105.7.14 High-pile combustible storage

(f) 105.7.18 Plant indoor cultivation and extraction systems

(~~g~~d) 105.7.24~~105.7.15~~, Stand-pipe systems.

(~~7~~8) Section ~~109~~108, "Board of Appeals," is repealed and reenacted to read:

109~~108~~ Appeals.

(a) Any appeal under this section shall be heard by the Board of Building Appeals established under Section 2-3-4, "Board of Building Appeals," B.R.C. 1981, unless the city manager determines, due to the nature of the issues in a particular appeal, to appoint a hearing officer under Section 1-3-5, "Hearings and Determinations," B.R.C. 1981.

....
(9) Section ~~110.1~~109.1, "Unlawful acts," is repealed and reenacted to read:

109.1~~110.1~~ Violations.

....
(10) Section ~~110.3.3~~109.3.3, "Prosecution of violations," is repealed.

(11) Section ~~110.4~~109.4, "Violation penalties," is repealed and reenacted to read:

110.4~~109.4~~ Abatement of violation. In addition to the imposition of the penalties described in Section ~~109.1~~110.1, "Violations," the fire code official is authorized to institute appropriate action to prevent unlawful construction or to restrain, correct, or abate a violation; or to prevent illegal occupancy of a structure or premises; or to stop an illegal act, conduct of business, or occupancy of a structure on or about any premises.

(12) Chapter 2, "Definitions," is amended by the addition of the following additional definitions. For any definition that already exists, it is repealed and reenacted with the definition listed here:

....

Open Burning is the burning of ~~any materials~~ where visible products of combustion are emitted directly into ~~or substance, including rubbish, wastepaper, wood, vegetative material or other flammable material in the ambient air~~ without passing through a chimney from a fireplace built in compliance with the City of Boulder Building Code ~~where emissions are released directly in the air without passing through a chimney or stack.~~

....

Sky Lantern means an unmanned device, whether tethered or untethered, made of paper or other thin material with a frame that contains a candle or other fuel source which creates an open flame or other heat source designed to heat the air inside the device, causing it to lift into the air in a manner similar to a hot-air balloon.

Tank Truck means any single rear axle, self-propelled motor vehicle, equipped with a cargo tank mounted thereon, and used for the transportation of flammable and combustible liquids, but this term excludes any combination of units, such as a semi-trailer. Said tank truck shall not exceed 35,000 GVW, and its total capacity shall not exceed 3,000 gallons.

Transport route means:

- (1) ~~Denver-Boulder Turnpike (U.S. 36) from the south city limits to Baseline Road.~~
- (2) ~~Foothills Parkway (Colorado 157) from U.S. 36 to the north city limits.~~
- (3) ~~28th Street from Baseline Road to the north city limits.~~
- (4) ~~Arapahoe Avenue from Folsom Street to the east city limits.~~
- (5) ~~Canyon Boulevard from 28th Street to the west city limits.~~
- (6) ~~Pearl Street/Pearl Parkway from Folsom Street to the east city limits.~~
- (7) ~~Longmont Diagonal Highway (Colorado 119) as it passes through the city limits.~~
- (8) ~~Valmont Road from Folsom Street to 55th Street.~~
- (9) ~~Airport Road and Airport Boulevard.~~
- (10) ~~Baseline Road from 27th Way to Foothills Parkway (Colorado 157).~~
- (11) ~~55th Street from Valmont Road to Arapahoe Avenue.~~
- (12) ~~30th Street from Arapahoe to Diagonal Highway (Colorado 119).~~
- (13) ~~Longmont Diagonal Highway (Colorado 119) from 28th Street to and connecting with Foothills Parkway (Colorado 157).~~
- (14) ~~South Foothills Parkway/Broadway (Colorado 93) from the south city limits to 27th Way and connecting to Baseline Road.~~

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(13) Section 307, "Open burning, recreational fires, and portable outdoor fireplaces," is repealed and reenacted to read:

1 **307 Open burning and recreational fires.**

- 2 (1) No person shall kindle or maintain outside of a habitable building or outside of
3 an exterior fireplace built in accordance with the City of Boulder Building
4 Code any bonfire or burn or permit to be burned any trash, paper, rubbish,
5 wastepaper, wood, weeds, brush, plants, or other combustible or flammable
6 material anywhere within the city limits or anywhere on city property outside
7
- 8 (2) Mobile or portable type outdoor fire-places are prohibited to use within the city
9 limits or anywhere on city property outside of the city limits.

10 (**) Section 308.1.6.3 is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 **308.1.6.3 Sky lanterns.** No person shall use any sky lantern within the City of Boulder,
12 or anywhere on city-owned property outside of city limits, including Open Space and
13 Mountain Parks land.

14 (**) Exceptions 1, 2 and 32 to Section 311.2.2, "Fire protection," are repealed.

15 (15) A new Section 401.9, "Fire alarm fees," is added to read:

16 **401.9 Fire alarm fees.**

- 17 (a) After the fire department has responded to two nuisance alarms ~~from the~~ of fire
18 alarm system from any property or address in any calendar year, the city
19 manager may impose a charge for each additional response to an alarm which
20 originates from the property during the same calendar year, in accordance with
21 the schedule prescribed by Section 4-20-52, "Fire Code Permit and Inspection
22 Fees," B.R.C. 1981.
- 23 (b) The city manager may waive a charge imposed for a nuisance fire alarm
24 response if the property owner of record demonstrates that such alarm was
25 caused by a fire or the threat of a fire, or that such alarm was not under the
 property owner's control. It shall not be a defense that the alarm system is
 malfunctioning, unless the owner or manager is able to demonstrate that said
 alarm system is currently being serviced to remedy the problems being
 encountered.
- (c) If any fee is not paid within thirty days after demand therefor has been mailed
 to the record owner of the building, the city manager may certify the amount
 due to the County Treasurer pursuant to Section 2-2-12, "City Manager May
 Certify Taxes, Charges, and Assessments to County Treasurer for Collection,"
 B.R.C. 1981.

 (18) Section 510.4.1.1 is repealed and reenacted to read:

510.4.1.1 Minimum signal strength into the building. A minimum signal strength of -
 95 dBm shall be receivable within the building.

 (**) Section 514.4.1.2 is repealed and reenacted to read:

510.4.1.2 Minimum signal strength out of the building. A minimum signal strength of -95 dBm shall be received by the agency's radio system with transmitted from within the building.

(**) Section 603.4, "Portable unvented heaters," is repealed and reenacted to read:

603.4 Portable unvented heaters. Portable unvented fuel-fired heating equipment is are prohibited inside any occupied structure.

(19) Subsection 605.11.3.2.1, "Residential buildings with hip roof layouts," is repealed and reenacted to read:

605.11.3.2.1 Residential buildings with hip roof layouts. Panels/modules installed on residential buildings with hip roof layouts shall be located in a manner that provides a 3-foot wide (914 mm) clear access pathway from the eave to the ridge on each roof slope where panels/modules are located.

Exceptions:

1. These requirements shall not apply to roofs with slopes of 2 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2:12) or less.
2. These requirements shall not apply to roofs where each panel/module array area on the roof is 1,000 square feet (92.90 m²) or less in size, no continuous section of panels/modules is larger than 150 feet in length or width, a clear access pathway of not less than 12-inch width is provided along each side of all horizontal ridges, and a clear access pathway of not less than 30-inch width is provided from the eave to the ridge of one roof slope where panels/modules are located.
3. These requirements shall not apply to roofs where each panel/module array area on the roof is 1,000 square feet (92.90 m²) or less in size, no continuous section of panels/modules is larger than 150 feet in length or width, a clear access pathway of not less than 12-inch width is provided along each side of all horizontal ridges, and, where panels/modules are to be placed on both sides of a hip, a clear access pathway of not less than 18-inch width is provided along each side of such hip.
4. These requirements shall not apply to roofs where the total combined area of solar array does not exceed 33 percent as measured in plan view of the total roof area of the structure.

(20) Subsection 605.11.3.2.2, "Residential buildings with a single ridge," is repealed and reenacted to read:

605.11.3.2.2 Residential buildings with a single ridge. Panels/modules installed on residential buildings with a single ridge shall be located in a manner that provides two, 3-foot wide (914 mm) clear access pathways from the eave to the ridge on each roof slope where panels/modules are located.

Exceptions:

1. This requirement shall not apply to roofs with slopes of 2 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2:12) or less.
2. This requirement shall not apply to roofs where each panel/module array area on the roof is 1,000 square feet (92.90 m²) or less in size, no continuous section of panels/modules is larger than 150 feet in length or width, and a clear

access pathway of not less than 12-inch width is provided along each side of the horizontal ridge, provided that:

- a. ~~The total combined area of solar array does not exceed 33 percent as measured in plan view of the total roof area of the structure; or~~
- b. ~~A 30-inch wide clear access path is provided from the eave to the ridge of a roof slope where panels/modules are located.~~

(21) ~~Subsection 605.11.3.2.3, "Residential buildings with roof hips and valleys," is repealed and reenacted to read:~~

605.11.3.2.3 Residential buildings with roof hips and valleys. ~~Panels/modules installed on residential buildings with roof hips and valleys shall be located no closer than 18 inches (457 mm) to a hip or a valley where panels/modules are to be placed on both sides of a hip or valley. Where panels are to be located on only one side of a hip or valley that is of equal length, the panels shall be permitted to be placed directly adjacent to the hip or valley. In addition, a 12-inch wide clear access pathway shall be provided along each side of any horizontal ridge.~~

Exceptions:

1. ~~This requirement shall not apply to roofs with slopes of 2 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (2:12) or less.~~
2. ~~These requirements shall not apply to roofs where a 30-inch wide clear access pathway is provided from the eave to the ridge as well as 12-inch wide clear access pathways along each side of any horizontal ridge.~~

(22) ~~Subsection 605.11.3.2.4, "Residential building smoke ventilation," is repealed and reenacted to read:~~

605.11.3.2.4 Pathways. ~~All access pathways required under this Section 605.11.3.2 shall be provided in a structurally strong location on the building capable of supporting the live load of firefighters accessing the roof.~~

....

(26) The first sentence of Section 903.2 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Approved automatic sprinkler system in new buildings and structures shall be provided in the locations described in sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.16~~903.2.15~~.

....

(28) ~~A new subsection is added to Section 903.2.1 to read:~~

903.2.1.6 Group B occupancies. ~~An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new Group B occupancies greater than 2,000 gross square feet (185.8 m²).~~

(29) Section 903.2.3, Group E-#1, is repealed and reenacted to read:

-An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group E occupancies as follows:

- (a) Throughout all Group E fire areas greater than 2,000 square feet (185.8 m²) in area.
- (b) The Group E fire area is located on a floor other than a level of exit discharge serving such occupancies.

1 (c) The Group E fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more.

2 ~~(b) Exception is repealed.~~

3 ~~(de)~~ All basements classified as, or a part of, a Group E occupancy shall be provided
4 with an automatic sprinkler system regardless of the gross square footage.

5 (30) Section 903.2.4, Group F-1, is repealed and reenacted to read:

6 An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new Group F
7 occupancies greater than 2,000 square feet (185.8 m²).

8 ~~(31) Exceptions 3 and 4 to Section 903.2.6, Group I, are repealed.~~

9 (32) Section 903.2.7, Group M, is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all Group M occupancies
11 greater than 2,000 square feet (185.8 m²).

12 (33) Section 903.2.8 is amended by the addition of the following:

13 (a) Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings
14 (townhomes) not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate
15 means of egress and their accessory structure shall comply with the fire sprinkler system
16 requirements of the City of Boulder Residential Building Code.

17 (b) An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be
18 provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire areas.

19 (i) Exception 1: Detached and two-unit attached dwelling units are not required to
20 have an automatic fire sprinkler system if they are not used as residential board and care
21 occupancies, and the distance, unobstructed by any structure above grade, landscaping, or
22 topographical obstruction, from the curb face of the emergency vehicle access street on
23 which the structure is addressed, to a face of the unit containing an entrance, is not
24 greater than one hundred feet.

25 (ii)(b) Exception 2: A detached dwelling unit is not required to have an automatic fire
sprinkler system if it is not used as a residential board and care occupancy, and is located
on a lot larger than 14,500 square feet, in which the driveway meets the requirements of a
fire department accessible private drive, and extends without interruption from the
nearest emergency vehicle access street on which the structure is addressed, to the side of
the building which contains the main entrance.

(iii)(e) If more than one principal building is constructed on a lot pursuant to the
exceptions listed in Section 9-7-12, "Two Detached Dwelling Units on a Single Lot,"
B.R.C. 1981, then each building other than the building closest to an emergency vehicle
access street on which the structure is addressed, shall be protected by an approved and
supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.

Exception: If a lot has frontage on two streets and each street is an emergency
vehicle access street, then two buildings, each closest to their respective streets,
shall not be required to be so protected by this subsection.

(cd) Houses behind houses shall be protected throughout by an approved automatic
sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.

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(**) A new Section 903.2.14, Group B Occupancies, is added to read:

Section 903.2.14 Group B Occupancies. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new Group B occupancies greater than 2,000 gross square feet (185.8m²).

(37) A new Section 903.2.15~~903.2.14~~ is added to read:

903.2.15~~903.2.14~~. Any occupancy, structure, or unit required to be protected by a sprinkler system by one provision of the fire code or the building code, and falling within an exception to a requirement of such protection to any other provision of the fire code or building code, shall be so protected.

(38) A new Section 903.2.16~~903.2.15~~ is added to read:

903.2.16~~903.2.15~~. If the floor area of an addition to any existing occupancy as described in sections 903.1 through 903.2.14~~903.2.13~~ above is greater than either fifty percent of the existing gross floor area or 2,000 square feet, and the total altered structure would be required to be protected by a sprinkler system by this section if it were new construction, then the entire addition shall be protected throughout by an approved and supervised automatic sprinkler system, installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1. Said sprinkler system shall be continuous throughout the addition up to a fire barrier built in accordance with the building code for that occupancy.

(39) Section 903.3.1.1.1 Exception 4 is repealed.

(40) Section 903.3.1.2.3, #4 – Subsection 4.2 and 4.5 are repealed.

(**) Section 903.3.5.2~~903.3.5.1.2~~ is repealed and reenacted to read:

903.3.5.2~~903.3.5.1.2~~ **Residential combination services.** Combination of domestic and fire service lines shall be in accordance with the City of Boulder Design and Construction Standard.

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(43) A new Section 903.7, "Response time sprinkler requirement," is adopted to read:

903.7 Response time sprinkler requirement.

- (a) It is the city's goal, as reflected in the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan's urban fire service criteria, that land not be annexed unless the response travel time for service is normally four~~six~~ minutes or less. Nonetheless, there may be occasions when annexation outside the existing four~~six~~-minute travel time~~limit~~ but within six~~eight~~ minutes or less is allowed~~is allowed~~, due to special circumstances, in the city's best interest. Before such land is annexed, consideration must be given to the need for and provision of additional fire stations and equipment to serve properly the area being annexed and to bring it within the four~~six~~-minute travel time ~~limit~~ eventually. Protection by a sprinkler system as required by subsection (c) below is a temporary substitute, and is not intended to eliminate the requirement for additional fire stations and equipment.

(b) Land used or to be used for residential purposes will not normally be annexed if it is outside the four~~six~~-minute travel time~~limit~~ unless excepted from this policy by subsection (d) below. All new dwelling units on land annexed outside the four~~six~~-minute travel time~~limit~~ shall be protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system.

(c) On land annexed after the effective date of this chapter and not excepted under subsection (d) below, all new nonresidential construction and any existing nonresidential structures shall be provided throughout with an approved and supervised fire sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1 adopted in Chapter 10-8, "Fire Code," B.R.C. 1981, if such land is outside of the four~~six~~ minute travel ~~City of Boulder fire response~~-time from city fire stations housing at least one pumper which is rated at one thousand gallons per minute pumping capacity or greater, and which requires a crew of three or more for proper operation.

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(45) Section 907.6.6~~907.6.5~~ is repealed and reenacted to read:

907.6.6~~907.6.5~~ **Monitoring**-. Fire alarm systems shall be supervised by an Underwriters Laboratory listed supervising station or a Proprietary Supervising Station Alarm System meeting all of the requirements in NFPA 72, *The National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code*.

Exception: Monitoring by a supervising station is not required for:

(1) Single and multiple-station smoke alarms required by Section 907.2.10

(2) Automatic sprinklers systems in one and two family dwellings.

(46) Section 1103.5, "Sprinkler systems," is repealed and reenacted to read:

1103.5 Sprinkler systems. The automatic sprinkler system requirements set forth in sections 903.1 and 903.2 of this code shall be complied with in existing buildings where the occupancy or use, as defined in Chapter 23 of the Existing Building Code of the City of Boulder, changes in a fire area exceeding 2,000 square feet.

Exception: Changes of occupancy or use which are a lower relative hazard per Table 1011.4 of the City of Boulder Existing Building Code and the new occupancy or use is not required to be provided with an automatic sprinkler system by other provisions of the City of Boulder Building Code or the City of Boulder Existing Building Code.

(**) Section 1204.2.1.1, Pathways to ridge, is repealed and reenacted to read:

1204.2.1.1, Pathways to ridge. No fewer than two 30-inch-wide (914 mm) pathways on separate roof planes, from the lowest roof edge to ridge, shall be provided on all buildings. At least one pathway shall be provided on the street or driveway side of the roof. For each roof plane with a photovoltaic array, at least one 30-inch-wide (914 mm) pathway from lowest roof edge to ridge shall be provided on the same roof plane as the photovoltaic array, on an adjacent roof plane or straddling the same and adjacent roof

plane.

All access pathways required under this section shall be provided in a structurally strong location on the building capable of supporting the live load of fire fighters accessing the roof.

(**) Section 1204.2.1.2, Setbacks at ridge, is repealed and reenacted to read:

1204.2.1.2, Setbacks at ridge. Not less than a 12-inch-wide setback is provided on each side of the horizontal ridge.

(**) Section 1204.2.1.3, Alternative setbacks at ridge, is repealed.

(47) Section 5601.2.4.2, "Fireworks," is amended by the addition of the following:

The city manager shall require a certificate of insurance to protect persons and property from death or injury as a result of the fireworks display, in an amount not less than ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$50,000 ~~general liability per occurrence~~ general liability per occurrence ~~person injured~~ and ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$600,000 ~~aggregate limit per incident~~. The insurance shall cover any liability of the city or any employee or agent thereof arising out of or connected with the permit and the fireworks display permitted thereunder. Before any permit for a fireworks display is issued, the applicant shall comply with the provisions of this section.

(48) — Section 5701.4, "Permits," is amended by the addition of the following:

(1) ~~A regular permit allows a permittee on a transport route to take delivery of flammable and combustible liquids from any delivery vehicle or from a tank truck where the premises are located on a transport route. Upon payment of the fee provided in Section 4-20-52, "Fire Code Permit and Inspection Fees," B.R.C. 1981, the city manager shall issue to an applicant therefor a permit to receive deliveries of flammable and combustible liquids at a particular location or outlet if the manager finds that:~~

(a) ~~The outlet or location contains sufficient room to accommodate the delivery vehicle, so that the delivery vehicle is capable of being parked entirely within the property boundary lines of the outlet or location and in such a manner that no part of the vehicle extends into any street, sidewalk, or alley while the vehicle is off loading and no backing of the vehicle either into or out of station property is necessary;~~

(b) ~~The entrance and exit access ways for the delivery vehicle are so arranged that no obstruction of traffic will result from the vehicle entering or leaving the outlet or location; and~~

(c) ~~The storage tanks for flammable and combustible liquids are located underground and constructed in accordance with the applicable provisions of this code, unless specifically allowed to be installed above ground by other sections of this code.~~

(2) ~~A special permit allows a permittee to take delivery of flammable and combustible liquids on premises outside of transport routes from specified delivery vehicles other than a tank truck. The owner or person in control of any outlet or location holding a regular permit may, upon payment of the fee provided in Section 4-20-52, "Fire Code Permit and Inspection Fees," B.R.C. 1981, apply to the city manager for a special permit allowing~~

1 delivery with a vehicle other than a tank truck as defined in Section 221. The manager
2 shall schedule with the applicant a simulated demonstration with an empty vehicle of the
3 size and design that the applicant will use under the permit. The applicant shall furnish
4 the vehicle and driver at its cost. The simulated test shall be observed by the manager
5 who shall issue the special permit if the manager finds that:

- 6 (a) — The outlet or location contains sufficient room to accommodate the delivery
7 vehicle, so that the delivery vehicle is capable of being parked entirely within
8 the property boundary lines of the outlet or location in such a manner that no
9 part of the vehicle shall extend into any street, sidewalk, or alley while the
10 vehicle is off loading, and no backing of the vehicle either into or out of the
11 station property is necessary;
- 12 (b) — The entrance and exit access ways for the delivery vehicles are so arranged
13 that no obstruction of traffic will result from the vehicle entering or leaving the
14 outlet or location;
- 15 (c) — The roads and streets are accessible to fire fighting equipment and vehicles;
- 16 (d) — The topography or configuration of the roads and streets does not involve
17 potential difficulties in containing, fighting, or suppressing a fire or spill and
18 does not impair the ability of a transport vehicle to maneuver safely; and
- 19 (e) — The traffic congestion and flow of vehicles using the roads and streets will not
20 create potential hazards to transport vehicles.

21 Upon issuance, the permit will designate a specific route to be followed from the
22 nearest transport route to the permit location and to return to the transport route. The
23 permit will specify a vehicle capacity. Special permits are valid only between 3 a.m.
24 and 6 a.m. But, for the delivery of gasoline or diesel fuel only, if the permit location is
25 in an industrial zone and is connected to a transport route by a former transport route
established by ordinance 4636 (1982), and the applicant demonstrates that there were no
incidents involving the discharge of gasoline or diesel fuel from delivery vehicles using
the relevant portion of such former route, then the manager may issue the special permit
for such other hours as the applicant is able to demonstrate present no more hazard than
delivery during the hours of 3 a.m. through 6 a.m.

26 (3) Revocation or Suspension of Permits.

- 27 (a) — Each of the following is a ground for revocation of a special permit:
 - 28 1. — Failure of a transport vehicle to park entirely on the site while unloading;
 - 29 2. — Obstructing of sidewalks while unloading;
 - 30 3. — Backing the vehicle onto or off of the site;
 - 31 4. — Obstruction of traffic while entering or leaving;
 - 32 5. — Failure of a transport driver to follow the prescribed route to or from the
33 permit location;
 - 34 6. — Failure to maintain a copy of the special permit on the premises; or
 - 35 7. — Failure of a transport driver to be present while off loading.
- 36 (b) — Each of the following is a ground for suspension of a regular permit for up to
37 fourteen days:
 - 38 1. — Failure of a transport vehicle to park entirely on the site while unloading;
 - 39 2. — Obstructing of sidewalks while unloading;
 - 40 3. — Backing the vehicle onto or off of the site;
 - 41 4. — Obstruction of traffic while entering or leaving;

- 1 5. — Failure of a transport driver to follow the prescribed route to or from the
2 permit location; or
- 3 6. — Failure of a transport driver to be present while off-loading.
- 4 (c) — When matters are brought to the attention of the city manager, which if
5 substantiated would be grounds for revocation of a special permit or
6 suspension of a regular permit, the manager shall issue a written notice thereof
7 to the permittee containing a concise written statement of the violation
8 constituting grounds for revocation or suspension and indicating that the
9 revocation or suspension shall take effect fourteen days after the issuance of
10 said notice unless the permittee appeals in accordance with the terms of
11 Section 108.
- 12 (d) — All special permit revocations shall be for a period of six months, after which
13 time the permittee may reapply for a special permit. During the period of
14 revocation, the outlet may continue to operate with and according to the terms
15 of a regular permit.
- 16 (4) If, due to changed conditions, including, without limitation, changes in the transport
17 routes, the manager has probable cause to believe that an existing regular or special
18 permit no longer meets the criteria for issuance, the manager may require a new
19 simulated demonstration. For purposes of notice and appeal, such proceedings shall be
20 deemed a new application, but no additional fee shall be charged.
- 21 (49) — A new Section 5701.6, "Prohibited acts," is adopted to read:
- 22 **5701.6 Prohibited acts.**
- 23 (a) — No owner and no person in control of any outlet or location shall accept
24 deliveries of flammable or combustible liquids, unless such person has applied
25 for and has been issued a permit therefor by the city manager.
- 26 (b) — No owner and no person in control of any outlet or location for which a permit
27 to accept deliveries of flammable or combustible liquids has been issued shall
28 accept deliveries of such liquids unless delivery is in compliance with all the
29 provisions of this code and any conditions on the permit.
- 30 (c) — No person shall spill more than thirty-two fluid ounces of flammable or
31 combustible liquid upon the ground.
- 32 (d) — No person shall fail to notify the fire department of any spill of flammable or
33 combustible liquid of more than thirty-two fluid ounces at the earliest
34 practicable moment after said spill has occurred.
- 35 (e) — Except to replace existing tanks, no person shall install any tanks used for the
36 storage of any type of flammable or combustible liquid, or other hazardous
37 material or waste in the floodplain as defined in Chapter 9-16, "Definitions,"
38 B.R.C. 1981. This prohibition is not retroactive, but no person shall use or
39 maintain any tank installed in violation of this prohibition.
- 40 (f) — No person shall weld or cut by torch on the premises of a service station or
41 allow or cause crankcase drainings to be spilled or poured onto the ground. No
42 person shall dispose of hazardous materials by dumping or pouring on the
43 ground or into a storm drain or sanitary sewer or any connection thereto.
- 44 (50) — Section 5704.2, "Tank storage," is amended by the addition of the following:
- 45 (a) Except for fuel carried on tank trucks, above-ground storage of all Class I, II, and III

1 flammable and combustible liquids in aggregate amounts of more than 500 gallons of
2 such liquids on a single lot is allowed only in those areas of the city zoned "industrial."
3 All installations shall comply in all respects with chapter 57. Any tank intended for the
4 bulk storage of any Class I, II, or III flammable or combustible liquid may be stored
5 above ground only in those areas of the city zoned industrial.

6 (b) Liquefied natural gas (LNG) or liquefied petroleum gas (LP Gas) may be stored
7 aboveground in areas of the city zoned "industrial" and dispensed at such sites by a
8 service station if the city manager finds that such installation meets all the requirements
9 of applicable fire codes before any dispensing of such fuel and proper and necessary on-
10 site fire control devices are provided.

11 (c) All underground tanks used for dispensing or bulk storage of any flammable or
12 combustible liquid shall comply with the requirements of chapter 57, Flammable and
13 Combustible Liquids, any other pertinent city codes, including, without limitation, those
14 concerning fire and flood, the Colorado State Oil Division, and the manufacturer's
15 specifications for installation. Plans for installation shall be approved by the Colorado
16 State Oil Division and the city flood control office before the city may issue permits for
17 construction, installation, and use of the tanks. No person shall install a used tank.

18 (d) No person shall install a tank or tanks for the dispensing or bulk storage of any
19 flammable or combustible liquid, including temporary installations on construction sites,
20 until such person has first submitted plans for the installation to the city manager and has
21 received approval of such plans and of the installation.

22 (51) A new Section 5706.2.8.2, "Safety devices required for outlets or locations
23 accepting deliveries of flammable or combustible liquids," is adopted to read:

24 **5706.2.8.2 Safety devices required for outlets or locations accepting deliveries of**
25 flammable or combustible liquids. No owner and no person in control of any outlet or
location shall accept deliveries of flammable and combustible liquids, and no person
shall make deliveries of such liquids to any outlet or location, unless the following
conditions are met during such delivery:

(a) The hose connection employed in making a delivery of flammable or
combustible liquids contains the safety device known as a "glass elbow" to
allow inspection of the contents of the delivery hose; and

(b) Any hose used in making deliveries of flammable or combustible liquids
contains the apparatus commonly known as a tight fill connection device to
secure the off-loading device of the delivery vehicle to the intake structure of
the storage tank.

(c) Exceptions to (a) and (b) above may be granted by the city manager for
industrial installations if conditions warrant.

(52) A new Section 5706.2.8.3, "Full compartment dumps required," is adopted to
read:

5706.2.8.3 Full compartment dumps required. Any person delivering flammable and
combustible liquids in a vehicle that contains compartments larger than six hundred
gallons shall empty each such compartment at a single stop, if any delivery of liquids is
made at any outlet or location from any such compartment.

(53) ~~In Chapter 80, "Referenced Standards," is amended by the addition of the following the NFPA standard reference numbers for 13, 13D, 13R, and 72 are repealed and reenacted to read:~~

8001 NFPA Standards. In every case where this code references a standard published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the most current edition of the referenced standard is hereby adopted. The most current edition of the referenced NFPA standard shall become effective on January 1st following the publication and release of the standard.

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10-8-3. - Violations.

Repealed.

Section 11. Chapter 10-8.5, "Wildland Code," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

10-8.5-1. - Legislative Intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect public health and safety by regulating the use, condition, construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance of buildings, structures, and premises within the wildland-urban interface areas in the city in order to prevent the spread of fire and risk of harm to persons and property from the intrusion of fire from wildland fire exposures and fire exposures from adjacent structures, as well as to prevent structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels. The city council hereby adopts the ~~2018~~2012 edition of the *International Wildland-Urban Interface Code* with certain amendments, additions, and deletions thereto found to be in the best interests of the city.

10-8.5-2. - Adoption of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code With Modifications.

- (a) The ~~2018~~2012 edition of the *International Wildland-Urban Interface Code* of the International Code Council is adopted by reference as the City of Boulder Wildland Code and has the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this chapter, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this chapter.

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- (d) Section 103.1, "Creation of an enforcement agency," is repealed and reenacted to read:

103.1 Division of Building Safety. "Division of Building Safety" means the administrative unit established by the city manager or the manager's delegates, and the personnel assigned to the unit by the manager. The Division of Building Safety administers the City of Boulder Wildland Code assisted by a Community Risk Reduction~~Division of Fire Safety~~, established within the fire department, under the direction of the manager.

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(h) Section 108.1, "General," is repealed and reenacted to read:

108.1 General. The requirements of Section ~~107.1~~~~106.1~~, "~~General~~~~Submittal documents~~," of the City of Boulder Building Code apply.

(i) Section ~~110.4.6~~~~109.4.6~~, "Prosecution of violation," is repealed and reenacted to read:

110.4.6~~109.4.6~~ Violations.

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(j) Section ~~110.4.7~~~~109.4.7~~, "Violation penalties," is repealed.

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(m) Section 403.2.1, "Dimensions," is repealed and reenacted to read:

403.2.1 Dimensions. Driveways shall be provided as defined in Section 503.2.1, "Dimensions," of the City of Boulder Fire Code, as locally amended in Paragraph ~~10-8-1~~~~(15)~~~~10-8-2(b)(16)~~, B.R.C. 1981, for an "accessible private drive" and with a minimum unobstructed height of 15 feet (4572 mm).

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(q) 503.2 Ignition-resistant building material. Add the following, as option 5:

5. Deck surface. Approved wood thermoplastic composite lumber with an ASTM E84 flame-spread index no greater than 200, or any approved Class A roof assembly.

(**) Section 505.2, "Roof covering," is repealed and reenacted to read:

505.2 Roof covering. Roofs shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the City of Boulder Building Code and the City of Boulder Residential Building Code, as applicable.

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Section 12. Chapter 10-9, "Mechanical Code," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

10-9-1. - Legislative Intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health and safety by regulating the installation, alteration, and repair of heating, ventilating, cooling, and refrigeration devices in structures in the city. The city council hereby adopts the ~~2018~~~~2012~~ edition of the *International Mechanical Code* with certain amendments and deletions thereto found to be in the best interests of the residents of the city.

10-9-2. - Adoption of the International Mechanical Code With Modifications.

(a) The ~~2018~~~~2012~~ edition of the *International Mechanical Code*, including Appendix A thereto, of the International Code Council, is hereby adopted by reference as the Mechanical Code of the City of Boulder or mechanical code and has the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this chapter, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this chapter.

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Section 13. Chapter 10-9.5, "Fuel Gas Code," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

10-9.5-1. - Legislative Intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health and safety by regulating fuel gas systems and gas-fired appliances in the city. The city council hereby adopts the 2018~~2012~~ edition of the *International Fuel Gas Code* as a new Chapter 10-9.5 with certain amendments thereto found to be in the best interest of the city.

10-9.5-2. - Adoption of the International Fuel Gas Code With Modifications.

- (a) The 2018~~2012~~ edition of the *International Fuel Gas Code* of the International Code Council is hereby adopted by reference as the City of Boulder Fuel Gas Code or fuel gas code and has the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this chapter, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this chapter.

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- ~~(e) Section 404.9.1 is repealed.~~

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Section 14. Chapter 10-10, "Plumbing Code," B.R.C. 1981, is amended as follows:

10-10-1. - Legislative Intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health and safety by regulating the installation, alteration, and repair of plumbing devices in structures in the city. The city council hereby adopts the 2018~~2012~~ edition of the *International Plumbing Code* with certain amendments and deletions thereto found to be in the best interests of the residents of the city.

10-10-2. - Adoption of the International Plumbing Code With Modifications.

- (a) The 2018~~2012~~ edition of the *International Plumbing Code*, published by the International Code Council, including Appendix E, "Sizing of Water Piping System," is hereby adopted by reference as the City of Boulder Plumbing Code or plumbing code, and has the same force and effect as though fully set forth in this chapter, except as specifically amended by the provisions of this chapter.

- (b) Except for Sections 101, 102, and 107, Chapter 1 is repealed. This code shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 1, "Administration," of the International Building Code as adopted, with amendments, by Section 10-5-2, "Adoption of International Building Code With Modifications," B.R.C. 1981.

- (c) Section 101.1, "Title," is repealed and reenacted to read:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Plumbing Code for the City of Boulder or plumbing code and will be referenced herein as "this code."

- (d) The Exception to Section 301.3, "Connections to drainage system," is deleted in its entirety.

(e) Section 312.5, "Water supply system test," is amended by deleting the words "for piping systems other than plastic" and by modifying the test pressure required from 50 psi (344 kPa) to 100 psi (688 kPa).

(f) Section 403.2 Separate Facilities is amended to add the following Exception 5.

5. Separate facilities are not required when multiple fixture all gender facilities are provided. Multiple fixture all gender facilities are not required; they are an alternative to be determined by the property owner or the owners' agent.

(g) Section 403.4 "Signage" is repealed and reenacted to read:

403.4 Signage. Required public facilities shall be provided with signs that designate which genders the facility accommodates as required by section 2902.2. Signs shall be readily visible and located near the entrance to each toilet facility. Signs for accessible toilet facilities shall comply with Section 1111.

Exception: Toilet facilities with only one water closet shall not be identified for exclusive use by any gender and shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this section. Signage shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the City of Boulder Building Code.

(h) Section 403.4.1 Directional signage. Directional signage indicating the route to the required public toilet facilities shall be posted in a lobby, corridor, aisle or similar space, such that the sign can be readily seen from the main entrance to the building or tenant space.

(i) Section 403.4.2 All gender signage. Single-user toilet facilities provided in accordance with Section 403.1.2, and family or assisted-use toilet facilities provided in accordance with Section 403.2.1, shall be provided with signs which clearly indicate the facilities are available for use by all genders.

(j) Section 403.4.2.1 Existing single-user toilet facilities. After December 31, 2020, all existing single-user toilet facilities and family or assisted-use toilet facilities, shall be provided with signage in accordance with Section 403.4.2.

~~Section 504.7.1 "Piping for safety pan drains shall be of those materials listed in Table 605.4," is repealed.~~

(kg) TABLE 404.4 Maximum Flow Rates and Consumption for Plumbing Fixtures and Fixture Fittings," is repealed and reenacted to read:

TABLE 404.4

MAXIMUM FLOW RATES AND CONSUMPTION FOR PLUMBING FIXTURES AND FIXTURE FITTINGS

~~Table 604, "Water Distribution System Design Criteria Required Capacity at Fixture Supply Pipe Outlets," is repealed and reenacted to read:~~

~~TABLE 604.4~~

~~WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM DESIGN CRITERIA REQUIRED CAPACITY AT FIXTURE SUPPLY PIPE OUTLETS~~

PLUMBING FIXTURE OR FIXTURE FITTING	MAXIMUM FLOW RATE OR QUANTITY
Lavatory, private	1.5 gpm at 60 psi
Lavatory, public (metering)	0.25 gallon per metering cycle
Lavatory, public (no metering)	0.5 gpm at 60 psi
Shower head	2.0 gpm at 80 psi
Sink Faucet	1.5 gpm at 60 psi
Urinal	1.0 gallon per flushing cycle
Water Closet	1.28 gallons per flushing cycle

For SI: 1 gallon = 3.785L, 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m,
1 pound per square inch = 6.895 kPa.

a. A handheld shower spray is a shower head.

b. Consumption tolerances shall be determined from referenced standards.

~~(h) Section 610, "Disinfection of potable water system," is repealed.~~

(i) Section 605.3 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

Water service line pipe between the water meter and building shall be Type K copper if it is in the public right of way, a public utility easement, or on other public property.

(**) Section 610, "Disinfection of potable water system," is repealed.

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(q) Chapter 13, "NONPOTABLE WATER Gray Water Recycling SYSTEMS," is deleted in its entirety.

(r) Chapter 14, "SUBSURFACE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS," is deleted in its entirety.

(**) Table E103.3(2), "Load Values Assigned to Fixtures," is amended by the addition of a new sentence to read:

For the purpose of determining the largest instantaneous demand required in order to size a water meter, ~~or for determining the amount of the plant investment fee,~~ this table is repealed and replaced by Chapter 11-1-35, "Meter Size Requirements," ~~the Fixture Unit/GPM Demand Chart and PIF Computation Sheet found at Appendix A to Chapter 11-1, "Water Utility," B.R.C. 1981.~~

(s) Table E103.3(3), "Table for Estimating Demand," is amended by the addition of a new sentence to read:

1 For the purpose of determining the largest instantaneous demand required in order to size a
2 water meter, ~~or for determining the amount of the plant investment fee, this table is repealed~~
3 ~~and replaced by Chapter 11-1-35, "Meter Size Requirements," the Fixture Unit/GPM~~
4 ~~Demand Equations and PIF Computation Sheets found at Appendix A to Chapter 11-1,~~
5 ~~"Water Utility," B.R.C. 1981.~~

6 Section 15. Chapter 4-20, is amended to add a new Section 4-20-72 "Construction and
7 Demolition Deposit Administrative Fee," B.R.C. 1981, to read as follows:

8 **4-20-72. - Construction and Demolition Deposit Administrative Fee.**

9 An applicant for a building or demolition permit which requires a deposit under section 3601.2.3
10 of the City of Boulder Building code or section R328.2.3 of the City of Boulder Residential Code
11 shall pay an administrative fee of \$100.

12 Section 16. The city council deems it appropriate to repeal the *2017 City of Boulder*
13 *Energy Conservation Code* and adopt by reference the *2020 City of Boulder Energy*
14 *Conservation Code*. The city council orders that at least one copy of the *2020 City of Boulder*
15 *Energy Conservation Code* being considered for adoption by reference in this ordinance be on
16 file with the city clerk and open for public inspection during the business hours of the city. Such
17 copy shall be certified to be true by the mayor and the clerk.

18 Section 17. The city council orders and directs the city manager to make any additional
19 citation, renumbering, and reference changes not included in this ordinance that are necessary to
20 properly implement this ordinance and the *2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code*.
21 The city council authorizes the city manager to change the formatting and layout of the *2020 City*
22 *of Boulder Energy Conservation Code*.

23 Section 18. The city council intends that the sections, paragraphs, clauses, and phrases of
24 this ordinance and the codes adopted herein by references be severable. If any phrase, clause,
25 sentence, paragraph or section of this code or the codes adopted herein by reference is declared
unconstitutional or invalid by the valid judgement or decree of any court of competent
jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity does not affect any of the remaining phrases,

1 clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this code or the codes adopted herein, unless it
2 appears to the court that the valid provisions of the section or ordinance are so essentially and
3 inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the void provision that it cannot be
4 presumed the council would have enacted the valid provisions without the void one; or unless the
5 court determines that the valid provisions, standing alone, are incomplete and are incapable of
6 being executed in accordance with the legislative intent. If provision of an exception invalidates
7 a prohibition, but the prohibition without the exception would be valid, then it is council's intent
8 in such cases that the exception be severed and the prohibition upheld.

9 Section 19. This ordinance shall take effect on April 1, 2020. It shall be applied to
10 building permit applications submitted on or after the effective date. Building permits applied for
11 before the effective date shall be considered under the program in effect at the time of
12 application.

13 Section 20. This ordinance is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare
14 of the residents of the city, and covers matters of local concern.

15 Section 21. The city council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title
16 only and orders that copies of this ordinance be made available in the office of the city clerk for
17 public inspection and acquisition.
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1 INTRODUCTION, READ ON FIRST READING, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY
2 TITLE ONLY this 19th day of November 2019.

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5 Attest: Sam Weaver,
Mayor

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7 Lynnette Beck,
8 City Clerk

9 READ ON SECOND READING, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of January
10 2020.

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13 Sam Weaver,
14 Attest: Mayor

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16 Lynnette Beck,
17 City Clerk

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PREFACE

Introduction

The 2020 *City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code* (COBECC) prescribes minimum energy efficiency and conservation standards for new buildings and for additions and alterations to existing buildings. The requirements of the COBECC are intended to promote public health, safety and welfare by requiring the design and construction of buildings in the City of Boulder consistent with the city's energy, climate and sustainability goals; national safety standards; and best practices for engineering and construction technology.

The COBECC introduces new energy efficiency measures and improves the energy performance requirements for residential buildings and prescriptive requirements for commercial buildings.

The COBECC is based on the 2018 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC®), published by the International Code Council® (ICC®), and incorporates local amendments to the model code. The COBECC eliminates portions of the model code that do not apply to Boulder and incorporates Boulder's local energy conservation requirements in one document.

Since 1996, the city has adopted local amendments to the IECC to impose more stringent energy efficiency requirements than the model code. Like previous local amendments, the COBECC imposes more stringent energy efficiency requirements than the model code. The COBECC requirements support the climate commitment goals adopted by City Council on December 6, 2016:

- 80 percent reduction of the community's greenhouse gas emissions below 2005 levels by 2050.
- 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030.
- 80 percent reduction in organizational greenhouse gas emissions below 2008 levels by 2030.

In support of these goals, Boulder has set a target of reaching net zero energy construction by 2031 for new buildings and major alterations through building and energy code requirements. Boulder has developed a strategy to achieve that target; adopting increasingly aggressive energy codes is a key part of the strategy.

Adoption

The 2020 *City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code* was adopted at second reading by the City Council of the City of Boulder on December 17, 2019, with the passage of City of Boulder Ordinance No. XXXX.

Information regarding the adoption of Ordinance No. XXXX can be reviewed at the City of Boulder Central Records Office as part of the City Council agenda materials for December 17, 2019.

Marginal Markings

- || = Indicates a City of Boulder amendment has been made to the 2018 *International Energy Conservation Code*.
- > = Indicates model code language deleted by the City of Boulder.

Italicized Terms

Selected words and terms defined in Chapter 2, Definitions, are italicized where they appear in code text and the Chapter 2 definition applies. Where such words and terms are not italicized, common-use definitions apply. The words and terms selected have code-specific definitions that the user should read carefully to facilitate better understanding of the code.

EFFECTIVE USE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

The 2020 *City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code* (COBECC) is a model code that regulates minimum energy conservation requirements for new buildings. This code addresses energy conservation requirements for all aspects of energy uses in both commercial and residential construction, including heating and ventilating, lighting, water heating, and power usage for appliances and building systems.

This code is a design document. For example, before one constructs a building, the designer must determine the minimum insulation *R*-values and fenestration *U*-factors for the building exterior envelope. Depending on whether the building is for residential use or for commercial use, the COBECC sets forth minimum requirements for exterior envelope insulation, window and door *U*-factors and SHGC ratings, duct insulation, lighting and power efficiency, and water distribution insulation.

Arrangement and Format of the 2020 COBECC

The COBECC contains two separate sets of provisions—one for commercial buildings and one for residential buildings. Each set of provisions is applied separately to buildings within their scope. The Commercial Provisions apply to all buildings except for residential buildings three stories or less in height. The Residential Provisions apply to detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings as well as Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 buildings three stories or less in height. These scopes are based on the definitions of “Commercial building” and “Residential building,” respectively, in Chapter 2 of each set of provisions. Note that the Commercial Provisions therefore contain provisions for residential buildings four stories or greater in height. Each set of provisions is divided into five different parts:

Chapters	Subjects
1–2	Administration and definitions
3	Climate zones and general materials requirements
4	Energy efficiency requirements
5	Existing buildings
6	Referenced standards

The following is a chapter-by-chapter synopsis of the scope and intent of the provisions of the *City of Boulder International Energy Conservation Code* and applies to both the commercial and residential energy provisions:

Chapter 1 Scope and Administration. This chapter contains provisions for the application, enforcement and administration of subsequent requirements of the code. In addition to establishing the scope of the code, Chapter 1 identifies which buildings and structures come under its purview. Chapter 1 is largely concerned with maintaining “due process of law” in enforcing the energy conservation criteria contained in the body of this code. Only through careful observation of the administrative provisions can the code official reasonably expect to demonstrate that “equal protection under the law” has been provided.

Chapter 2 Definitions. Chapter 2 is the repository of the definitions of terms used in the body of the code. Codes are technical documents and every word, term and punctuation mark can impact the meaning of the code text and the intended results. The code often uses terms that have a unique meaning in the code and the code meaning can differ substantially from the ordinarily understood meaning of the term as used outside of the code.

The terms defined in Chapter 2 are deemed to be of prime importance in establishing the meaning and intent of the code text. The user of the code should be familiar with and consult this chapter because the definitions are essential to the correct interpretation of the code and the user may not be aware that a term is defined.

Where understanding of a term's definition is especially key to or necessary for understanding of a particular code provision, the term is shown in *italics*. This is true only for those terms that have a meaning that is unique to the code. In other words, the generally understood meaning of a term or phrase might not be sufficient or consistent with the meaning prescribed by the code; therefore, it is essential that the code-defined meaning be known.

Guidance regarding tense, gender and plurality of defined terms as well as guidance regarding terms not defined in this code is provided.

Chapter 3 General Requirements. Chapter 3 provides interior design conditions that are used as a basis for assumptions in heating and cooling load calculations, and provides basic material requirements for insulation materials and fenestration materials.

Chapter 4 Energy Efficiency. Chapter 4 of each set of provisions contains the technical requirements for energy efficiency.

Commercial Energy Efficiency. Chapter 4 of the Commercial Provisions contains the energy-efficiency-related requirements for the design and construction of most types of commercial buildings and residential buildings greater than three stories in height above grade. This chapter defines requirements for the portions of the building and building systems that impact energy use in new commercial construction and new residential construction greater than three stories in height, and promotes the effective use of energy. In addition to energy conservation requirements for the building envelope, this chapter contains requirements that impact energy efficiency for the HVAC systems, the electrical systems and the plumbing systems. It should be noted, however, that requirements are contained in other codes that have an impact on energy conservation. For instance, requirements for water flow rates are regulated by the *International Plumbing Code*.

Residential Energy Efficiency. Chapter 4 of the Residential Provisions contains the energy-efficiency-related requirements for the design and construction of residential buildings regulated under this code. It should be noted that the definition of a *residential building* in this code is unique for this code. In this code, a *residential building* is a detached one- and two-family dwelling and multiple single-family dwellings as well as R-2, R-3 or R-4 buildings three stories or less in height. All other buildings, including residential buildings greater than three stories in height, are regulated by the energy conservation requirements in the Commercial Provisions. The applicable portions of a residential building must comply with the provisions within this chapter for energy efficiency. This chapter defines requirements for the portions of the building and building systems that impact energy use in new residential construction and promotes the effective use of energy. The provisions within the chapter promote energy efficiency in the building envelope, the heating and cooling system and the service water heating system of the building.

Chapter 5 Existing Buildings. Chapter 5 of each set of provisions contains the technical energy efficiency requirements for existing buildings. Chapter 5 provisions address the maintenance of buildings in compliance with the code as well as how additions, alterations, repairs and changes of occupancy need to be addressed from the standpoint of energy efficiency. Specific provisions are provided for historic buildings.

Chapter 6 Referenced Standards. The code contains numerous references to standards that are used to regulate materials and methods of construction. Chapter 6 contains a comprehensive list of all standards that are referenced in the code. The standards are part of the code to the extent of the reference to the standard. Compliance with the referenced standard is necessary for compliance with this code. By providing specifically adopted standards, the construction and installation requirements necessary for compliance with the code can be readily determined. The basis for code compliance is, therefore, established and available on an equal basis to the code official, contractor, designer and owner.

Chapter 6 is organized in a manner that makes it easy to locate specific standards. It lists all of the referenced standards, alphabetically, by acronym of the promulgating agency of the standard. Each agency's standards are then listed in either alphabetical or numeric order based on the standard identification. The list also contains the title of the standard; the edition (date) of the standard referenced; any addenda included as part of the ICC adoption; and the section or sections of this code that reference the standard.

Abbreviations and Notations

The following is a list of common abbreviations and units of measurement used in this code. Some of the abbreviations are for terms defined in Chapter 2. Others are terms used in various tables and text of the code.

AFUE	Annual fuel utilization efficiency
bhp	Brake horsepower (fans)
Btu	British thermal unit
Btu/h-ft ²	Btu per hour per square foot
C-factor	See Chapter 2—Definitions
CDD	Cooling degree days
cfm	Cubic feet per minute
cfm/ft ²	Cubic feet per minute per square foot
ci	Continuous insulation
COP	Coefficient of performance
DCV	Demand control ventilation
°C	Degrees Celsius
°F	Degrees Fahrenheit
DWHR	Drain water heat recovery
DX	Direct expansion
E_c	Combustion efficiency
E_v	Ventilation efficiency
E_t	Thermal efficiency
EER	Energy efficiency ratio
EF	Energy factor
ERI	Energy rating index
F-factor	See Chapter 2—Definitions
FDD	Fault detection and diagnostics
FEG	Fan efficiency grade
FL	Full load
ft ²	Square foot

gpm	Gallons per minute
HDD	Heating degree days
hp	Horsepower
HSPF	Heating seasonal performance factor
HVAC	Heating, ventilating and air conditioning
IEER	Integrated energy efficiency ratio
IPLV	Integrated Part Load Value
Kg/m ²	Kilograms per square meter
kW	Kilowatt
LPD	Light power density (lighting power allowance)
L/s	Liters per second
Ls	Liner system
m ²	Square meters
MERV	Minimum efficiency reporting value
NAECA	National Appliance Energy Conservation Act
NPLV	Nonstandard Part Load Value
Pa	Pascal
PF	Projection factor
pcf	Pounds per cubic foot
psf	Pounds per square foot
PTAC	Packaged terminal air conditioner
PTHP	Packaged terminal heat pump
R-value	See Chapter 2—Definitions
SCOP	Sensible coefficient of performance
SEER	Seasonal energy efficiency ratio
SHGC	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient
SPVAC	Single packaged vertical air conditioner
SPVHP	Single packaged vertical heat pump
SRI	Solar reflectance index
SWHF	Service water heat recovery factor
U-factor	See Chapter 2—Definitions
VAV	Variable air volume
VRF	Variable refrigerant flow
VT	Visible transmittance
W	Watts
w.c.	Water column
w.g.	Water gauge

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CHAPTER 1 [CE]

SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

User note:

About this chapter: Chapter 1 establishes the limits of applicability of the code and describes how the code is to be applied and enforced. Chapter 1 is in two parts: Part 1—Scope and Application and Part 2—Administration and Enforcement. Section 101 identifies what buildings, systems, appliances and equipment fall under its purview and references other I-Codes as applicable. Standards and codes are scoped to the extent referenced.

The code is intended to be adopted as a legally enforceable document and it cannot be effective without adequate provisions for its administration and enforcement. The provisions of Chapter 1 establish the authority and duties of the code official appointed by the authority having jurisdiction and also establish the rights and privileges of the design professional, contractor and property owner.

PART 1—SCOPE AND APPLICATION

SECTION C101 SCOPE AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

C101.1 Title. This code shall be known as the 2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code and shall be cited as such. It is referred to herein as “this code.”

C101.2 Scope. This code applies to *commercial buildings* and the buildings’ sites and associated systems and equipment.

C101.3 Intent. This code shall regulate the design and construction of buildings for the effective use and conservation of energy over the useful life of each building. This code is intended to provide flexibility to permit the use of innovative approaches and techniques to achieve this objective. This code is not intended to abridge safety, health or environmental requirements contained in other applicable codes or ordinances.

C101.4 Applicability. Where, in any specific case, different sections of this code specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern. Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall govern.

C101.4.1 Mixed residential and commercial buildings. Where a building includes both *residential building* and *commercial building* portions, each portion shall be separately considered and meet the applicable provisions of IECC—Commercial Provisions or IECC—Residential Provisions.

C101.5 Compliance. *Residential buildings* shall meet the provisions of IECC—Residential Provisions. *Commercial buildings* shall meet the provisions of IECC—Commercial Provisions.

C101.5.1 Compliance materials. The *code official* shall be permitted to approve specific computer software, worksheets, compliance manuals and other similar materials that meet the intent of this code.

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SECTION C102 ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS, DESIGN AND METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT

C102.1 General. The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been *approved*. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be *approved* where the code official finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, not less than the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, *fire resistance*, durability and safety. Where the alternative material, design or method of construction is not *approved*, the code official shall respond in writing, stating the reasons why the alternative was not *approved*.

C102.1.1 Above code programs. The *code official* or other authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to deem a national, state or local energy efficiency program to exceed the energy efficiency required by this code. Buildings *approved* in writing by such an energy efficiency program shall be considered to be in compliance with this code. The requirements identified as “mandatory” in Chapter 4 shall be met.

PART 2—ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

SECTION C103 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

C103.1 General. Construction documents and other supporting data shall be submitted in one or more sets with each application for a permit. The construction documents shall be prepared by a registered design professional where required by the statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed. Where special conditions exist, the *code official* is authorized to require necessary construction documents to be prepared by a registered design professional.

Exception: The *code official* is authorized to waive the requirements for construction documents or other supporting data if the *code official* determines they are not necessary to confirm compliance with this code.

C103.2 Information on construction documents. Construction documents shall be drawn to scale on suitable material. Electronic media documents are permitted to be submitted where *approved* by the *code official*. Construction documents shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed, and show in sufficient detail pertinent data and features of the building, systems and equipment as herein governed. Details shall include, but are not limited to, the following as applicable:

1. Insulation materials and their *R*-values.
2. Fenestration *U*-factors and solar heat gain coefficients (SHGCs).
3. Area-weighted *U*-factor and solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) calculations.
4. Mechanical system design criteria.
5. Mechanical and service water heating systems and equipment types, sizes and efficiencies.
6. Economizer description.
7. Equipment and system controls.
8. Fan motor horsepower (hp) and controls.
9. Duct sealing, duct and pipe insulation and location.
10. Lighting fixture schedule with wattage and control narrative.
11. Location of *daylight* zones on floor plans.
12. Air sealing details.

C103.2.1 Building thermal envelope depiction. The *building thermal envelope* shall be represented on the construction drawings.

C103.3 Examination of documents. The *code official* shall examine or cause to be examined the accompanying construction documents and shall ascertain whether the construction indicated and described is in accordance with the requirements of this code and other pertinent laws or ordinances. The *code official* is authorized to utilize a registered design professional, or other *approved* entity not affiliated with the building design or construction, in conducting the review of the plans and specifications for compliance with the code.

C103.3.1 Approval of construction documents. When the *code official* issues a permit where construction documents are required, the construction documents shall be endorsed in writing and stamped "Reviewed for Code Compliance." Such *approved* construction documents shall not be changed, modified or altered without authorization from the *code official*. Work shall be done in accordance with the *approved* construction documents.

One set of construction documents so reviewed shall be retained by the *code official*. The other set shall be returned to the applicant, kept at the site of work and shall be open to inspection by the *code official* or a duly authorized representative.

C103.3.2 Previous approvals. This code shall not require changes in the construction documents, construction or designated occupancy of a structure for which a lawful permit has been heretofore issued or otherwise lawfully authorized, and the construction of which has been pursued in good faith within 180 days after the effective date of this code and has not been abandoned.

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C103.3.3 Phased approval. The *code official* shall have the authority to issue a permit for the construction of part of an energy conservation system before the construction documents for the entire system have been submitted or *approved*, provided that adequate information and detailed statements have been filed complying with all pertinent requirements of this code. The holders of such permit shall proceed at their own risk without assurance that the permit for the entire energy conservation system will be granted.

C103.4 Amended construction documents. Changes made during construction that are not in compliance with the *approved* construction documents shall be resubmitted for approval as an amended set of construction documents.

C103.5 Retention of construction documents. One set of *approved* construction documents shall be retained by the *code official* for a period of not less than 180 days from date of completion of the permitted work, or as required by state or local laws.

C103.6 Building documentation and closeout submittal requirements. The construction documents shall specify that the documents described in this section be provided to the building owner or owner's authorized agent within 90 days of the date of receipt of the certificate of occupancy.

C103.6.1 Record documents. Construction documents shall be updated to convey a record of the completed work. Such updates shall include mechanical, electrical and control drawings that indicate all changes to size, type and location of components, equipment and assemblies.

C103.6.2 Compliance documentation. Energy code compliance documentation and supporting calculations shall be delivered in one document to the building owner as part of the project record documents or manuals, or as a standalone document. This document shall include the specific energy code edition utilized for compliance determination for each system, documentation demonstrating compliance with Section C303.1.3 for each fenestration product installed, and the interior lighting power compliance path, building area or space-by-space, used to calculate the lighting power allowance.

For projects complying with Item 2 of Section C401.2, the documentation shall include:

1. The envelope insulation compliance path.
2. All compliance calculations including those required by Sections C402.1.5, C403.8.1, C405.3 and C405.4.

For projects complying with Section C407, the documentation shall include that required by Sections C407.4.1 and C407.4.2.

C103.6.3 Systems operation control. Training shall be provided to those responsible for maintaining and operating equipment included in the manuals required by Section C103.6.2.

The training shall include:

1. Review of manuals and permanent certificate.
2. Hands-on demonstration of all normal maintenance procedures, normal operating modes, and all emergency shutdown and startup procedures.
3. Training completion report.

SECTION C104 FEES

C104.1 Fees. A permit shall not be issued until the fees prescribed in Section C104.2 have been paid, nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, has been paid.

C104.2 Schedule of permit fees. A fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the applicable governing authority.

C104.3 Work commencing before permit issuance. Any person who commences any work before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to an additional fee established by the *code official* that shall be in addition to the required permit fees.

C104.4 Related fees. The payment of the fee for the construction, *alteration*, removal or demolition of work done in connection to or concurrently with the work or activity authorized by a permit shall not relieve the applicant or holder of the permit from the payment of other fees that are prescribed by law.

C104.5 Refunds. The *code official* is authorized to establish a refund policy.

SECTION C105 INSPECTIONS

C105.1 General. Construction or work for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection by the code official, his or her designated agent or an approved agency, and such construction or work shall remain visible and able to be accessed for inspection purposes until *approved*. Approval as a result of an inspection shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction. Inspections presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction shall not be valid. It shall be the duty of the permit applicant to cause the work to remain visible and able to be accessed for inspection purposes. Neither the code official nor the jurisdiction shall be liable for expense entailed in the removal or replacement of any material, product, system or building component required to allow inspection to validate compliance with this code.

C105.2 Required inspections. The *code official*, his or her designated agent or an approved agency, upon notification, shall make the inspections set forth in Sections C105.2.1 through C105.2.6.

C105.2.1 Footing and foundation insulation. Inspections shall verify the footing and foundation insulation *R*-value, location, thickness, depth of burial and protection of insulation as required by the code, *approved* plans and specifications.

C105.2.2 Thermal envelope. Inspections shall verify the correct type of insulation, *R*-values, location of insulation, fenestration, *U*-factor, SHGC and VT, and that air leakage controls are properly installed, as required by the code, *approved* plans and specifications.

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C105.2.3 Plumbing system. Inspections shall verify the type of insulation, *R*-values, protection required, controls and heat traps as required by the code, *approved* plans and specifications.

C105.2.4 Mechanical system. Inspections shall verify the installed HVAC equipment for the correct type and size, controls, insulation, *R*-values, system and damper air leakage, minimum fan efficiency, energy recovery and economizer as required by the code, *approved* plans and specifications.

C105.2.5 Electrical system. Inspections shall verify lighting system controls, components, and meters as required by the code, *approved* plans and specifications.

C105.2.6 Final inspection. The final inspection shall include verification of the installation and proper operation of all required building controls, and documentation verifying activities associated with required *building commissioning* have been conducted in accordance with Section C408.

C105.3 Reinspection. A building shall be reinspected where determined necessary by the *code official*.

C105.4 Approved inspection agencies. The *code official* is authorized to accept reports of third-party inspection agencies not affiliated with the building design or construction, provided that such agencies are *approved* as to qualifications and reliability relevant to the building components and systems that they are inspecting.

C105.5 Inspection requests. It shall be the duty of the holder of the permit or their duly authorized agent to notify the *code official* when work is ready for inspection. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to provide access to and means for inspections of such work that are required by this code.

C105.6 Reinspection and testing. Where any work or installation does not pass an initial test or inspection, the necessary corrections shall be made to achieve compliance with this code. The work or installation shall then be resubmitted to the *code official* for inspection and testing.

C105.7 Approval. After the prescribed tests and inspections indicate that the work complies in all respects with this code, a notice of approval shall be issued by the *code official*.

C105.7.1 Revocation. The *code official* is authorized to suspend or revoke, in writing, a notice of approval issued under the provisions of this code wherever the certificate is issued in error, or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or where it is determined that the *building* or structure, premise, or portion thereof is in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any of the provisions of this code.

SECTION C106 VALIDITY

C106.1 General. If a portion of this code is held to be illegal or void, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this code.

SECTION C107 REFERENCED STANDARDS

C107.1 Referenced codes and standards. The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those listed in Chapter 6, and such codes and standards shall be considered as part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections C107.1.1 and C107.1.2.

C107.1.1 Conflicts. Where conflicts occur between provisions of this code and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of this code shall apply.

C107.1.2 Provisions in referenced codes and standards. Where the extent of the reference to a referenced code or standard includes subject matter that is within the scope of this code, the provisions of this code, as applicable, shall take precedence over the provisions in the referenced code or standard.

C107.2 Application of references. References to chapter or section numbers, or to provisions not specifically identified by number, shall be construed to refer to such chapter, section or provision of this code.

C107.3 Other laws. The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law.

SECTION C108 STOP WORK ORDER

C108.1 Authority. Where the *code official* finds any work regulated by this code being performed in a manner either contrary to the provisions of this code or dangerous or unsafe, the *code official* is authorized to issue a stop work order.

C108.2 Issuance. The stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property involved, the owner's authorized agent, or to the person doing the work. Upon issuance of a stop work order, the cited work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for the order and the conditions under which the cited work will be permitted to resume.

C108.3 Emergencies. Where an emergency exists, the *code official* shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work.

C108.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine as set by the applicable governing authority.

SECTION C109 BOARD OF APPEALS

C109.1 General. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the *code official* relative to the application and interpretation of this code, there shall be and is hereby created a board of appeals. The *code official* shall be an ex officio member of said board but shall not have a vote on any matter before the board. The board of appeals shall be appointed by the governing body

and shall hold office at its pleasure. The board shall adopt rules of procedure for conducting its business, and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant with a duplicate copy to the *code official*.

C109.2 Limitations on authority. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. The board shall not have authority to waive requirements of this code.

C109.3 Qualifications. The board of appeals shall consist of members who are qualified by experience and training and are not employees of the jurisdiction.

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DEFINITIONS

User note:

About this chapter: Codes, by their very nature, are technical documents. Every word, term and punctuation mark can add to or change the meaning of a technical requirement. It is necessary to maintain a consensus on the specific meaning of each term contained in the code. Chapter 2 performs this function by stating clearly what specific terms mean for the purposes of the code.

SECTION C201 GENERAL

C201.1 Scope. Unless stated otherwise, the following words and terms in this code shall have the meanings indicated in this chapter.

C201.2 Interchangeability. Words used in the present tense include the future; words in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.

C201.3 Terms defined in other codes. Terms that are not defined in this code but are defined in the *International Building Code*, *International Fire Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code*, *International Mechanical Code*, *International Plumbing Code* or the *International Residential Code* shall have the meanings ascribed to them in those codes.

C201.4 Terms not defined. Terms not defined by this chapter shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

SECTION C202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

ABOVE-GRADE WALL. See “Wall, above-grade.”

ACCESS (TO). That which enables a device, appliance or equipment to be reached by ready access or by a means that first requires the removal or movement of a panel, or similar obstruction.

ADDITION. An extension or increase in the *conditioned space* floor area, number of stories or height of a building or structure.

AIR BARRIER. One or more materials joined together in a continuous manner to restrict or prevent the passage of air through the building thermal envelope and its assemblies.

AIR CURTAIN. A device, installed at the building entrance, that generates and discharges a laminar air stream intended to prevent the infiltration of external, unconditioned air into the conditioned spaces, or the loss of interior, conditioned air to the outside.

ALTERATION. Any construction, retrofit or renovation to an existing structure other than repair or addition. Also, a change in a building, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system that involves an extension, addition or change to the arrangement, type or purpose of the original installation.

ALTERATION, LEVEL 1. An *alteration* that includes the removal and replacement or the covering of existing materials, elements, equipment or fixtures using new materials, elements, equipment or fixtures that serve the same purpose.

ALTERATION, LEVEL 2. An *alteration* that includes the reconfiguration of space, the addition or elimination of any door or window, the reconfiguration or extension of any system, or the installation of any additional equipment.

ALTERATION, LEVEL 3. An *alteration* where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area.

ALTERATION, LEVEL 4. An *alteration* where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area, mechanical and lighting systems are substantially replaced, and the alteration meets the criteria of substantial structural alteration, including fenestration replacement.

APPROVED. Acceptable to the code official.

APPROVED AGENCY. An established and recognized agency that is regularly engaged in conducting tests or furnishing inspection services, or furnishing product certification, where such agency has been approved by the *code official*.

AUTOMATIC. Self-acting, operating by its own mechanism when actuated by some impersonal influence, as, for example, a change in current strength, pressure, temperature or mechanical configuration (see “Manual”).

BELOW-GRADE WALL. See “Wall, below-grade.”

BOILER, MODULATING. A boiler that is capable of more than a single firing rate in response to a varying temperature or heating load.

BOILER SYSTEM. One or more boilers, their piping and controls that work together to supply steam or hot water to heat output devices remote from the boiler.

BUBBLE POINT. The refrigerant liquid saturation temperature at a specified pressure.

BUILDING. Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy, including any mechanical systems, service water heating systems and electric power and lighting systems located on the building site and supporting the building.

BUILDING COMMISSIONING. A process that verifies and documents that the selected building systems have been designed, installed, and function according to the owner’s project requirements and construction documents, and to minimum code requirements.

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BUILDING ENTRANCE. Any door, set of doors, doorway, or other form of portal that is used to gain access to the building from the outside by the public.

BUILDING SITE. A contiguous area of land that is under the ownership or control of one entity.

BUILDING THERMAL ENVELOPE. The basement walls, exterior walls, floors, ceilings, roofs and any other building element assemblies that enclose conditioned space or provide a boundary between conditioned space and exempt or unconditioned space.

CAPTIVE KEY OVERRIDE. A lighting control that will not release the key that activates the override when the lighting is on.

CAVITY INSULATION. Insulating material located between framing members.

C-FACTOR (THERMAL CONDUCTANCE). The coefficient of heat transmission (surface to surface) through a building component or assembly, equal to the time rate of heat flow per unit area and the unit temperature difference between the warm side and cold side surfaces ($\text{Btu/h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$) [$\text{W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$].

CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY. A change in the use of a building or a portion of a building that results in any of the following:

1. A change of occupancy classification.
2. A change from one group to another group within an occupancy classification.
3. Any change in use within a group for which there is a change in the application of the requirements of this code.

CIRCULATING HOT WATER SYSTEM. A specifically designed water distribution system where one or more pumps are operated in the service hot water piping to circulate heated water from the water-heating equipment to the fixture supply and back to the water-heating equipment.

CLIMATE ZONE. A geographical region based on climatic criteria as specified in this code.

CODE OFFICIAL. The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative.

COEFFICIENT OF PERFORMANCE (COP) – COOLING. The ratio of the rate of heat removal to the rate of energy input, in consistent units, for a complete refrigerating system or some specific portion of that system under designated operating conditions.

COEFFICIENT OF PERFORMANCE (COP) – HEATING. The ratio of the rate of heat delivered to the rate of energy input, in consistent units, for a complete heat pump system, including the compressor and, if applicable, auxiliary heat, under designated operating conditions.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING. For this code, all buildings that are not included in the definition of “Residential building.”

COMPUTER ROOM. A room whose primary function is to house equipment for the processing and storage of electronic data and that has a design electronic data equipment power density of less than 20 watts per square foot (20 watts per

0.092 m^2) of conditioned floor area or a connected design electronic data equipment load of less than 10 kW.

CONDENSING UNIT. A factory-made assembly of refrigeration components designed to compress and liquefy a specific refrigerant. The unit consists of one or more refrigerant compressors, refrigerant condensers (air-cooled, evaporatively cooled, or water-cooled), condenser fans and motors (where used) and factory-supplied accessories.

CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA. The horizontal projection of the floors associated with the *conditioned space*.

CONDITIONED SPACE. An area, room or space that is enclosed within the building thermal envelope and is directly or indirectly heated or cooled. Spaces are indirectly heated or cooled where they communicate through openings with conditioned spaces, where they are separated from conditioned spaces by uninsulated walls, floors or ceilings, or where they contain uninsulated ducts, piping or other sources of heating or cooling.

CONSTRUCTION VALUATION. The total value of work requiring building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical permits; to be determined consistent with the standards of Subsection 4-20-4(d), B.R.C. 1981. The higher of the two valuations considered under Subsection 4-20-4(d), B.R.C. 1981, shall be the total value of work.

CONTINUOUS INSULATION (ci). Insulating material that is continuous across all structural members without thermal bridges other than fasteners and service openings. It is installed on the interior or exterior or is integral to any opaque surface of the building envelope.

CRAWL SPACE WALL. The opaque portion of a wall that encloses a crawl space and is partially or totally below grade.

CURTAIN WALL. Fenestration products used to create an external nonload-bearing wall that is designed to separate the exterior and interior environments.

DAYLIGHT RESPONSIVE CONTROL. A device or system that provides automatic control of electric light levels based on the amount of daylight in a space.

DAYLIGHT ZONE. That portion of a building’s interior floor area that is illuminated by natural light.

DEMAND CONTROL VENTILATION (DCV). A ventilation system capability that provides for the automatic reduction of outdoor air intake below design rates when the actual occupancy of spaces served by the system is less than design occupancy.

DEMAND RECIRCULATION WATER SYSTEM. A water distribution system having one or more recirculation pumps that pump water from a heated water supply pipe back to the heated water source through a cold water supply pipe.

DUCT. A tube or conduit utilized for conveying air. The air passages of self-contained systems are not to be construed as air ducts.

DUCT SYSTEM. A continuous passageway for the transmission of air that, in addition to ducts, includes duct fittings, dampers, plenums, fans and accessory air-handling equipment and appliances.

DWELLING UNIT. A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

DYNAMIC GLAZING. Any fenestration product that has the fully reversible ability to change its performance properties, including *U*-factor, solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC), or visible transmittance (VT).

ECONOMIZER, AIR. A duct and damper arrangement and automatic control system that allows a cooling system to supply outside air to reduce or eliminate the need for mechanical cooling during mild or cold weather.

ECONOMIZER, WATER. A system where the supply air of a cooling system is cooled indirectly with water that is itself cooled by heat or mass transfer to the environment without the use of mechanical cooling.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV). A motorized vehicle registered for on-road use, powered by an electric motor that draws current from rechargeable storage that is charged by being plugged into an electrical source.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CAPABLE SPACE. A designated parking space that is provided with conduit sized for a 40-amp, 208/240-volt dedicated branch circuit from a building electrical service panel to the parking space and sufficient physical space in the same building electrical service panel to accommodate a 40-amp dual-pole circuit breaker.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE READY SPACE. A parking space that is provided with one 40-amp, 208/240-volt dedicated branch circuit for electric vehicle supply equipment that is terminated at a receptacle, a junction box or electric vehicle supply equipment within the parking space.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT (EVSE). The electrical conductors and equipment external to the electric vehicle that provide a connection between an electric vehicle and a power source to provide electric vehicle charging.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT (EVSE) INSTALLED SPACE. A parking space with electric vehicle supply equipment capable of supplying current at 40 amps at 208/240 volt.

ENCLOSED SPACE. A volume surrounded by solid surfaces such as walls, floors, roofs, and openable devices such as doors and operable windows.

ENERGY ANALYSIS. A method for estimating the annual energy use of the *proposed design* and *standard reference design* based on estimates of energy use.

ENERGY COST. The total estimated annual cost for purchased energy for the building functions regulated by this code, including applicable demand charges.

ENERGY IMPACT OFFSET FUND. A city-approved and city-managed offset fund providing a payment option in lieu of complying with city program renewable energy and/or offset requirements.

ENERGY RECOVERY VENTILATION SYSTEM. Systems that employ air-to-air heat exchangers to recover energy from exhaust air for the purpose of preheating, precooling, humidifying or dehumidifying outdoor ventilation air prior to supplying the air to a space, either directly or as part of an HVAC system.

ENERGY SIMULATION TOOL. An *approved* software program or calculation-based methodology that projects the annual energy use of a building.

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ENERGY USE INTENSITY (EUI). The annual building site energy use per square foot of gross floor area in units of kBtu/sq ft.

ENTRANCE DOOR. A vertical fenestration product used for occupant ingress, egress and access in nonresidential buildings, including, but not limited to, exterior entrances utilizing latching hardware and automatic closers and containing over 50 percent glazing specifically designed to withstand heavy-duty usage.

EQUIPMENT POWER DENSITY (EPD). The power per unit area of equipment serving plug and process loads of the building or space, expressed in W/ft² of building gross floor area.

EQUIPMENT ROOM. A space that contains either electrical equipment, mechanical equipment, machinery, water pumps or hydraulic pumps that are a function of the building's services.

EXTERIOR WALL. Walls including both above-grade walls and basement walls.

FAN BRAKE HORSEPOWER (BHP). The horsepower delivered to the fan's shaft. Brake horsepower does not include the mechanical drive losses such as that from belts and gears.

FAN EFFICIENCY GRADE (FEG). A numerical rating identifying the fan's aerodynamic ability to convert shaft power, or impeller power in the case of a direct-driven fan, to air power.

FAN SYSTEM BHP. The sum of the fan brake horsepower of all fans that are required to operate at fan system design conditions to supply air from the heating or cooling source to the *conditioned spaces* and return it to the source or exhaust it to the outdoors.

FAN SYSTEM DESIGN CONDITIONS. Operating conditions that can be expected to occur during normal system operation that result in the highest supply fan airflow rate to conditioned spaces served by the system, other than during air economizer operation.

FAN SYSTEM MOTOR NAMEPLATE HP. The sum of the motor nameplate horsepower of all fans that are required to operate at design conditions to supply air from the heating or cooling source to the *conditioned spaces* and return it to the source or exhaust it to the outdoors.

FENESTRATION. Products classified as either skylights or vertical fenestration.

Skylights. Glass or other transparent or translucent glazing material installed at a slope of less than 60 degrees (1.05 rad) from horizontal, including unit skylights, tubular daylighting devices and glazing materials in solariums, sunrooms, roofs and sloped walls.

Vertical fenestration. Windows that are fixed or operable, opaque doors, glazed doors, glazed block and combination opaque and glazed doors composed of glass or other transparent or translucent glazing materials and installed at a slope of not less than 60 degrees (1.05 rad) from horizontal.

FENESTRATION PRODUCT, FIELD-FABRICATED. A fenestration product whose frame is made at the construction site of standard dimensional lumber or other materials that were not previously cut, or otherwise formed with the

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specific intention of being used to fabricate a fenestration product or exterior door. Field fabricated does not include site-built fenestration.

FENESTRATION PRODUCT, SITE-BUILT. A fenestration designed to be made up of field-glazed or field-assembled units using specific factory cut or otherwise factory-formed framing and glazing units. Examples of site-built fenestration include storefront systems, curtain walls, and atrium roof systems.

F-FACTOR. The perimeter heat loss factor for slab-on-grade floors (Btu/h • ft • °F) [W/(m • K)].

FLOOR AREA, NET. The actual occupied area not including unoccupied accessory areas such as corridors, stairways, toilet rooms, mechanical rooms and closets.

GENERAL LIGHTING. Lighting that provides a substantially uniform level of illumination throughout an area. General lighting shall not include decorative lighting or lighting that provides a dissimilar level of illumination to serve a specialized application or feature within such area.

GREENHOUSE. A structure or a thermally isolated area of a building that maintains a specialized sunlit environment exclusively used for, and essential to, the cultivation, protection or maintenance of plants.

GROUP R. Buildings or portions of buildings that contain any of the following occupancies as established in the *International Building Code*:

1. *Group R-1.*
2. *Group R-2* where located more than three stories in height above grade plane.
3. *Group R-4* where located more than three stories in height above grade plane.

HEAT TRAP. An arrangement of piping and fittings, such as elbows, or a commercially available heat trap that prevents thermosiphoning of hot water during standby periods.

HEATED SLAB. Slab-on-grade construction in which the heating elements, hydronic tubing, or hot air distribution system is in contact with, or placed within or under, the slab.

HIGH SPEED DOOR. A nonswinging door used primarily to facilitate vehicular access or material transportation, with a minimum opening rate of 32 inches (813 mm) per second, a minimum closing rate of 24 inches (610 mm) per second and that includes an automatic-closing device.

HISTORIC BUILDING. Any building or structure that is one or more of the following:

1. Listed, or certified as eligible for listing by the State Historic Preservation Officer or the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, in the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Designated as historic under an applicable state or local law.
3. Certified as a contributing resource within a National Register-listed, state-designated or locally designated historic district.

HUMIDISTAT. A regulatory device, actuated by changes in humidity, used for automatic control of relative humidity.

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IEC DESIGN H MOTOR. An electric motor that meets all of the following:

1. It is an induction motor designed for use with three-phase power.
2. It contains a cage rotor.
3. It is capable of direct-on-line starting.
4. It has four, six or eight poles.
5. It is rated from 0.4 kW to 1600 kW at a frequency of 60 hertz.

IEC DESIGN N MOTOR. An electric motor that meets all of the following:

1. It is an induction motor designed for use with three-phase power.
2. It contains a cage rotor.
3. It is capable of direct-on-line starting.
4. It has two, four, six or eight poles.
5. It is rated from 0.4 kW to 1600 kW at a frequency of 60 hertz.

INFILTRATION. The uncontrolled inward air leakage into a building caused by the pressure effects of wind or the effect of differences in the indoor and outdoor air density or both.

INTEGRATED PART LOAD VALUE (IPLV). A single-number figure of merit based on part-load EER, COP or kW/ton expressing part-load efficiency for air-conditioning and heat pump equipment on the basis of weighted operation at various load capacities for equipment.

ISOLATION DEVICES. Devices that isolate HVAC zones so that they can be operated independently of one another. *Isolation devices* include separate systems, isolation dampers, and controls providing shutoff at terminal boxes.

LABELED. Equipment, materials or products to which have been affixed a label, seal, symbol or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, approved agency or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of the production of the labeled items and whose labeling indicates either that the equipment, material or product meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

LINER SYSTEM (Ls). A system that includes the following:

1. A continuous vapor barrier liner membrane that is installed below the purlins and that is uninterrupted by framing members.
2. An uncompressed, unfaced insulation resting on top of the liner membrane and located between the purlins.

For multilayer installations, the last rated *R*-value of insulation is for unfaced insulation draped over purlins and then compressed when the metal roof panels are attached.

LISTED. Equipment, materials, products or services included in a list published by an organization acceptable to the *code official* and concerned with evaluation of products or services that maintains periodic inspection of production of *listed* equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services and whose listing states either that the equipment, material, product

or service meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

LOW-SLOPED ROOF. A roof having a slope less than 2 units vertical in 12 units horizontal.

LOW-VOLTAGE DRY-TYPE DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMER. A transformer that is air-cooled, does not use oil as a coolant, has an input voltage less than or equal to 600 volts and is rated for operation at a frequency of 60 hertz.

LUMINAIRE-LEVEL LIGHTING CONTROLS. A lighting system consisting of one or more luminaires with embedded lighting control logic, occupancy and ambient light sensors, wireless networking capabilities and local override switching capability, where required.

MANUAL. Capable of being operated by personal intervention (see “Automatic”).

NAMEPLATE HORSEPOWER. The nominal motor output power rating stamped on the motor nameplate.

NEMA DESIGN A MOTOR. A squirrel-cage motor that meets all of the following:

1. It is designed to withstand full-voltage starting and develop locked-rotor torque as shown in paragraph 12.38.1 of NEMA MG 1.
2. It has pull-up torque not less than the values shown in paragraph 12.40.1 of NEMA MG 1.
3. It has breakdown torque not less than the values shown in paragraph 12.39.1 of NEMA MG 1.
4. It has a locked-rotor current higher than the values shown in paragraph 12.35.1 of NEMA MG 1 for 60 hertz and paragraph 12.35.2 of NEMA MG 1 for 50 hertz.
5. It has a slip at rated load of less than 5 percent for motors with fewer than 10 poles.

NEMA DESIGN B MOTOR. A squirrel-cage motor that meets all of the following:

1. It is designed to withstand full-voltage starting.
2. It develops locked-rotor, breakdown, and pull-up torques adequate for general application as specified in Sections 12.38, 12.39 and 12.40 of NEMA MG1.
3. It draws locked-rotor current not to exceed the values shown in Section 12.35.1 for 60 hertz and Section 12.35.2 for 50 hertz of NEMA MG1.
4. It has a slip at rated load of less than 5 percent for motors with fewer than 10 poles.

NEMA DESIGN C MOTOR. A squirrel-cage motor that meets all of the following:

1. Designed to withstand full-voltage starting and develop locked-rotor torque for high-torque applications up to the values shown in paragraph 12.38.2 of NEMA MG1 (incorporated by reference, see A§431.15).
2. It has pull-up torque not less than the values shown in paragraph 12.40.2 of NEMA MG1.
3. It has breakdown torque not less than the values shown in paragraph 12.39.2 of NEMA MG1.

4. It has a locked-rotor current not to exceed the values shown in paragraph 12.35.1 of NEMA MG1 for 60 hertz and paragraph 12.35.2 for 50 hertz.

5. It has a slip at rated load of less than 5 percent.

NETWORKED GUESTROOM CONTROL SYSTEM. A control system, accessible from the front desk or other central location associated with a *Group R-1* building, that is capable of identifying the occupancy status of each guestroom according to a timed schedule, and is capable of controlling HVAC in each hotel and motel guestroom separately.

NONSTANDARD PART LOAD VALUE (NPLV). A single-number part-load efficiency figure of merit calculated and referenced to conditions other than IPLV conditions, for units that are not designed to operate at AHRI standard rating conditions.

OCCUPANT SENSOR CONTROL. An automatic control device or system that detects the presence or absence of people within an area and causes lighting, equipment or appliances to be regulated accordingly.

ON-SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY. Energy derived from solar radiation, wind, waves, tides, landfill gas, biogas, biomass or the internal heat of the earth. The energy system providing on-site renewable energy shall be located on the project site.

OPAQUE DOOR. A door that is not less than 50-percent opaque in surface area.

POWERED ROOF/WALL VENTILATORS. A fan consisting of a centrifugal or axial impeller with an integral driver in a weather-resistant housing and with a base designed to fit, usually by means of a curb, over a wall or roof opening.

PROPOSED DESIGN. A description of the proposed building used to estimate annual energy use for determining compliance based on total building performance.

RADIANT HEATING SYSTEM. A heating system that transfers heat to objects and surfaces within a conditioned space, primarily by infrared radiation.

READY ACCESS (TO). That which enables a device, appliance or equipment to be directly reached, without requiring the removal or movement of any panel or similar obstruction.

REFRIGERANT DEW POINT. The refrigerant vapor saturation temperature at a specified pressure.

REFRIGERATED WAREHOUSE COOLER. An enclosed storage space capable of being refrigerated to temperatures above 32°F (0°C), that can be walked into and has a total chilled storage area of not less than 3,000 square feet (279 m²).

REFRIGERATED WAREHOUSE FREEZER. An enclosed storage space capable of being refrigerated to temperatures at or below 32°F (0°C), that can be walked into and has a total chilled storage area of not less than 3,000 square feet (279 m²).

REFRIGERATION SYSTEM, LOW TEMPERATURE. Systems for maintaining food product in a frozen state in refrigeration applications.

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REFRIGERATION SYSTEM, MEDIUM TEMPERATURE. Systems for maintaining food product above freezing in refrigeration applications.

REGISTERED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL. An individual who is registered or licensed to practice their respective design profession as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.

REPAIR. The reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing building for the purpose of its maintenance or to correct damage.

REROOFING. The process of recovering or replacing an existing roof covering. See “Roof recover” and “Roof replacement.”

> **RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.** For this code, includes detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses, and Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 buildings three stories or less in height above grade plane with separate means of egress.

ROOF ASSEMBLY. A system designed to provide weather protection and resistance to design loads. The system consists of a roof covering and roof deck or a single component serving as both the roof covering and the roof deck. A roof assembly includes the roof covering, underlayment, roof deck, insulation, vapor retarder and interior finish.

ROOF RECOVER. The process of installing an additional roof covering over an existing roof covering without removing the existing roof covering.

ROOF REPAIR. Reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing roof for the purpose of its maintenance.

ROOF REPLACEMENT. The process of removing the existing roof covering, repairing any damaged substrate and installing a new roof covering.

ROOFTOP MONITOR. A raised section of a roof containing vertical fenestration along one or more sides.

R-VALUE (THERMAL RESISTANCE). The inverse of the time rate of heat flow through a body from one of its bounding surfaces to the other surface for a unit temperature difference between the two surfaces, under steady state conditions, per unit area ($\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$) [$(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})/\text{W}$].

SATURATED CONDENSING TEMPERATURE. The saturation temperature corresponding to the measured refrigerant pressure at the condenser inlet for single component and azeotropic refrigerants, and the arithmetic average of the dew point and *bubble point* temperatures corresponding to the refrigerant pressure at the condenser entrance for zeotropic refrigerants.

SERVICE WATER HEATING. Supply of hot water for purposes other than comfort heating.

SLEEPING UNIT. A room or space in which people sleep, that can include permanent provisions for living, eating, and either sanitation or kitchen facilities but not both. Such rooms and spaces that are part of a dwelling unit are not *sleeping units*.

SMALL ELECTRIC MOTOR. A general purpose, alternating current, single speed induction motor.

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SOLAR HEAT GAIN COEFFICIENT (SHGC). The ratio of the solar heat gain entering the space through the fenestration assembly to the incident solar radiation. Solar heat gain includes directly transmitted solar heat and absorbed solar radiation, that is then reradiated, conducted or convected into the space.

STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN. A version of the *proposed design* that meets the minimum requirements of this code and is used to determine the maximum annual energy use requirement for compliance based on total building performance.

STOREFRONT. A system of doors and windows mulled as a composite fenestration structure that has been designed to resist heavy use. *Storefront* systems include, but are not limited to, exterior fenestration systems that span from the floor level or above to the ceiling of the same story on commercial buildings, with or without mulled windows and doors.

SUBSTANTIAL STRUCTURAL ALTERATION. An alteration in which the gravity load-carrying structural elements altered within a five-year period support more than 30 percent of the total floor area and roof area of the building or structure. The areas to be counted toward the 30 percent shall include mezzanines, penthouses, and in-filled courts and shafts tributary to the altered structural elements.

THERMOSTAT. An automatic control device used to maintain temperature at a fixed or adjustable setpoint.

TIME SWITCH CONTROL. An automatic control device or system that controls lighting or other loads, including switching off, based on time schedules.

U-FACTOR (THERMAL TRANSMITTANCE). The coefficient of heat transmission (air to air) through a building component or assembly, equal to the time rate of heat flow per unit area and unit temperature difference between the warm side and cold side air films ($\text{Btu}/\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}$) [$\text{W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$].

VARIABLE REFRIGERANT FLOW SYSTEM. An engineered direct-expansion (DX) refrigerant system that incorporates a common condensing unit, at least one variable-capacity compressor, a distributed refrigerant piping network to multiple indoor fan heating and cooling units each capable of individual zone temperature control, through integral zone temperature control devices and a common communications network. Variable refrigerant flow utilizes three or more steps of control on common interconnecting piping.

VENTILATION. The natural or mechanical process of supplying conditioned or unconditioned air to, or removing such air from, any space.

VENTILATION AIR. That portion of supply air that comes from outside (outdoors) plus any recirculated air that has been treated to maintain the desired quality of air within a designated space.

VISIBLE TRANSMITTANCE [VT]. The ratio of visible light entering the space through the fenestration product assembly to the incident visible light. Visible transmittance includes the effects of glazing material and frame and is expressed as a number between 0 and 1.

VOLTAGE DROP. A decrease in voltage caused by losses in the wiring systems that connect the power source to the load.

WALK-IN COOLER. An enclosed storage space capable of being refrigerated to temperatures above 32°F (0°C) and less than 55°F (12.8°C) that can be walked into, has a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet (2134 mm) and has a total chilled storage area of less than 3,000 square feet (279 m²).

WALK-IN FREEZER. An enclosed storage space capable of being refrigerated to temperatures at or below 32°F (0°C) that can be walked into, has a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet (2134 mm) and has a total chilled storage area of less than 3,000 square feet (279 m²).

WALL, ABOVE-GRADE. A wall associated with the *building thermal envelope* that is more than 15 percent above grade and is on the exterior of the building or any wall that is associated with the *building thermal envelope* that is not on the exterior of the building.

WALL, BELOW-GRADE. A wall associated with the basement or first story of the building that is part of the *building thermal envelope*, is not less than 85 percent below grade and is on the exterior of the building.

WATER HEATER. Any heating appliance or equipment that heats potable water and supplies such water to the potable hot water distribution system.

ZONE. A space or group of spaces within a building with heating or cooling requirements that are sufficiently similar so that desired conditions can be maintained throughout using a single controlling device.

CHAPTER 3 [CE]

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

User note:

About this chapter: Chapter 3 addresses broadly applicable requirements that would not be at home in other chapters having more specific coverage of subject matter. This chapter establishes climate zone by U.S. counties and also contains product rating, marking and installation requirements for materials such as insulation, windows, doors and siding.

SECTION C301 CLIMATE ZONES

C301.1 General. This code shall apply only to projects located in Boulder, Colorado.

SECTION C302 DESIGN CONDITIONS

C302.1 Interior design conditions. The interior design temperatures used for heating and cooling load calculations shall be a maximum of 72°F (22°C) for heating and minimum of 75°F (24°C) for cooling.

SECTION C303 MATERIALS, SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

C303.1 Identification. Materials, systems and equipment shall be identified in a manner that will allow a determination of compliance with the applicable provisions of this code.

C303.1.1 Building thermal envelope insulation. An *R*-value identification mark shall be applied by the manufacturer to each piece of *building thermal envelope* insulation 12 inches (305 mm) or greater in width. Alternatively, the insulation installers shall provide a certification listing the type, manufacturer and *R*-value of insulation installed in each element of the *building thermal envelope*. For blown-in or sprayed fiberglass and cellulose insulation, the initial installed thickness, settled thickness, settled *R*-value, installed density, coverage area and number of bags installed shall be *listed* on the certification. For sprayed polyurethane foam (SPF) insulation, the installed thickness of the areas covered and *R*-value of installed thickness shall be *listed* on the certification. For insulated siding, the *R*-value shall be labeled on the product's package and shall be *listed* on the certification. The insulation installer shall sign, date and post the certification in a conspicuous location on the job site.

Exception: For roof insulation installed above the deck, the *R*-value shall be labeled as required by the material standards specified in Table 1508.2 of the *International Building Code*.

C303.1.1.1 Blown-in or sprayed roof/ceiling insulation. The thickness of blown-in or sprayed fiberglass and cellulose roof/ceiling insulation shall be written in inches (mm) on markers and one or more of such mark-

ers shall be installed for every 300 square feet (28 m²) of attic area throughout the attic space. The markers shall be affixed to the trusses or joists and marked with the minimum initial installed thickness with numbers not less than 1 inch (25 mm) in height. Each marker shall face the attic *access* opening. Spray polyurethane foam thickness and installed *R*-value shall be *listed* on certification provided by the insulation installer.

C303.1.2 Insulation mark installation. Insulating materials shall be installed such that the manufacturer's *R*-value mark is readily observable upon inspection.

C303.1.3 Fenestration product rating. *U*-factors of fenestration products shall be determined as follows:

1. For windows, doors and skylights, *U*-factor ratings shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 100.
2. Where required for garage doors and rolling doors, *U*-factor ratings shall be determined in accordance with either NFRC 100 or ANSI/DASMA 105.

U-factors shall be determined by an accredited, independent laboratory, and *labeled* and certified by the manufacturer.

Products lacking such a *labeled U*-factor shall be assigned a default *U*-factor from Table C303.1.3(1) or C303.1.3(2). The solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) and *visible transmittance* (VT) of glazed fenestration products (windows, glazed doors and skylights) shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 200 by an accredited, independent laboratory, and *labeled* and certified by the manufacturer. Products lacking such a *labeled* SHGC or VT shall be assigned a default SHGC or VT from Table C303.1.3(3).

TABLE C303.1.3(1)
DEFAULT GLAZED WINDOW,
GLASS DOOR AND SKYLIGHT *U*-FACTORS

FRAME TYPE	WINDOW AND GLASS DOOR		SKYLIGHT	
	Single	Double	Single	Double
Metal	1.20	0.80	2.00	1.30
Metal with Thermal Break	1.10	0.65	1.90	1.10
Nonmetal or Metal Clad	0.95	0.55	1.75	1.05
Glazed Block	0.60			

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TABLE C303.1.3(2)
DEFAULT OPAQUE DOOR U-FACTORS

DOOR TYPE	OPAQUE U-FACTOR
Uninsulated Metal	1.20
Insulated Metal (Rolling)	0.90
Insulated Metal (Other)	0.60
Wood	0.50
Insulated, nonmetal edge, max 45% glazing, any glazing double pane	0.35

TABLE C303.1.3(3)
DEFAULT GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC AND VT

	SINGLE GLAZED		DOUBLE GLAZED		GLAZED BLOCK
	Clear	Tinted	Clear	Tinted	
SHGC	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
VT	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6

C303.1.4 Insulation product rating. The thermal resistance (R -value) of insulation shall be determined in accordance with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission R -value rule (CFR Title 16, Part 460) in units of $\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}/\text{Btu}$ at a mean temperature of 75°F (24°C).

C303.1.4.1 Insulated siding. The thermal resistance (R -value) of insulated siding shall be determined in accordance with ASTM C1363. Installation for testing shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

C303.2 Installation. Materials, systems and equipment shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the *International Building Code*.

C303.2.1 Protection of exposed foundation insulation. Insulation applied to the exterior of basement walls, crawl space walls and the perimeter of slab-on-grade floors shall have a rigid, opaque and weather-resistant protective covering to prevent the degradation of the insulation's thermal performance. The protective covering shall cover the exposed exterior insulation and extend not less than 6 inches (153 mm) below grade.

C303.2.2 Multiple layers of continuous insulation board. Where two or more layers of continuous insulation board are used in a construction assembly, the continuous insulation boards shall be installed in accordance with Section C303.2. Where the continuous insulation board manufacturer's instructions do not address installation of two or more layers, the edge joints between each layer of continuous insulation boards shall be staggered.

CHAPTER 4 [CE]

COMMERCIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

User note:

About this chapter: Chapter 4 presents the paths and options for compliance with the energy efficiency provisions. Chapter 4 contains energy efficiency provisions for the building envelope, fenestration, mechanical systems, appliances, freezers and coolers, kitchen exhaust, interior and exterior lighting, water-heating systems, transformers and motors.

SECTION C401 GENERAL

C401.1 Scope. The provisions in this chapter are applicable to commercial *buildings* and their *building sites*.

C401.2 Application. Commercial buildings shall comply with one of the following:

1. New buildings with a *construction valuation* less than \$500,000 shall comply with Sections C402, C403, C404, C405 and C406.
2. New buildings with a *construction valuation* of \$500,000 or more shall demonstrate that the building is designed to achieve an annual energy performance that is less than or equal to the value identified through Section C401.2.1. Compliance shall be demonstrated through performance modeling that complies with all requirements of ASHRAE 90.1-2016 Appendix G, as modified in Section C407 of this code, performed by a *registered design professional*. In addition, new buildings and *additions* shall comply with mandatory requirements of this chapter.

C401.2.1 Energy use targets. *Energy use* targets, in units of site EUI (kBtu/sf-yr), will be determined using one of the following:

C401.2.1.1 Modeled baseline. A reduction in annual energy cost of 25 percent compared to the *standard reference design* of Appendix G of ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2016 *Energy Standard for Buildings Except for Low-rise Residential Buildings*, as modified in Section C407 of this code. Projects using this pathway will also be required to report the predicted *energy use intensity* (EUI) of the *proposed design*, in kBtu/sf-yr, to the building official.

C401.2.1.2 Fixed performance target. Projects of the types listed in Table C407.3.2 may use the *energy use intensity* (EUI) targets identified in the table in lieu of baseline modeling. The *proposed building model* predicted performance will be demonstrated using the energy modeling procedures in Appendix G of ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2016 *Energy Standard for Buildings Except for Low-rise Residential Buildings*, as modified in Section C407 of this code.

C401.2.2 Measured performance outcome. With approval of the *code official*, projects of the types listed in Table C407.3.2 may demonstrate compliance with this

code by proving that the proposed building has achieved the EUI performance listed based on metered energy use after occupancy, as described in Section C407.3.3.

C401.2.3 Core and shell buildings. Commercial core and shell buildings may take credit for energy efficiency that is part of the future interior tenant finish design, provided that the efficiency measures are shown on the final tenant build-out drawings. The *code official* shall issue a temporary certificate of occupancy until the final tenant drawings are submitted showing the efficiency measures. If all efficiency measures are shown on the final tenant drawings, a permanent certificate of occupancy shall be issued.

C401.3 Existing buildings. *Alterations, repairs, additions and change of use* to existing buildings shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 5 of this code.

SECTION C402 BUILDING ENVELOPE REQUIREMENTS

C402.1 General (Prescriptive). Building thermal envelope assemblies for buildings that are intended to comply with the code on a prescriptive basis in accordance with the compliance path described in Item 1 of Section C401.2, shall comply with the following:

1. The opaque portions of the building thermal envelope shall comply with the specific insulation requirements of Section C402.2 and the thermal requirements of either the *R*-value-based method of Section C402.1.3; the *U*-, *C*- and *F*-factor-based method of Section C402.1.4; or the component performance alternative of Section C402.1.5.
2. Roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance shall comply with Section C402.3.
3. Fenestration in building envelope assemblies shall comply with Section C402.4.
4. Air leakage of building envelope assemblies shall comply with Section C402.5.

Alternatively, where buildings have a vertical fenestration area or skylight area exceeding that allowed in Section C402.4, the building and building thermal envelope shall comply with Section C401.2, *Item 2*.

Where the total area of penetrations from mechanical equipment listed in Table C403.3.2(3) exceeds 1 percent of the opaque above-grade wall area, the mechanical equipment penetration area shall be calculated as a separate assembly with a default *U*-factor of 0.5 Btu/h • ft² • °F (3 W/m² • K) for the purposes of complying with Section C402.1 or C407.

Walk-in coolers, walk-in freezers, refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers shall comply with Section C403.10.1 or C403.10.2.

C402.1.1 Low-energy buildings. The following low-energy buildings, or portions thereof separated from the remainder of the building by *building thermal envelope* assemblies complying with this section, shall be exempt from the *building thermal envelope* provisions of Section C402.

1. Those with a peak design rate of energy usage less than 3.4 Btu/h • ft² (10.7 W/m²) or 1.0 watt per square foot (10.7 W/m²) of floor area for space conditioning purposes.
2. Those that do not contain *conditioned space*.
3. Greenhouses.

C402.1.2 Equipment buildings. Buildings that comply with the following shall be exempt from the *building thermal envelope* provisions of this code:

1. Are separate buildings with floor area not more than 500 square feet (50 m²).
2. Are intended to house electronic equipment with installed equipment power totaling not less than 7 watts per square foot (75 W/m²) and not intended for human occupancy.
3. Have a heating system capacity not greater than (17,000 Btu/h) (5 kW) and a heating thermostat set-point that is restricted to not more than 50°F (10°C).
4. Have an average wall and roof *U*-factor less than 0.120.

C402.1.3 Insulation component *R*-value-based method. *Building thermal envelope* opaque assemblies shall comply with the requirements of Sections C402.2 and C402.4. For opaque portions of the *building thermal envelope* intended to comply on an insulation component *R*-value basis, the *R*-values for insulation shall be not less than that specified in Table C402.1.3. Commercial buildings or portions of commercial buildings enclosing *Group R* occupancies shall use the *R*-values from the “*Group R*” column of Table C402.1.3. Commercial buildings or portions of commercial buildings enclosing occupancies other than *Group R* shall use the *R*-values from the “All other” column of Table C402.1.3.

C402.1.4 Assembly *U*-factor, *C*-factor or *F*-factor-based method. Building thermal envelope opaque assemblies shall meet the requirements of Sections C402.2 and C402.4. Building thermal envelope opaque assemblies intended to comply on an assembly *U*-, *C*- or *F*-factor basis shall have a *U*-, *C*- or *F*-factor not greater than that specified in Table C402.1.4. Commercial buildings or portions of commercial buildings enclosing *Group R* occupancies shall use the *U*-, *C*- or *F*-factor from the “*Group R*” column of Table C402.1.4. Commercial buildings or portions of commercial buildings enclosing occupancies other than *Group R* shall use the *U*-, *C*- or *F*-factor from the “All other” column of Table C402.1.4

C402.1.4.1 Thermal resistance of cold-formed steel walls. *U*-factors of walls with cold-formed steel studs shall be permitted to be determined in accordance with Equation 4-1:

$$U = 1/[R_s + (ER)] \quad \text{(Equation 4-1)}$$

where:

R_s = The cumulative *R*-value of the wall components along the path of heat transfer, excluding the *cavity insulation* and steel studs.

ER = The effective *R*-value of the *cavity insulation* with steel studs as specified in Table C402.1.4.1.

C402.1.5 Component performance alternative. Building envelope values and fenestration areas determined in accordance with Equation 4-2 shall be an alternative to compliance with the *U*-, *F*- and *C*-factors in Tables C402.1.4 and C402.4 and the maximum allowable fenestration areas in Section C402.4.1. *Fenestration* shall meet the applicable SHGC requirements of Section C402.4.3.

$$A + B + C + D + E \leq \text{Zero} \quad \text{(Equation 4-2)}$$

where:

A = Sum of the (UA Dif) values for each distinct assembly type of the building thermal envelope, other than slabs on grade and below-grade walls.

UA Dif = UA Proposed - UA Table.

UA Proposed = Proposed *U*-value × Area.

UA Table = (*U*-factor from Table C402.1.3, C402.1.4 or C402.4 × Area.

TABLE C402.1.4.1
EFFECTIVE *R*-VALUES FOR STEEL STUD WALL ASSEMBLIES

NOMINAL STUD DEPTH (inches)	SPACING OF FRAMING (inches)	CAVITY <i>R</i> -VALUE (insulation)	CORRECTION FACTOR (<i>F_p</i>)	EFFECTIVE <i>R</i> -VALUE (ER) (Cavity <i>R</i> -Value × <i>F_p</i>)
3½	16	13	0.46	5.98
		15	0.43	6.45
3½	24	13	0.55	7.15
		15	0.52	7.80
6	16	19	0.37	7.03
		21	0.35	7.35
6	24	19	0.45	8.55
		21	0.43	9.03
8	16	25	0.31	7.75
	24	25	0.38	9.50

B = Sum of the (FL Dif) values for each distinct slab-on-grade perimeter condition of the building thermal envelope.

FL Dif = FL Proposed - FL Table.

FL Proposed = Proposed *F*-value × Perimeter length.

FL Table = (*F*-factor specified in Table C402.1.4) × Perimeter length.

C = Sum of the (CA Dif) values for each distinct below-grade wall assembly type of the building thermal envelope.

CA Dif = CA Proposed - CA Table.

CA Proposed = Proposed *C*-value × Area.

CA Table = (Maximum allowable *C*-factor specified in Table C402.1.4) × Area.

Where the proposed vertical glazing area is less than or equal to the maximum vertical glazing area allowed by Section C402.4.1, the value of D (Excess Vertical Glazing Value) shall be zero. Otherwise:

D = (DA × UV) - (DA × U Wall), but not less than zero.

DA = (Proposed Vertical Glazing Area) - (Vertical Glazing Area allowed by Section C402.4.1).

UA Wall = Sum of the (UA Proposed) values for each opaque assembly of the exterior wall.

U Wall = Area-weighted average *U*-value of all above-grade wall assemblies.

UAV = Sum of the (UA Proposed) values for each vertical glazing assembly.

UV = UAV/total vertical glazing area.

Where the proposed skylight area is less than or equal to the skylight area allowed by Section C402.4.1, the value of E (Excess Skylight Value) shall be zero. Otherwise:

E = (EA × US) - (EA × U Roof), but not less than zero.

EA = (Proposed Skylight Area) - (Allowable Skylight Area as specified in Section C402.4.1).

U Roof = Area-weighted average *U*-value of all roof assemblies.

UAS = Sum of the (UA Proposed) values for each skylight assembly.

US = UAS/total skylight area.

C402.2 Specific building thermal envelope insulation requirements (Prescriptive). Insulation in building thermal envelope opaque assemblies shall comply with Sections C402.2.1 through C402.2.8 and Table C402.1.3.

C402.2.1 Roof assembly. The minimum thermal resistance (*R*-value) of the insulating material installed either between the roof framing or continuously on the roof

assembly shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3, based on construction materials used in the roof assembly. Insulation installed on a suspended ceiling having removable ceiling tiles shall not be considered as part of the minimum thermal resistance of the roof insulation. Continuous insulation board shall be installed in not less than 2 layers and the edge joints between each layer of insulation shall be staggered.

Exceptions:

1. Continuously insulated roof assemblies where the thickness of insulation varies 1 inch (25 mm) or less and where the area-weighted *U*-factor is equivalent to the same assembly with the *R*-value specified in Table C402.1.3.
2. Where tapered insulation is used with insulation entirely above deck, the *R*-value where the insulation thickness varies 1 inch (25 mm) or less from the minimum thickness of tapered insulation shall comply with the *R*-value specified in Table C402.1.3.
3. Two layers of insulation are not required where insulation tapers to the roof deck, such as at roof drains.

C402.2.1.1 Skylight curbs. Skylight curbs shall be insulated to the level of roofs with insulation entirely above the deck or *R*-5, whichever is less.

Exception: Unit skylight curbs included as a component of a skylight listed and labeled in accordance with NFRC 100 shall not be required to be insulated.

C402.2.2 Above-grade walls. The minimum thermal resistance (*R*-value) of materials installed in the wall cavity between framing members and continuously on the walls shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3, based on framing type and construction materials used in the wall assembly. The *R*-value of integral insulation installed in concrete masonry units shall not be used in determining compliance with Table C402.1.3 except as otherwise noted in the table. In determining compliance with Table C402.1.4, the use of the *U*-factor of concrete masonry units with integral insulation shall be permitted.

“Mass walls” where used as a component in the thermal envelope of a building shall comply with one of the following:

1. Weigh not less than 35 pounds per square foot (171 kg/m²) of wall surface area.
2. Weigh not less than 25 pounds per square foot (122 kg/m²) of wall surface area where the material weight is not more than 120 pcf (1900 kg/m³).
3. Have a heat capacity exceeding 7 Btu/ft² • °F (144 kJ/m² • K).
4. Have a heat capacity exceeding 5 Btu/ft² • °F (103 kJ/m² • K), where the material weight is not more than 120 pcf (1900 kg/m³).

TABLE C402.1.3
OPAQUE THERMAL ENVELOPE INSULATION COMPONENT
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, R-VALUE METHOD^{a, i}

	ALL OTHER	GROUP R
Roofs		
Insulation entirely above roof deck	R-33ci	R-33ci
Metal buildings ^b	R-19 + R-11 LS	R-19 + R-11 LS
Attic and other	R-53	R-53
Walls, above grade		
Mass ^e	R-13.3ci	R-13.3ci
Metal building	R-13 + R-19.5ci	R-13 + R-13ci
Metal framed	R-13 + R-11ci	R-13 + R-11ci
Wood framed and other	R-13 + R-9ci or R-19 + R-5ci	R-13 + R-9ci or R-19 + + R-5ci
Walls, below grade		
Below-grade wall ^d	R-7.5ci	R-10ci
Floors		
Mass ^e	R-15ci	R-16.7ci
Joist/framing	R-30	R-30
Slab-on-grade floors		
Unheated slabs	R-15 for 24" below	R-15 for 24" below
Heated slabs ^h	R-20 for 48" below + R-5 full slab	R-20 for 48" below + R-5 full slab
Opaque doors		
Nonswinging	R-4.75	R-4.75

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound per square foot = 4.88 kg/m², 1 pound per cubic foot = 16 kg/m³.

ci = Continuous insulation, NR = No Requirement, LS = Liner System.

- Assembly descriptions can be found in ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Appendix A.
- Where using *R*-value compliance method, a thermal spacer block shall be provided, otherwise use the *U*-factor compliance method in Table C402.1.4.
- R-5.7ci is allowed to be substituted with concrete block walls complying with ASTM C90, ungrouted or partially grouted at 32 inches or less on center vertically and 48 inches or less on center horizontally, with ungrouted cores filled with materials having a maximum thermal conductivity of 0.44 Btu-in/h-°F.
- Where heated slabs are below grade, below-grade walls shall comply with the exterior insulation requirements for heated slabs.
- "Mass floors" shall be in accordance with Section C402.2.3.
- Steel floor joist systems shall be insulated to R-38.
- "Mass walls" shall be in accordance with Section C402.2.2.
- The first value is for perimeter insulation and the second value is for slab insulation. Perimeter insulation is not required to extend below the bottom of the slab.
- Not applicable to garage doors. See Table C402.1.4.

TABLE C402.1.4
OPAQUE THERMAL ENVELOPE ASSEMBLY MAXIMUM
REQUIREMENTS, U-FACTOR METHOD^{a, b}

	ALL OTHER	GROUP R
Roofs		
Insulation entirely above roof deck	U-0.030	U-0.030
Metal buildings	U-0.035	U-0.035
Attic and other	U-0.020	U-0.020
Walls, above grade		
Mass ^e	U-0.086	U-0.076
Metal building	U-0.048	U-0.048
Metal framed	U-0.052	U-0.052
Wood framed and other ^c	U-0.048	U-0.048
Walls, below grade		
Below-grade wall ^c	C-0.119	C-0.092
Floors		
Mass ^d	U-0.057	U-0.051
Joist/framing	U-0.033	U-0.033
Slab-on-grade floors		
Unheated slabs	F-0.52	F-0.51
Heated slabs ^f	F-0.79 0.64	F-0.79 0.64
Opaque doors		
Swinging door	U-0.37	U-0.37
Garage door <14% glazing	U-0.31	U-0.31

For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 4.88 kg/m², 1 pound per cubic foot = 16 kg/m³.

ci = Continuous insulation, NR = No Requirement, LS = Liner System.

- Where assembly *U*-factors, *C*-factors, and *F*-factors are established in ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1 Appendix A, such opaque assemblies shall be a compliance alternative where those values meet the criteria of this table, and provided that the construction, excluding the cladding system on walls, complies with the appropriate construction details from ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1 Appendix A.
- Where *U*-factors have been established by testing in accordance with ASTM C1363, such opaque assemblies shall be a compliance alternative where those values meet the criteria of this table. The *R*-value of continuous insulation shall be permitted to be added to or subtracted from the original tested design.
- Where heated slabs are below grade, below-grade walls shall comply with the *U*-factor requirements for above-grade mass walls.
- "Mass floors" shall be in accordance with Section C402.2.3.
- These *C*-, *F*- and *U*-factors are based on assemblies that are not required to contain insulation.
- The first value is for perimeter insulation and the second value is for full slab insulation.
- "Mass walls" shall be in accordance with Section C402.2.2.

C402.2.3 Floors. The thermal properties (component *R*-values or assembly *U*-, *C*- or *F*-factors) of floor assemblies over outdoor air or unconditioned space shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3 or C402.1.4 based on the construction materials used in the floor assembly. Floor framing *cavity insulation* or structural slab insulation shall be installed to maintain permanent contact with the underside of the subfloor decking or structural slabs.

“Mass floors” where used as a component of the thermal envelope of a building shall provide one of the following weights:

1. 35 pounds per square foot (171 kg/m²) of floor surface area.
2. 25 pounds per square foot (122 kg/m²) of floor surface area where the material weight is not more than 120 pounds per cubic foot (1923 kg/m³).

Exceptions:

1. The floor framing *cavity insulation* or structural slab insulation shall be permitted to be in contact with the top side of sheathing or continuous insulation installed on the bottom side of floor assemblies where combined with insulation that meets or exceeds the minimum *R*-value in Table C402.1.3 for “Metal framed” or “Wood framed and other” values for “Walls, Above Grade” and extends from the bottom to the top of all perimeter floor framing or floor assembly members.
2. Insulation applied to the underside of concrete floor slabs shall be permitted an airspace of not more than 1 inch (25 mm) where it turns up and is in contact with the underside of the floor under walls associated with the *building thermal envelope*.

C402.2.4 Slabs-on-grade perimeter insulation. Where the slab on grade is in contact with the ground, the minimum thermal resistance (*R*-value) of the insulation around the perimeter of unheated or heated slab-on-grade floors designed in accordance with the *R*-value method of Section C402.1.3 shall be as specified in Table C402.1.3. The perimeter insulation shall be placed on the outside of the foundation or on the inside of the foundation wall. The perimeter insulation shall extend downward from the top of the slab for the minimum distance shown in the table or to the top of the footing, whichever is less, or downward to not less than the bottom of the slab and then horizontally to the interior or exterior for the total distance shown in the table. Insulation extending away from the building shall be protected by pavement or by not less than of 10 inches (254 mm) of soil.

Exception: Where the slab-on-grade floor is greater than 24 inches (61 mm) below the finished exterior grade, perimeter insulation is not required.

C402.2.5 Below-grade walls. The *C*-factor for the below-grade exterior walls shall be in accordance with Table C402.1.4. The *R*-value of the insulating material installed continuously within or on the below-grade exterior walls of the building envelope shall be in accordance with Table C402.1.3. The *C*-factor or *R*-value required shall extend to a depth of not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) below the out-

side finished ground level, or to the level of the lowest floor of the conditioned space enclosed by the below-grade wall, whichever is less.

C402.2.6 Insulation of radiant heating systems. *Radiant heating system* panels, and their associated components that are installed in interior or exterior assemblies shall be insulated to an *R*-value of not less than R-3.5 on all surfaces not facing the space being heated. *Radiant heating system* panels that are installed in the *building thermal envelope* shall be separated from the exterior of the building or unconditioned or exempt spaces by not less than the *R*-value of insulation installed in the opaque assembly in which they are installed or the assembly shall comply with Section C402.1.4.

Exception: Heated slabs on grade insulated in accordance with Section C402.2.4.

C402.2.7 Airspaces. Where the thermal properties of airspaces are used to comply with this code in accordance with Section C401.2, such airspaces shall be enclosed in an unventilated cavity constructed to minimize airflow into and out of the enclosed airspace. Airflow shall be deemed minimized where the enclosed airspace is located on the interior side of the continuous air barrier and is bounded on all sides by building components.

Exception: The thermal resistance of airspaces located on the exterior side of the continuous air barrier and adjacent to and behind the exterior wall-covering material shall be determined in accordance with ASTM C1363 modified with an airflow entering the bottom and exiting the top of the airspace at an air movement rate of not less than 70 mm/second.

C402.2.8 Concrete floor slabs. Where concrete floor slabs penetrate the *building thermal envelope*, the rated *U*-factors of the components of the *thermal envelope* located between the floor slab and the finish ceiling shall be increased by 10 percent for the purposes of complying with Section C402.1.

C402.3 Roof solar reflectance and thermal emittance. Deleted.

C402.3.1 Aged roof solar reflectance. Deleted.

C402.4 Fenestration (Prescriptive). Fenestration shall comply with Sections C402.4.1 through C402.4.5 and Table C402.4. Daylight responsive controls shall comply with this section and Section C405.2.3.1.

C402.4.1 Maximum area. The vertical fenestration area, not including opaque doors and opaque spandrel panels, shall be not greater than 30 percent of the gross above-grade wall area. The skylight area shall be not greater than 3 percent of the gross roof area.

C402.4.1.1 Increased vertical fenestration area with daylight responsive controls. Not more than 40 percent of the gross above-grade wall area shall be vertical fenestration, provided that all of the following requirements are met:

1. In buildings not greater than two stories above grade, not less than 50 percent of the net floor area is within a *daylight zone*.

2. In buildings three or more stories above grade, not less than 25 percent of the net floor area is within a *daylight zone*.
3. *Daylight responsive controls* complying with Section C405.2.3.1 are installed in *daylight zones*.
4. Visible transmittance (VT) of vertical fenestration is not less than 1.1 times solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC).

Exception: Fenestration that is outside the scope of NFRC 200 is not required to comply with Item 4.

**TABLE C402.4
BUILDING ENVELOPE FENESTRATION MAXIMUM U-FACTOR
AND SHGC REQUIREMENTS**

VERTICAL FENESTRATION		
<i>U</i>-factor for vertical curtain walls, storefronts and site-built fenestration products		
Fixed fenestration	0.36	
Operable fenestration	0.45	
<i>U</i>-factor for entrance doors		
0.63		
<i>U</i>-factor for all other vertical fenestration		
0.30		
SHGC		
Orientation ^a	SEW	N
PF < 0.2	0.38	0.51
0.2 ≤ PF < 0.5	0.46	0.56
PF ≥ 0.5	0.61	0.61
Skylights		
<i>U</i> -factor	0.50	
SHGC	0.40	

NR = No Requirement, PF = Projection Factor.

- a. "N" indicates vertical fenestration oriented within 45 degrees of true north. "SEW" indicates orientations other than "N." For buildings in the southern hemisphere, reverse south and north. Buildings located at less than 23.5 degrees latitude shall use SEW for all orientations.

C402.4.1.2 Increased skylight area with daylight responsive controls. The skylight area shall be not more than 6 percent of the roof area provided that *daylight responsive controls* complying with Section C405.2.3.1 are installed in *toplit zones*.

C402.4.2 Minimum skylight fenestration area. In an enclosed space greater than 2,500 square feet (232 m²) in floor area, directly under a roof with not less than 75 percent of the ceiling area with a ceiling height greater than 15 feet (4572 mm), and used as an office, lobby, atrium, concourse, corridor, storage space, gymnasium/exercise center, convention center, automotive service area, space where manufacturing occurs, nonrefrigerated warehouse, retail store, distribution/sorting area, transportation depot or workshop, the total *toplit daylight zone* shall be not less than half the floor area and shall provide one of the following:

1. A minimum skylight area to *toplit daylight zone* of not less than 3 percent where all skylights have a VT

of not less than 0.40 as determined in accordance with Section C303.1.3.

2. A minimum skylight effective aperture of not less than 1 percent, determined in accordance with Equation 4-3.

Skylight Effective Aperture =

$$\frac{0.85 \times \text{Skylight Area} \times \text{Skylight VT} \times \text{WF}}{\text{Toplit Zone}}$$

(Equation 4-3)

where:

Skylight area = Total fenestration area of skylights.

Skylight VT = Area weighted average visible transmittance of skylights.

WF = Area weighted average well factor, where well factor is 0.9 if light well depth is less than 2 feet (610 mm), or 0.7 if light well depth is 2 feet (610 mm) or greater.

Light well depth = Measure vertically from the underside of the lowest point of the skylight glazing to the ceiling plane under the skylight.

Exception: Skylights above *daylight zones* of enclosed spaces are not required in:

1. Spaces where the designed *general lighting* power densities are less than 0.5 W/ft² (5.4 W/m²).
2. Areas where it is documented that existing structures or natural objects block direct beam sunlight on not less than half of the roof over the enclosed area for more than 1,500 daytime hours per year between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.
3. Spaces where the *daylight zone* under rooftop monitors is greater than 50 percent of the enclosed space floor area.
4. Spaces where the total area minus the area of sidelight *daylight zones* is less than 2,500 square feet (232 m²), and where the lighting is controlled in accordance with Section C405.2.3.

C402.4.2.1 Lighting controls in toplit daylight zones. *Daylight responsive controls* complying with Section C405.2.3.1 shall be provided to control all electric lights within *toplit zones*.

C402.4.2.2 Haze factor. Skylights in office, storage, automotive service, manufacturing, nonrefrigerated warehouse, retail store and distribution/sorting area spaces shall have a glazing material or diffuser with a haze factor greater than 90 percent when tested in accordance with ASTM D1003.

Exception: Skylights designed and installed to exclude direct sunlight entering the occupied space by the use of fixed or automated baffles or the geometry of skylight and light well.

C402.4.3 Maximum *U*-factor and SHGC. The maximum *U*-factor and solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) for fenestration shall be as specified in Table C402.4.

The window projection factor shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-4.

$$PF = A/B \quad (\text{Equation 4-4})$$

where:

PF = Projection factor (decimal).

A = Distance measured horizontally from the farthest continuous extremity of any overhang, eave or permanently attached shading device to the vertical surface of the glazing.

B = Distance measured vertically from the bottom of the glazing to the underside of the overhang, eave or permanently attached shading device.

Where different windows or glass doors have different *PF* values, they shall each be evaluated separately.

C402.4.3.1 Increased skylight SHGC. Skylights shall be permitted a maximum SHGC of 0.60 where located above *daylight zones* provided with *daylight responsive controls*.

C402.4.3.2 Increased skylight *U*-factor. Where skylights are installed above *daylight zones* provided with *daylight responsive controls*, a maximum *U*-factor of 0.75 shall be permitted.

C402.4.3.3 Dynamic glazing. Where dynamic glazing is intended to satisfy the SHGC and VT requirements of Table C402.4, the ratio of the higher to lower labeled SHGC shall be greater than or equal to 2.4, and the *dynamic glazing* shall be automatically controlled to modulate the amount of solar gain into the space in multiple steps. Dynamic glazing shall be considered separately from other fenestration, and area-weighted averaging with other fenestration that is not dynamic glazing shall not be permitted.

Exception: Dynamic glazing is not required to comply with this section where both the lower and higher labeled SHGC already comply with the requirements of Table C402.4.

C402.4.3.4 Area-weighted *U*-factor. An area-weighted average shall be permitted to satisfy the *U*-factor requirements for each fenestration product category listed in Table C402.4. Individual fenestration products from different fenestration product categories listed in Table C402.4 shall not be combined in calculating area-weighted average *U*-factor.

C402.4.4 Daylight zones. Daylight zones referenced in Sections C402.4.1.1 through C402.4.3.2 shall comply with Sections C405.2.3.2 and C405.2.3.3, as applicable. Daylight zones shall include *toplit zones* and *sidelit zones*.

C402.4.5 Doors. Opaque swinging doors shall comply with Table C402.1.4. Opaque nonswinging doors shall comply with Table C402.1.3. Opaque doors shall be considered as part of the gross area of above-grade walls that are part of the building *thermal envelope*. Other doors shall comply with the provisions of Section C402.4.3 for vertical fenestration.

C402.5 Air leakage—thermal envelope (Mandatory). The *building thermal envelope* shall comply with Sections C402.5.1 through C402.5.8.

C402.5.1 Air barriers. A continuous *air barrier* shall be provided throughout the *building thermal envelope*. The *air barrier* shall be located on the inside or outside of the *building thermal envelope*, located within the assemblies composing the *building thermal envelope*, or any combination thereof. The *air barrier* shall comply with Sections C402.5.1.1, C402.5.1.2 and C402.5.1.3.

C402.5.1.1 Air barrier construction. The *continuous air barrier* shall be constructed to comply with the following:

1. The *air barrier* shall be continuous for all assemblies that are the *thermal envelope* of the building and across the joints and assemblies.
2. *Air barrier* joints and seams shall be sealed, including sealing transitions in places and changes in materials. The joints and seals shall be securely installed in or on the joint for its entire length so as not to dislodge, loosen or otherwise impair its ability to resist positive and negative pressure from wind, stack effect and mechanical ventilation.
3. Penetrations of the *air barrier* shall be caulked, gasketed or otherwise sealed in a manner compatible with the construction materials and location. Sealing shall allow for expansion, contraction and mechanical vibration. Joints and seams associated with penetrations shall be sealed in the same manner or taped. Sealing materials shall be securely installed around the penetration so as not to dislodge, loosen or otherwise impair the penetrations' ability to resist positive and negative pressure from wind, stack effect and mechanical ventilation. Sealing of concealed fire sprinklers, where required, shall be in a manner that is recommended by the manufacturer. Caulking or other adhesive sealants shall not be used to fill voids between fire sprinkler cover plates and walls or ceilings.
4. Recessed lighting fixtures shall comply with Section C402.5.8. Where similar objects are installed that penetrate the *air barrier*, provisions shall be made to maintain the integrity of the *air barrier*.

C402.5.1.2 Building thermal envelope testing. The *building thermal envelope* shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E779 or an equivalent method *approved by the code official*. The measured *air leakage* shall not exceed 0.40 cfm/ft² (2.0 L/s • m²) of the *building thermal envelope* area at a pressure differential of 0.3 inch water gauge (75 Pa). Alternatively, portions of the building shall be tested and the measured *air leakages* shall be area weighted by the surface areas of the *building thermal envelope* in each portion. The weighted-average test results shall not exceed the whole building leakage limit. In the alternative approach, the following portions of the building shall be tested:

1. The entire envelope area of all stories that have any spaces directly under a roof.

2. The entire envelope area of all stories that have a building entrance, exposed floor or loading dock, or are below grade.
3. Representative above-grade sections of the building totaling at least 25 percent of the wall area enclosing the remaining conditioned space.
4. For R-2 occupancies, *dwelling units* when tested in accordance with Section C402.5.1.3.

Testing and inspection shall be conducted by a third-party *registered design professional*. A written report of the test results shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the *code official*. Testing shall be performed at any time after completion of all penetrations of the *building thermal envelope*.

C402.5.1.3 Dwelling unit air infiltration. A sampling of *dwelling units* shall be tested and the air leakage rate of each tested *dwelling unit's* enclosure surface area shall not exceed 0.25 cfm/ft² of surface area. For purposes of this section, enclosure surface area of a unit means the total surface area of all walls, floors and ceilings. Testing shall be conducted with a blower door at a pressure of 0.2 inch water gauge (50 Pa).

The sampling of *dwelling units* tested shall include at least 20 percent of the *dwelling units* in each building, including at least one of each unit type (a unit type is distinct if it has a different floor plan or a different exterior exposure) and approximately an equal number of units on each floor level. Each of these units must be tested and pass without a failure. If a failure occurs, items causing the failure must be diagnosed and corrected, and the unit retested until it passes. A minimum of at least two additional units of this type in the same building must also be tested and pass.

During testing:

1. Exterior windows and doors, fireplace doors and stove doors shall be closed but not sealed beyond the intended weather stripping or other infiltration control measures.
2. Dampers, including exhaust, intake, makeup air, backdraft and flue dampers, shall be closed but not sealed beyond intended infiltration control measures.
3. Interior doors, if installed at the time of the test, shall be open.
4. Exterior doors for continuous ventilation systems and heat recovery ventilators shall be closed and sealed.
5. Heating and cooling systems, if installed at the time of the test, shall be turned off.
6. Supply and return registers, if installed at the time of the test, shall be fully open.

C402.5.2 Air leakage of fenestration. The air leakage of fenestration assemblies shall meet the provisions of Table C402.5.2. Testing shall be in accordance with the applicable reference test standard in Table C402.5.2 by an accredited,

independent testing laboratory and *labeled* by the manufacturer.

Exceptions:

1. Field-fabricated fenestration assemblies that are sealed in accordance with Section C402.5.1.
2. Fenestration in buildings that comply with the testing alternative of Section C402.5 are not required to meet the air leakage requirements in Table C402.5.2.

**TABLE C402.5.2
MAXIMUM AIR LEAKAGE RATE
FOR FENESTRATION ASSEMBLIES**

FENESTRATION ASSEMBLY	MAXIMUM RATE (CFM/FT ²)	TEST PROCEDURE
Windows	0.20 ^a	AAMA/WDMA/CSA101/I.S.2/A440 or NFRC 400
Sliding doors	0.20 ^a	
Swinging doors	0.20 ^a	
Skylights – with condensation weepage openings	0.30	
Skylights – all other	0.20 ^a	NFRC 400 or ASTM E283 at 1.57 psf (75 Pa)
Curtain walls	0.06	
Storefront glazing	0.06	
Commercial glazed swinging entrance doors	1.00	
Power-operated sliding doors and power-operated folding doors	1.00	
Revolving doors	1.00	ANSI/DASMA 105, NFRC 400, or ASTM E283 at 1.57 psf (75 Pa)
Garage doors	0.40	
Rolling doors	1.00	
High-speed doors	1.30	

For SI: 1 cubic foot per minute = 0.47 L/s, 1 square foot = 0.093 m².

- a. The maximum rate for windows, sliding and swinging doors, and skylights is permitted to be 0.3 cfm per square foot of fenestration or door area when tested in accordance with AAMA/WDMA/CSA101/I.S.2/A440 at 6.24 psf (300 Pa).

C402.5.3 Rooms containing fuel-burning appliances.

Where combustion air is supplied through openings in an exterior wall to a room or space containing a space-conditioning fuel-burning appliance, one of the following shall apply:

1. The room or space containing the appliance shall be located outside of the *building thermal envelope*.
2. The room or space containing the appliance shall be enclosed and isolated from conditioned spaces inside the building thermal envelope. Such rooms shall comply with all of the following:
 - 2.1. The walls, floors and ceilings that separate the enclosed room or space from conditioned spaces shall be insulated to be not less than equivalent to the insulation requirement of

below-grade walls as specified in Table C402.1.3 or C402.1.4.

- 2.2. The walls, floors and ceilings that separate the enclosed room or space from conditioned spaces shall be sealed in accordance with Section C402.5.1.1.
- 2.3. The doors into the enclosed room or space shall be fully gasketed.
- 2.4. Water lines and ducts in the enclosed room or space shall be insulated in accordance with Section C403.
- 2.5. Where an air duct supplying combustion air to the enclosed room or space passes through conditioned space, the duct shall be insulated to an R-value of not less than R-8.

Exception: Fireplaces and stoves complying with Sections 901 through 905 of the *International Mechanical Code*, and Section 2111.14 of the *International Building Code*.

C402.5.4 Doors and access openings to shafts, chutes, stairways and elevator lobbies. Doors and access openings from conditioned space to shafts, chutes stairways and elevator lobbies not within the scope of the fenestration assemblies covered by Section C402.5.2 shall be gasketed, weatherstripped or sealed.

Exceptions:

1. Door openings required to comply with Section 716 of the *International Building Code*.
2. Doors and door openings required to comply with UL 1784 by the *International Building Code*.

C402.5.5 Air intakes, exhaust openings, stairways and shafts. Stairway enclosures, elevator shaft vents and other outdoor air intakes and exhaust openings integral to the building envelope shall be provided with dampers in accordance with Section C403.7.7.

C402.5.6 Loading dock weatherseals. Cargo door openings and loading door openings shall be equipped with weatherseals that restrict infiltration and provide direct contact along the top and sides of vehicles that are parked in the doorway.

C402.5.7 Vestibules. Building entrances shall be protected with an enclosed vestibule, with all doors opening into and out of the vestibule equipped with self-closing devices. Vestibules shall be designed so that in passing through the vestibule it is not necessary for the interior and exterior doors to open at the same time. The installation of one or more revolving doors in the building entrance shall not eliminate the requirement that a vestibule be provided on any doors adjacent to revolving doors.

Exceptions: Vestibules are not required for the following:

1. Doors not intended to be used by the public, such as doors to mechanical or electrical equipment rooms, or intended solely for employee use.
2. Doors opening directly from a *sleeping unit* or dwelling unit.

3. Doors that open directly from a space less than 3,000 square feet (298 m²) in area.
4. Revolving doors.
5. Doors used primarily to facilitate vehicular movement or material handling and adjacent personnel doors.
6. Doors that have an air curtain with a velocity of not less than 6.56 feet per second (2 m/s) at the floor that have been tested in accordance with ANSI/AMCA 220 and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Manual or automatic controls shall be provided that will operate the air curtain with the opening and closing of the door. Air curtains and their controls shall comply with Section C408.2.3.

C402.5.8 Recessed lighting. Recessed luminaires installed in the *building thermal envelope* shall be all of the following:

1. IC-rated.
2. Labeled as having an air leakage rate of not more 2.0 cfm (0.944 L/s) when tested in accordance with ASTM E283 at a 1.57 psf (75 Pa) pressure differential.
3. Sealed with a gasket or caulk between the housing and interior wall or ceiling covering.

SECTION C403 BUILDING MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

C403.1 General. Mechanical systems and equipment serving the building heating, cooling, ventilating or refrigerating needs shall comply with this section.

C403.1.1 Calculation of heating and cooling loads. Design loads associated with heating, ventilating and air conditioning of the building shall be determined in accordance with ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 183 or by an *approved* equivalent computational procedure using the design parameters specified in Chapter 3. Heating and cooling loads shall be adjusted to account for load reductions that are achieved where energy recovery systems are utilized in the HVAC system in accordance with the *ASHRAE HVAC Systems and Equipment Handbook* by an *approved* equivalent computational procedure.

C403.2 System design (Mandatory). Mechanical systems shall be designed to comply with Sections C403.2.1 and C403.2.2. Where elements of a building's mechanical systems are addressed in Sections C403.3 through C403.12, such elements shall comply with the applicable provisions of those sections.

C403.2.1 Zone isolation required (Mandatory). HVAC systems serving *zones* that are over 25,000 square feet (2323 m²) in floor area or that span more than one floor and are designed to operate or be occupied nonsimultaneously shall be divided into isolation areas. Each isolation area shall be equipped with *isolation devices* and controls configured to automatically shut off the supply of conditioned air and outdoor air to and exhaust air from the isolation area. Each isolation area shall be controlled independently by a device meeting the requirements of Section C403.4.2.2. Central systems and plants shall be provided with controls and devices that will allow system and equip-

ment operation for any length of time while serving only the smallest isolation area served by the system or plant.

Exceptions:

1. Exhaust air and outdoor air connections to isolation areas where the fan system to which they connect is not greater than 5,000 cfm (2360 L/s).
2. Exhaust airflow from a single isolation area of less than 10 percent of the design airflow of the exhaust system to which it connects.
3. Isolation areas intended to operate continuously or intended to be inoperative only when all other isolation areas in a *zone* are inoperative.

C403.2.2 Ventilation (Mandatory). Ventilation, either natural or mechanical, shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 4 of the *International Mechanical Code*. Where mechanical ventilation is provided, the system shall provide the capability to reduce the outdoor air supply to the minimum required by Chapter 4 of the *International Mechanical Code*.

C403.3 Heating and cooling equipment efficiencies (Mandatory). Heating and cooling equipment installed in mechanical systems shall be sized in accordance with Section C403.3.1 and shall be not less efficient in the use of energy than as specified in Section C403.3.2.

C403.3.1 Equipment sizing (Mandatory). The output capacity of heating and cooling equipment shall be not greater than that of the smallest available equipment size that exceeds the loads calculated in accordance with Section C403.1.1. A single piece of equipment providing both heating and cooling shall satisfy this provision for one function with the capacity for the other function as small as possible, within available equipment options.

Exceptions:

1. Required standby equipment and systems provided with controls and devices that allow such systems or equipment to operate automatically only when the primary equipment is not operating.
2. Multiple units of the same equipment type with combined capacities exceeding the design load and provided with controls that are configured to sequence the operation of each unit based on load.

C403.3.2 HVAC equipment performance requirements (Mandatory). Equipment shall meet the minimum efficiency requirements of Tables C403.3.2(1) through C403.3.2(9) when tested and rated in accordance with the applicable test procedure. Plate-type liquid-to-liquid heat exchangers shall meet the minimum requirements of Table C403.3.2(10). The efficiency shall be verified through certification under an approved certification program or, where a certification program does not exist, the equipment efficiency ratings shall be supported by data furnished by the manufacturer. Where multiple rating conditions or performance requirements are provided, the equipment shall satisfy all stated requirements. Where components, such as indoor or outdoor coils, from differ-

ent manufacturers are used, calculations and supporting data shall be furnished by the designer that demonstrates that the combined efficiency of the specified components meets the requirements herein.

C403.3.2.1 Water-cooled centrifugal chilling packages (Mandatory). Equipment not designed for operation at AHRI Standard 550/590 test conditions of 44°F (7°C) leaving chilled-water temperature and 2.4 gpm/ton evaporator fluid flow and 85°F (29°C) entering condenser water temperature with 3 gpm/ton (0.054 l/s • kW) condenser water flow shall have maximum full-load kW/ton (FL) and part-load ratings requirements adjusted using Equations 4-5 and 4-6.

$$FL_{adj} = FL/K_{adj} \quad \text{(Equation 4-5)}$$

$$PLV_{adj} = IPLV/K_{adj} \quad \text{(Equation 4-6)}$$

where:

$$K_{adj} = A \times B$$

$$FL = \text{Full-load kW/ton value as specified in Table C403.3.2(7).}$$

$$FL_{adj} = \text{Maximum full-load kW/ton rating, adjusted for nonstandard conditions.}$$

$$IPLV = \text{Value as specified in Table C403.3.2(7).}$$

$$PLV_{adj} = \text{Maximum NPLV rating, adjusted for nonstandard conditions.}$$

$$A = 0.00000014592 \times (LIFT)^4 - 0.0000346496 \times (LIFT)^3 + 0.00314196 \times (LIFT)^2 - 0.147199 \times (LIFT) + 3.9302$$

$$B = 0.0015 \times L_{vg} E_{vap} + 0.934$$

$$LIFT = L_{vg} Cond - L_{vg} E_{vap}$$

$$L_{vg} Cond = \text{Full-load condenser leaving fluid temperature (°F).}$$

$$L_{vg} E_{vap} = \text{Full-load evaporator leaving temperature (°F).}$$

The FL_{adj} and PLV_{adj} values are only applicable for centrifugal chillers meeting all of the following full-load design ranges:

1. Minimum evaporator leaving temperature: 36°F.
2. Maximum condenser leaving temperature: 115°F.
3. $20^\circ\text{F} \leq LIFT \leq 80^\circ\text{F}$.

C403.3.2.2 Positive displacement (air- and water-cooled) chilling packages (Mandatory). Equipment with a leaving fluid temperature higher than 32°F (0°C) and water-cooled positive displacement chilling packages with a condenser leaving fluid temperature below 115°F (46°C) shall meet the requirements of Table C403.3.2(7) when tested or certified with water at standard rating conditions, in accordance with the referenced test procedure.

TABLE C403.3.2(1)
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:
ELECTRICALLY OPERATED UNITARY AIR CONDITIONERS AND CONDENSING UNITS

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	HEATING SECTION TYPE	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY	TEST PROCEDURE ^a
Air conditioners, air cooled	< 65,000 Btu/h ^b	All	Split System	13.0 SEER	AHRI 210/240
			Single Package	14.0 SEER	
Through-the-wall (air cooled)	≤ 30,000 Btu/h ^b	All	Split system	12.0 SEER	
			Single Package	12.0 SEER	
Small-duct high-velocity (air cooled)	< 65,000 Btu/h ^b	All	Split System	11.0 SEER	
Air conditioners, air cooled	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	11.2 EER 12.8 IEER	AHRI 340/360
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.0 EER 12.6 IEER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	11.0 EER 12.4 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	10.8 EER 12.2 IEER	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h and < 760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	10.0 EER 11.6 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	9.8 EER 11.4 IEER	
	≥ 760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	9.7 EER 11.2 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	9.5 EER 11.0 IEER	
Air conditioners, water cooled	< 65,000 Btu/h ^b	All	Split System and Single Package	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	AHRI 210/240
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.1 EER 13.9 IEER	AHRI 340/360
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.9 EER 13.7 IEER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.5 EER 13.9 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	12.3 EER 13.7 IEER	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h and < 760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.4 EER 13.6 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	12.2 EER 13.4 IEER	
	≥ 760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.2 EER 13.5 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	12.0 EER 13.3 IEER	

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TABLE C403.3.2(1)—continued
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:
ELECTRICALLY OPERATED UNITARY AIR CONDITIONERS AND CONDENSING UNITS

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	HEATING SECTION TYPE	SUB-CATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY	TEST PROCEDURE ^a
Air conditioners, evaporatively cooled	< 65,000 Btu/h ^b	All	Split System and Single Package	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	AHRI 210/240
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.1 EER 12.3 IEER	AHRI 340/360
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.9 EER 12.1 IEER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	12.0 EER 12.2 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.8 EER 12.0 IEER	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h and < 760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	11.9 EER 12.1 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.7 EER 11.9 IEER	
	≥ 760,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	11.7 EER 11.9 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	11.5 EER 11.7 IEER	
Condensing units, air cooled	≥ 135,000 Btu/h	—	—	10.5 EER 11.8 IEER	AHRI 365
Condensing units, water cooled	≥ 135,000 Btu/h	—	—	13.5 EER 14.0 IEER	
Condensing units, evaporatively cooled	≥ 135,000 Btu/h	—	—	13.5 EER 14.0 IEER	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

a. Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the reference year version of the test procedure.

b. Single-phase, air-cooled air conditioners less than 65,000 Btu/h are regulated by NAECA. SEER values are those set by NAECA.

TABLE C403.3.2(2)
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:
ELECTRICALLY OPERATED UNITARY AND APPLIED HEAT PUMPS

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	HEATING SECTION TYPE	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY	TEST PROCEDURE ^a
Air cooled (cooling mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h ^b	All	Split System	14.0 SEER	AHRI 210/240
			Single Package	14.0 SEER	
Through-the-wall, air cooled	≤ 30,000 Btu/h ^b	All	Split System	12.0 SEER	
			Single Package	12.0 SEER	
Single-duct high-velocity air cooled	< 65,000 Btu/h ^b	All	Split System	11.0 SEER	
Air cooled (cooling mode)	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	11.0 EER 12.0 IEER	AHRI 340/360
		All other	Split System and Single Package	10.8 EER 11.8 IEER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	10.6 EER 11.6 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	10.4 EER 11.4 IEER	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	Electric Resistance (or None)	Split System and Single Package	9.5 EER 10.6 IEER	
		All other	Split System and Single Package	9.3 EER 9.4 IEER	
Water to Air: Water Loop (cooling mode)	< 17,000 Btu/h	All	86°F entering water	12.2 EER	ISO 13256-1
	≥ 17,000 Btu/h and < 65,000 Btu/h	All	86°F entering water	13.0 EER	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	All	86°F entering water	13.0 EER	
Water to Air: Ground Water (cooling mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h	All	59°F entering water	18.0 EER	ISO 13256-1
Brine to Air: Ground Loop (cooling mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h	All	77°F entering water	14.1 EER	ISO 13256-1
Water to Water: Water Loop (cooling mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h	All	86°F entering water	10.6 EER	ISO 13256-2
Water to Water: Ground Water (cooling mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h	All	59°F entering water	16.3 EER	
Brine to Water: Ground Loop (cooling mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h	All	77°F entering fluid	12.1 EER	

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**TABLE C403.3.2(2)—continued
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:
ELECTRICALLY OPERATED UNITARY AND APPLIED HEAT PUMPS**

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	HEATING SECTION TYPE	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY	TEST PROCEDURE ^a
Air cooled (heating mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h ^b	—	Split System	8.2 HSPF	AHRI 210/240
		—	Single Package	8.0 HSPF	
Through-the-wall, (air cooled, heating mode)	≤ 30,000 Btu/h ^b (cooling capacity)	—	Split System	7.4 HSPF	
		—	Single Package	7.4 HSPF	
Small-duct high velocity (air cooled, heating mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h ^b	—	Split System	6.8 HSPF	
Air cooled (heating mode)	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	47°F db/43°F wb outdoor air	3.3 COP	AHRI 340/360
			17°F db/15°F wb outdoor air	2.25 COP	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	47°F db/43°F wb outdoor air	3.2 COP	
			17°F db/15°F wb outdoor air	2.05 COP	
Water to Air: Water Loop (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	68°F entering water	4.3 COP	ISO 13256-1
Water to Air: Ground Water (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	50°F entering water	3.7 COP	
Brine to Air: Ground Loop (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	32°F entering fluid	3.2 COP	
Water to Water: Water Loop (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	68°F entering water	3.7 COP	ISO 13256-2
Water to Water: Ground Water (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	50°F entering water	3.1 COP	
Brine to Water: Ground Loop (heating mode)	< 135,000 Btu/h (cooling capacity)	—	32°F entering fluid	2.5 COP	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W, °C = [(°F) - 32]/1.8.

a. Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the reference year version of the test procedure.

b. Single-phase, air-cooled heat pumps less than 65,000 Btu/h are regulated by NAECA. SEER and HSPF values are those set by NAECA.

TABLE C403.3.2(3)
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:
ELECTRICALLY OPERATED PACKAGED TERMINAL AIR CONDITIONERS,
PACKAGED TERMINAL HEAT PUMPS, SINGLE-PACKAGE VERTICAL AIR CONDITIONERS,
SINGLE VERTICAL HEAT PUMPS, ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS AND ROOM AIR-CONDITIONER HEAT PUMPS

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY (INPUT)	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY	TEST PROCEDURE ^a
PTAC (cooling mode) new construction	All Capacities	95°F db outdoor air	14.0 – (0.300 × Cap/1000) EER	AHRI 310/380
PTAC (cooling mode) replacements ^b	All Capacities	95°F db outdoor air	10.9 - (0.213 × Cap/1000) EER	
PTHP (cooling mode) new construction	All Capacities	95°F db outdoor air	14.0 - (0.300 × Cap/1000) EER	
PTHP (cooling mode) replacements ^b	All Capacities	95°F db outdoor air	10.8 - (0.213 × Cap/1000) EER	
PTHP (heating mode) new construction	All Capacities	—	3.2 - (0.026 × Cap/1000) COP	
PTHP (heating mode) replacements ^b	All Capacities	—	2.9 - (0.026 × Cap/1000) COP	
SPVAC (cooling mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	9.0 EER	AHRI 390
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	8.9 EER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	8.6 EER	
SPVHP (cooling mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	9.0 EER	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	8.9 EER	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	95°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	8.6 EER	
SPVHP (heating mode)	< 65,000 Btu/h	47°F db/ 43°F wb outdoor air	3.0 COP	AHRI 390
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	47°F db/ 43°F wb outdoor air	3.0 COP	
	≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	47°F db/ 75°F wb outdoor air	2.9 COP	
Room air conditioners, with louvered sides	< 6,000 Btu/h	—	11.0 CEER	ANSI/AHAM RAC-1
	≥ 6,000 Btu/h and < 8,000 Btu/h	—	11.0 CEER	
	≥ 8,000 Btu/h and < 14,000 Btu/h	—	10.9 CEER	
	≥ 14,000 Btu/h and < 20,000 Btu/h	—	10.7 CEER	
	≥ 20,000 Btu/h and ≤ 25,000 Btu/h	—	9.4 CEER	
	> 25,000 Btu/h	—	9.0 CEER	
Room air conditioners, without louvered sides	< 6,000 Btu/h	—	10.0 CEER	
	≥ 6,000 Btu/h and < 8,000 Btu/h	—	10.0 CEER	
	≥ 8,000 Btu/h and < 11,000 Btu/h	—	9.6 CEER	
	≥ 11,000 Btu/h and < 14,000 Btu/h	—	9.5 CEER	
	≥ 14,000 Btu/h and < 20,000 Btu/h	—	9.3 CEER	
	≥ 20,000 Btu/h	—	9.4 CEER	
Room air-conditioner heat pumps with louvered sides	< 20,000 Btu/h	—	9.8 CEER	
	≥ 20,000 Btu/h	—	9.3 CEER	
Room air-conditioner heat pumps without louvered sides	< 14,000 Btu/h	—	9.3 CEER	
	≥ 14,000 Btu/h	—	8.7 CEER	

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TABLE C403.3.2(3)—continued
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:
ELECTRICALLY OPERATED PACKAGED TERMINAL AIR CONDITIONERS,
PACKAGED TERMINAL HEAT PUMPS, SINGLE-PACKAGE VERTICAL AIR CONDITIONERS,
SINGLE VERTICAL HEAT PUMPS, ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS AND ROOM AIR-CONDITIONER HEAT PUMPS

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY (INPUT)	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY	TEST PROCEDURE ^a
Room air conditioner casement only	All capacities	—	9.5 CEER	ANSI/AHAM RAC-1
Room air conditioner casement-slider	All capacities	—	10.4 CEER	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W, °C = [(°F) - 32]/1.8, wb = wet bulb, db = dry bulb.

“Cap” = The rated cooling capacity of the project in Btu/h. Where the unit’s capacity is less than 7000 Btu/h, use 7000 Btu/h in the calculation. Where the unit’s capacity is greater than 15,000 Btu/h, use 15,000 Btu/h in the calculations.

- a. Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the referenced year version of the test procedure.
- b. Replacement unit shall be factory labeled as follows: “MANUFACTURED FOR REPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS ONLY: NOT TO BE INSTALLED IN NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.” Replacement efficiencies apply only to units with existing sleeves less than 16 inches (406 mm) in height and less than 42 inches (1067 mm) in width.

TABLE C403.3.2(4)
WARM-AIR FURNACES AND COMBINATION WARM-AIR FURNACES/AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS,
WARM-AIR DUCT FURNACES AND UNIT HEATERS, MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY (INPUT)	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY ^{d, e}	TEST PROCEDURE ^a
Warm-air furnaces, gas fired	< 225,000 Btu/h	—	80% AFUE or 80% E_t^c	DOE 10 CFR Part 430 or ANSI Z21.47
	≥ 225,000 Btu/h	Maximum capacity ^c	80% E_t^f	ANSI Z21.47
Warm-air furnaces, oil fired	< 225,000 Btu/h	—	83% AFUE or 80% E_t^c	DOE 10 CFR Part 430 or UL 727
	≥ 225,000 Btu/h	Maximum capacity ^b	81% E_t^g	UL 727
Warm-air duct furnaces, gas fired	All capacities	Maximum capacity ^b	80% E_c	ANSI Z83.8
Warm-air unit heaters, gas fired	All capacities	Maximum capacity ^b	80% E_c	ANSI Z83.8
Warm-air unit heaters, oil fired	All capacities	Maximum capacity ^b	80% E_c	UL 731

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

- a. Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the referenced year version of the test procedure.
- b. Minimum and maximum ratings as provided for and allowed by the unit’s controls.
- c. Combination units not covered by the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 (NAECA) (3-phase power or cooling capacity greater than or equal to 65,000 Btu/h [19 kW]) shall comply with either rating.
- d. E_t = Thermal efficiency. See test procedure for detailed discussion.
- e. E_c = Combustion efficiency (100% less flue losses). See test procedure for detailed discussion.
- f. E_c = Combustion efficiency. Units shall also include an IID, have jackets not exceeding 0.75 percent of the input rating, and have either power venting or a flue damper. A vent damper is an acceptable alternative to a flue damper for those furnaces where combustion air is drawn from the conditioned space.
- g. E_t = Thermal efficiency. Units shall also include an IID, have jacket losses not exceeding 0.75 percent of the input rating, and have either power venting or a flue damper. A vent damper is an acceptable alternative to a flue damper for those furnaces where combustion air is drawn from the conditioned space.

TABLE C403.3.2(5)
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS: GAS- AND OIL-FIRED BOILERS

EQUIPMENT TYPE ^a	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	SIZE CATEGORY (INPUT)	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY ^{d, e}	TEST PROCEDURE
Boilers, hot water	Gas-fired	< 300,000 Btu/h ^{f, g}	82% AFUE	10 CFR Part 430
		≥ 300,000 Btu/h and ≤ 2,500,000 Btu/h ^b	80% E_t	10 CFR Part 431
		> 2,500,000 Btu/h ^a	82% E_c	
	Oil-fired ^c	< 300,000 Btu/h ^g	84% AFUE	10 CFR Part 430
		≥ 300,000 Btu/h and ≤ 2,500,000 Btu/h ^b	82% E_t	10 CFR Part 431
		> 2,500,000 Btu/h ^a	84% E_c	
Boilers, steam	Gas-fired	< 300,000 Btu/h ^f	80% AFUE	10 CFR Part 430
	Gas-fired- all, except natural draft	≥ 300,000 Btu/h and ≤ 2,500,000 Btu/h ^b	79% E_t	10 CFR Part 431
		> 2,500,000 Btu/h ^a	79% E_t	
	Gas-fired-natural draft	≥ 300,000 Btu/h and ≤ 2,500,000 Btu/h ^b	77% E_t	
		> 2,500,000 Btu/h ^a	77% E_t	
	Oil-fired ^c	< 300,000 Btu/h	82% AFUE	10 CFR Part 430
		≥ 300,000 Btu/h and ≤ 2,500,000 Btu/h ^b	81% E_t	10 CFR Part 431
		> 2,500,000 Btu/h ^a	81% E_t	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

- These requirements apply to boilers with rated input of 8,000,000 Btu/h or less that are not packaged boilers and to all packaged boilers. Minimum efficiency requirements for boilers cover all capacities of packaged boilers.
- Maximum capacity – minimum and maximum ratings as provided for and allowed by the unit's controls.
- Includes oil-fired (residual).
- E_c = Combustion efficiency (100 percent less flue losses).
- E_t = Thermal efficiency. See referenced standard for detailed information.
- Boilers shall not be equipped with a constant-burning ignition pilot.
- A boiler not equipped with a tankless domestic water heating coil shall be equipped with an automatic means for adjusting the temperature of the water such that an incremental change in inferred heat load produces a corresponding incremental change in the temperature of the water supplied.

TABLE C403.3.2(6)
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:
CONDENSING UNITS, ELECTRICALLY OPERATED

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY ^b	TEST PROCEDURE ^a
Condensing units, air cooled	≥ 135,000 Btu/h	10.1 EER 11.2 IPLV	AHRI 365
Condensing units, water or evaporatively cooled	≥ 135,000 Btu/h	13.1 EER 13.1 IPLV	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

- Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the referenced year version of the test procedure.
- IPLVs are only applicable to equipment with capacity modulation.

TABLE C403.3.2(7)
WATER CHILLING PACKAGES – EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS^{a, b, d}

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY	UNITS	BEFORE 1/1/2015		AS OF 1/1/2015		TEST PROCEDURE ^c	
			Path A	Path B	Path A	Path B		
Air-cooled chillers	< 150 Tons	EER (Btu/W)	≥ 9.562 FL	NA ^c	≥ 10.100 FL	≥ 9.700 FL		
			≥ 12.500 IPLV		≥ 13.700 IPLV	≥ 15,800 IPLV		
	≥ 150 Tons		≥ 9.562 FL	NA ^c	≥ 10.100 FL	≥ 9.700 FL		
			≥ 12.500 IPLV		≥ 14.000 IPLV	≥ 16.100 IPLV		
Air cooled without condenser, electrically operated	All capacities	EER (Btu/W)	Air-cooled chillers without condenser shall be rated with matching condensers and complying with air-cooled chiller efficiency requirements.					
Water cooled, electrically operated positive displacement	< 75 Tons	kW/ton	≤ 0.780 FL	≤ 0.800 FL	≤ 0.750 FL	≤ 0.780 FL		AHRI 550/590
	≥ 75 tons and < 150 tons		≤ 0.630 IPLV	≤ 0.600 IPLV	≤ 0.600 IPLV	≤ 0.500 IPLV		
			≤ 0.775 FL	≤ 0.790 FL	≤ 0.720 FL	≤ 0.750 FL		
			≤ 0.615 IPLV	≤ 0.586 IPLV	≤ 0.560 IPLV	≤ 0.490 IPLV		
			≤ 0.680 FL	≤ 0.718 FL	≤ 0.660 FL	≤ 0.680 FL		
			≤ 0.580 IPLV	≤ 0.540 IPLV	≤ 0.540 IPLV	≤ 0.440 IPLV		
			≤ 0.620 FL	≤ 0.639 FL	≤ 0.610 FL	≤ 0.625 FL		
	≥ 150 tons and < 300 tons		≤ 0.540 IPLV	≤ 0.490 IPLV	≤ 0.520 IPLV	≤ 0.410 IPLV		
≤ 0.620 FL		≤ 0.639 FL	≤ 0.560 FL	≤ 0.585 FL				
≥ 300 tons and < 600 tons	≤ 0.540 IPLV	≤ 0.490 IPLV	≤ 0.500 IPLV	≤ 0.380 IPLV				
	≥ 600 tons	≤ 0.634 FL	≤ 0.639 FL	≤ 0.610 FL	≤ 0.695 FL			
≤ 0.596 IPLV		≤ 0.450 IPLV	≤ 0.550 IPLV	≤ 0.440 IPLV				
≤ 0.634 FL		≤ 0.639 FL	≤ 0.610 FL	≤ 0.635 FL				
≤ 0.596 IPLV		≤ 0.450 IPLV	≤ 0.550 IPLV	≤ 0.400 IPLV				
≤ 0.576 FL		≤ 0.600 FL	≤ 0.560 FL	≤ 0.595 FL				
≤ 0.549 IPLV		≤ 0.400 IPLV	≤ 0.520 IPLV	≤ 0.390 IPLV				
≤ 0.576 FL		≤ 0.600 FL	≤ 0.560 FL	≤ 0.585 FL				
≤ 0.549 IPLV		≤ 0.400 IPLV	≤ 0.500 IPLV	≤ 0.380 IPLV				
Water cooled, electrically operated centrifugal	≥ 400 tons and < 600 tons	≤ 0.570 FL	≤ 0.590 FL	≤ 0.560 FL	≤ 0.585 FL			
	≥ 600 Tons	≤ 0.539 IPLV	≤ 0.400 IPLV	≤ 0.500 IPLV	≤ 0.380 IPLV			
		All capacities	≥ 0.600 FL	NA ^c	≥ 0.600 FL	NA ^c		
	Water cooled absorption, single effect		All capacities	COP	≥ 0.700 FL	NA ^c	≥ 0.700 FL	NA ^c
Absorption, double effect, indirect fired	All capacities	COP	≥ 1.000 FL	NA ^c	≥ 1.000 FL	NA ^c		
Absorption double effect direct fired	All capacities	COP	≥ 1.050 IPLV		≥ 1.050 IPLV			
			≥ 1.000 FL	NA ^c	≥ 1.000 FL	NA ^c		
≥ 1.000 IPLV	≥ 1.050 IPLV							

a. The requirements for centrifugal chiller shall be adjusted for nonstandard rating conditions in accordance with Section C403.3.2.1 and are only applicable for the range of conditions listed in Section C403.3.2.1. The requirements for air-cooled, water-cooled positive displacement and absorption chillers are at standard rating conditions defined in the reference test procedure.

b. Both the full-load and IPLV requirements shall be met or exceeded to comply with this standard. Where there is a Path B, compliance can be with either Path A or Path B for any application.

c. NA means the requirements are not applicable for Path B and only Path A can be used for compliance.

d. FL represents the full-load performance requirements and IPLV the part-load performance requirements.

TABLE C403.3.2(8)
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS:
HEAT REJECTION EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT TYPE^a	TOTAL SYSTEM HEAT REJECTION CAPACITY AT RATED CONDITIONS	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITIONⁱ	PERFORMANCE REQUIRED^{b, c, d, g, h}	TEST PROCEDURE^{e, f}
Propeller or axial fan open-circuit cooling towers	All	95°F entering water 85°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥ 40.2 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105 and CTI STD-201 RS
Centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers	All	95°F entering water 85°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥ 20.0 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105 and CTI STD-201 RS
Propeller or axial fan closed-circuit cooling towers	All	102°F entering water 90°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥ 16.1 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105S and CTI STD-201 RS
Centrifugal fan closed-circuit cooling towers	All	102°F entering water 90°F leaving water 75°F entering wb	≥ 7.0 gpm/hp	CTI ATC-105S and CTI STD-201 RS
Propeller or axial fan evaporative condensers	All	Ammonia Test Fluid 140°F entering gas temperature 96.3°F condensing temperature 75°F entering wb	≥ 134,000 Btu/h × hp	CTI ATC-106
Centrifugal fan evaporative condensers	All	Ammonia Test Fluid 140°F entering gas temperature 96.3°F condensing temperature 75°F entering wb	≥ 110,000 Btu/h × hp	CTI ATC-106
Propeller or axial fan evaporative condensers	All	R-507A Test Fluid 165°F entering gas temperature 105°F condensing temperature 75°F entering wb	≥ 157,000 Btu/h × hp	CTI ATC-106
Centrifugal fan evaporative condensers	All	R-507A Test Fluid 165°F entering gas temperature 105°F condensing temperature 75°F entering wb	≥ 135,000 Btu/h × hp	CTI ATC-106
Air-cooled condensers	All	125°F Condensing Temperature 190°F Entering Gas Temperature 15°F subcooling 95°F entering db	≥ 176,000 Btu/h × hp	AHRI 460

For SI: °C = [(°F) - 32]/1.8, L/s • kW = (gpm/hp)/(11.83), COP = (Btu/h • hp)/(2550.7),
db = dry bulb temperature, °F, wb = wet bulb temperature, °F.

- The efficiencies and test procedures for both open- and closed-circuit cooling towers are not applicable to hybrid cooling towers that contain a combination of wet and dry heat exchange sections.
- For purposes of this table, open circuit cooling tower performance is defined as the water flow rating of the tower at the thermal rating condition, divided by the fan nameplate-rated motor power.
- For purposes of this table, closed-circuit cooling tower performance is defined as the water flow rating of the tower at the thermal rating condition, divided by the sum of the fan nameplate-rated motor power and the spray pump nameplate-rated motor power.
- For purposes of this table, air-cooled condenser performance is defined as the heat rejected from the refrigerant divided by the fan nameplate-rated motor power.
- Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the referenced year version of the test procedure. The certification requirements do not apply to field-erected cooling towers.
- Where a certification program exists for a covered product and it includes provisions for verification and challenge of equipment efficiency ratings, then the product shall be listed in the certification program; or, where a certification program exists for a covered product, and it includes provisions for verification and challenge of equipment efficiency ratings, but the product is not listed in the existing certification program, the ratings shall be verified by an independent laboratory test report.
- Cooling towers shall comply with the minimum efficiency listed in the table for that specific type of tower with the capacity effect of any project-specific accessories or options included in the capacity of the cooling tower
- For purposes of this table, evaporative condenser performance is defined as the heat rejected at the specified rating condition in the table divided by the sum of the fan motor nameplate power and the integral spray pump nameplate power
- Requirements for evaporative condensers are listed with ammonia (R-717) and R-507A as test fluids in the table. Evaporative condensers intended for use with halocarbon refrigerants other than R-507A shall meet the minimum efficiency requirements listed in this table with R-507A as the test fluid.

TABLE C403.3.2(9)
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY AIR CONDITIONERS AND CONDENSING UNITS SERVING COMPUTER ROOMS

EQUIPMENT TYPE	NET SENSIBLE COOLING CAPACITY ^a	MINIMUM SCOP-127 ^b EFFICIENCY DOWNFLOW UNITS / UPFLOW UNITS	TEST PROCEDURE
Air conditioners, air cooled	< 65,000 Btu/h	2.20 / 2.09	ANSI/ASHRAE 127
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	2.10 / 1.99	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	1.90 / 1.79	
Air conditioners, water cooled	< 65,000 Btu/h	2.60 / 2.49	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	2.50 / 2.39	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	2.40 / 2.29	
Air conditioners, water cooled with fluid economizer	< 65,000 Btu/h	2.55 / 2.44	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	2.45 / 2.34	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	2.35 / 2.24	
Air conditioners, glycol cooled (rated at 40% propylene glycol)	< 65,000 Btu/h	2.50 / 2.39	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	2.15 / 2.04	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	2.10 / 1.99	
Air conditioners, glycol cooled (rated at 40% propylene glycol) with fluid economizer	< 65,000 Btu/h	2.45 / 2.34	
	≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	2.10 / 1.99	
	≥ 240,000 Btu/h	2.05 / 1.94	

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

- a. Net sensible cooling capacity: the total gross cooling capacity less the latent cooling less the energy to the air movement system. (Total Gross – latent – Fan Power).
- b. Sensible coefficient of performance (SCOP-127): a ratio calculated by dividing the net sensible cooling capacity in watts by the total power input in watts (excluding reheaters and humidifiers) at conditions defined in ASHRAE Standard 127. The net sensible cooling capacity is the gross sensible capacity minus the energy dissipated into the cooled space by the fan system.

TABLE C403.3.2(10)
HEAT TRANSFER EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SUBCATEGORY	MINIMUM EFFICIENCY	TEST PROCEDURE ^a
Liquid-to-liquid heat exchangers	Plate type	NR	AHRI 400

NR = No Requirement.

- a. Chapter 6 contains a complete specification of the referenced test procedure, including the referenced year version of the test procedure.

C403.3.3 Hot gas bypass limitation. Cooling systems shall not use hot gas bypass or other evaporator pressure control systems unless the system is designed with multiple steps of unloading or continuous capacity modulation. The capacity of the hot gas bypass shall be limited as indicated in Table C403.3.3, as limited by Section C403.5.1.

TABLE C403.3.3
MAXIMUM HOT GAS BYPASS CAPACITY

RATED CAPACITY	MAXIMUM HOT GAS BYPASS CAPACITY (% of total capacity)
≤ 240,000 Btu/h	50
> 240,000 Btu/h	25

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

C403.3.4 Boiler turndown. *Boiler systems* with design input of greater than 1,000,000 Btu/h (293 kW) shall comply with the turndown ratio specified in Table C403.3.4.

The system turndown requirement shall be met through the use of multiple single-input boilers, one or more *modulating boilers* or a combination of single-input and *modulating boilers*.

TABLE C403.3.4
BOILER TURNDOWN

BOILER SYSTEM DESIGN INPUT (Btu/h)	MINIMUM TURNDOWN RATIO
≥ 1,000,000 and less than or equal to 5,000,000	3 to 1
> 5,000,000 and less than or equal to 10,000,000	4 to 1
> 10,000,000	5 to 1

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

C403.4 Heating and cooling system controls (Mandatory). Each heating and cooling system shall be provided with controls in accordance with Sections C403.4.1 through C403.4.5.

C403.4.1 Thermostatic controls (Mandatory). The supply of heating and cooling energy to each *zone* shall be controlled by individual thermostatic controls capable of responding to temperature within the *zone*. Where humidification or dehumidification or both is provided, not fewer than one humidity control device shall be provided for each humidity control system.

Exception: Independent perimeter systems that are designed to offset only building envelope heat losses,

gains or both serving one or more perimeter *zones* also served by an interior system provided that both of the following conditions are met:

1. The perimeter system includes not fewer than one thermostatic control *zone* for each building exposure having exterior walls facing only one orientation (within ± 45 degrees) (0.8 rad) for more than 50 contiguous feet (15 240 mm).
2. The perimeter system heating and cooling supply is controlled by thermostats located within the *zones* served by the system.

C403.4.1.1 Heat pump supplementary heat (Mandatory). Heat pumps having supplementary electric resistance heat shall have controls that, except during defrost, prevent supplementary heat operation where the heat pump can provide the heating load.

C403.4.1.2 Deadband (Mandatory). Where used to control both heating and cooling, *zone* thermostatic controls shall be configured to provide a temperature range or deadband of not less than 5°F (2.8°C) within which the supply of heating and cooling energy to the *zone* is shut off or reduced to a minimum.

Exceptions:

1. Thermostats requiring manual changeover between heating and cooling modes.
2. Occupancies or applications requiring precision in indoor temperature control as *approved* by the *code official*.

C403.4.1.3 Setpoint overlap restriction (Mandatory). Where a *zone* has a separate heating and a separate cooling thermostatic control located within the *zone*, a limit switch, mechanical stop or direct digital control system with software programming shall be configured to prevent the heating setpoint from exceeding the cooling setpoint and to maintain a deadband in accordance with Section C403.4.1.2.

C403.4.1.4 Heated or cooled vestibules (Mandatory). The heating system for heated vestibules and air curtains with integral heating shall be provided with controls configured to shut off the source of heating when the outdoor air temperature is greater than 45°F (7°C). Vestibule heating and cooling systems shall be controlled by a thermostat located in the vestibule configured to limit heating to a temperature not greater than 60°F (16°C) and cooling to a temperature not less than 85°F (29°C).

Exception: Control of heating or cooling provided by site-recovered energy or transfer air that would otherwise be exhausted.

C403.4.1.5 Hot water boiler outdoor temperature setback control (Mandatory). Hot water boilers that supply heat to the building through one- or two-pipe heating systems shall have an outdoor setback control that lowers the boiler water temperature based on the outdoor temperature.

C403.4.1.6 Mechanical system shutoff (Mandatory).

C403.4.1.6.1 Operable wall or roof openings. Any directly conditioned space with operable wall or

roof openings to the outdoors shall be equipped with interlock controls that disable or reset the temperature setpoint for mechanical heating and cooling. The reset setpoint for mechanical heating shall be 55°F and for mechanical cooling, 90°F. The system shutoff or setpoint temperature reset shall activate within 5 minutes of any such operable wall or roof opening being opened.

Exception: Interlock controls are not required for systems and spaces as follows:

1. On doors with automatic closing devices.
2. For vestibules or revolving doors.
3. For any space without a thermostatic control (a thermostat or space temperature sensor used to control heating or cooling to the space).

C403.4.1.6.2 Overhead door HVAC shutoff devices. Overhead doors, cargo doors, sliding doors, folding and accordion-style wall systems, and other loading dock-style doors that open to the outdoors shall be equipped with interlock controls that disable the heating, cooling and humidity control equipment that serves the area or zone adjacent to the door. The shutoff shall activate prior to the door being 25 percent open. A shutoff override, designed to be used when vehicles are parked in the doorway, may be included on doors equipped with weatherseals. The override must automatically deactivate when the vehicle is removed.

Exceptions:

1. Areas where HVAC equipment must remain on for safety, sanitation or other health-related reasons.
2. Areas heated by radiant heating systems.
3. The shutoff override shall activate within 5 minutes in groups U, SI, and B motor vehicle showroom occupancies.

C403.4.2 Off-hour controls (Mandatory). Each *zone* shall be provided with thermostatic setback controls that are controlled by either an automatic time clock or programmable control system.

Exceptions:

1. *Zones* that will be operated continuously.
2. *Zones* with a full HVAC load demand not exceeding 6,800 Btu/h (2 kW) and having a manual shutoff switch located with *ready access*.

C403.4.2.1 Thermostatic setback (Mandatory). Thermostatic setback controls shall be configured to set back or temporarily operate the system to maintain zone temperatures down to 55°F (13°C) or up to 85°F (29°C).

C403.4.2.2 Automatic setback and shutdown (Mandatory). Automatic time clock or programmable controls shall be capable of starting and stopping the system for seven different daily schedules per week and retaining their programming and time setting during a

loss of power for not fewer than 10 hours. Additionally, the controls shall have a manual override that allows temporary operation of the system for up to 2 hours; a manually operated timer configured to operate the system for up to 2 hours; or an occupancy sensor.

C403.4.2.3 Automatic start (Mandatory). Automatic start controls shall be provided for each HVAC system. The controls shall be configured to automatically adjust the daily start time of the HVAC system in order to bring each space to the desired occupied temperature immediately prior to scheduled occupancy.

C403.4.3 Hydronic systems controls. The heating of fluids that have been previously mechanically cooled and the cooling of fluids that have been previously mechanically heated shall be limited in accordance with Sections C403.4.3.1 through C403.4.3.3. Hydronic heating systems comprised of multiple-packaged boilers and designed to deliver conditioned water or steam into a common distribution system shall include automatic controls configured to sequence operation of the boilers. Hydronic heating systems composed of a single boiler and greater than 500,000 Btu/h (146.5 kW) input design capacity shall include either a multistaged or modulating burner.

C403.4.3.1 Three-pipe system. Hydronic systems that use a common return system for both hot water and chilled water are prohibited.

C403.4.3.2 Two-pipe changeover system. Systems that use a common distribution system to supply both heated and chilled water shall be designed to allow a deadband between changeover from one mode to the other of not less than 15°F (8.3°C) outside air temperatures; be designed to and provided with controls that will allow operation in one mode for not less than 4 hours before changing over to the other mode; and be provided with controls that allow heating and cooling supply temperatures at the changeover point to be not more than 30°F (16.7°C) apart.

C403.4.3.3 Hydronic (water loop) heat pump systems. Hydronic heat pump systems shall comply with Sections C403.4.3.3.1 through C403.4.3.3.3.

C403.4.3.3.1 Temperature deadband. Hydronic heat pumps connected to a common heat pump water loop with central devices for heat rejection and heat addition shall have controls that are configured to provide a heat pump water supply temperature deadband of not less than 20°F (11°C) between initiation of heat rejection and heat addition by the central devices.

Exception: Where a system loop temperature optimization controller is installed and can determine the most efficient operating temperature based on real-time conditions of demand and capacity, deadbands of less than 20°F (11°C) shall be permitted.

C403.4.3.3.2 Heat rejection. The following shall apply to hydronic water loop heat pump systems:

1. Where a closed-circuit cooling tower is used directly in the heat pump loop, either an auto-

matic valve shall be installed to bypass the flow of water around the closed-circuit cooling tower, except for any flow necessary for freeze protection, or low-leakage positive-closure dampers shall be provided.

2. Where an open-circuit cooling tower is used directly in the heat pump loop, an automatic valve shall be installed to bypass all heat pump water flow around the open-circuit cooling tower.
3. Where an open-circuit cooling tower is used in conjunction with a separate heat exchanger to isolate the open-circuit cooling tower from the heat pump loop, heat loss shall be controlled by shutting down the circulation pump on the cooling tower loop.

Exception: Where it can be demonstrated that a heat pump system will be required to reject heat throughout the year.

C403.4.3.3.3 Two-position valve. Each hydronic heat pump on the hydronic system having a total pump system power exceeding 10 hp (7.5 kW) shall have a two-position valve.

C403.4.4 Part-load controls. Hydronic systems greater than or equal to 300,000 Btu/h (87.9 kW) in design output capacity supplying heated or chilled water to comfort conditioning systems shall include controls that are configured to do all of the following:

1. Automatically reset the supply-water temperatures in response to varying building heating and cooling demand using coil valve position, zone-return water temperature, building-return water temperature or outside air temperature. The temperature shall be reset by not less than 25 percent of the design supply-to-return water temperature difference.
2. Automatically vary fluid flow for hydronic systems with a combined pump motor capacity of 2 hp (1.5 kW) or larger with three or more control valves or other devices by reducing the system design flow rate by not less than 50 percent or the maximum reduction allowed by the equipment manufacturer for proper operation of equipment by valves that modulate or step open and close, or pumps that modulate or turn on and off as a function of load.
3. Automatically vary pump flow on heating-water systems, chilled-water systems and heat rejection loops serving water-cooled unitary air conditioners as follows:
 - 3.1. Where pumps operate continuously or operate based on a time schedule, pumps with nominal output motor power of 2 hp or more shall have a variable speed drive.
 - 3.2. Where pumps have automatic direct digital control configured to operate pumps only when zone heating or cooling is required, a variable speed drive shall be provided for pumps with motors having the same or

greater nominal output power indicated in Table C403.4.4 based on the system served.

4. Where a variable speed drive is required by Item 3 of this Section, pump motor power input shall be not more than 30 percent of design wattage at 50 percent of the design water flow. Pump flow shall be controlled to maintain one control valve nearly wide open or to satisfy the minimum differential pressure.

Exceptions:

1. Supply-water temperature reset is not required for chilled-water systems supplied by off-site district chilled water or chilled water from ice storage systems.
2. Variable pump flow is not required on dedicated coil circulation pumps where needed for freeze protection.
3. Variable pump flow is not required on dedicated equipment circulation pumps where configured in primary/secondary design to provide the minimum flow requirements of the equipment manufacturer for proper operation of equipment.
4. Variable speed drives are not required on heating water pumps where more than 50 percent of annual heat is generated by an electric boiler.

**TABLE C403.4.4
VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE (VSD) REQUIREMENTS
FOR DEMAND-CONTROLLED PUMPS**

CHILLED WATER AND HEAT REJECTION LOOP PUMPS IN THESE CLIMATE ZONES	HEATING WATER PUMPS IN THESE CLIMATE ZONES	VSD REQUIRED FOR MOTORS WITH RATED OUTPUT OF:
5B	—	≥ 7.5 hp
—	5B	≥ 10 hp

C403.4.5 Pump isolation. Chilled water plants including more than one chiller shall be capable of and configured to reduce flow automatically through the chiller plant when a chiller is shut down. Chillers piped in series for the purpose of increased temperature differential shall be considered as one chiller.

Boiler systems including more than one boiler shall be capable of and configured to reduce flow automatically through the boiler system when a boiler is shut down.

C403.5 Economizers (Prescriptive). Economizers shall comply with Sections C403.5.1 through C403.5.5.

An air or water economizer shall be provided for the following cooling systems:

1. Chilled water systems with a total cooling capacity, less cooling capacity provided with air economizers specified in Table C403.5.
2. Individual fan systems with cooling capacity greater than or equal to 54,000 Btu/h (15.8 kW) in buildings having other than a *Group R* occupancy,

The total supply capacity of all fan cooling units not provided with economizers shall not exceed 20 percent

of the total supply capacity of all fan cooling units in the building or 300,000 Btu/h (88 kW), whichever is greater.

3. Individual fan systems with cooling capacity greater than or equal to 270,000 Btu/h (79.1 kW) in buildings having a *Group R* occupancy.

The total supply capacity of all fan cooling units not provided with economizers shall not exceed 20 percent of the total supply capacity of all fan cooling units in the building or 1,500,000 Btu/h (440 kW), whichever is greater.

Exceptions: Economizers are not required for the following systems.

1. Where more than 25 percent of the air designed to be supplied by the system is to spaces that are designed to be humidified above 35°F (1.7°C) dew-point temperature to satisfy process needs.
2. Systems serving supermarket areas with open refrigerated casework.
3. Systems that include a heat recovery system in accordance with Section C403.9.5.

C403.5.1 Integrated economizer control. Economizer systems shall be integrated with the mechanical cooling system and be configured to provide partial cooling even where additional mechanical cooling is required to provide the remainder of the cooling load. Controls shall not be capable of creating a false load in the mechanical cooling systems by limiting or disabling the economizer or any other means, such as hot gas bypass, except at the lowest stage of mechanical cooling.

Units that include an air economizer shall comply with the following:

1. Unit controls shall have the mechanical cooling capacity control interlocked with the air economizer controls such that the outdoor air damper is at the 100-percent open position when mechanical cooling is on and the outdoor air damper does not begin to close to prevent coil freezing due to minimum compressor run time until the leaving air temperature is less than 45°F (7°C).
2. Direct expansion (DX) units that control 75,000 Btu/h (22 kW) or greater of rated capacity of the capacity of the mechanical cooling directly based on occupied space temperature shall have not fewer than two stages of mechanical cooling capacity.
3. Other DX units, including those that control space temperature by modulating the airflow to the space, shall be in accordance with Table C403.5.1.

C403.5.2 Economizer heating system impact. HVAC system design and economizer controls shall be such that economizer operation does not increase building heating energy use during normal operation.

Exception: Economizers on variable air volume (VAV) systems that cause zone level heating to increase because of a reduction in supply air temperature.

C403.5.3 Air economizers. Where economizers are required by Section C403.5, air economizers shall comply with Sections C403.5.3.1 through C403.5.3.5.

C403.5.3.1 Design capacity. Air economizer systems shall be configured to modulate *outdoor air* and return air dampers to provide up to 100 percent of the design supply air quantity as *outdoor air* for cooling.

C403.5.3.2 Control signal. Economizer controls and dampers shall be configured to sequence the dampers with the mechanical cooling equipment and shall not be controlled by only mixed-air temperature.

Exception: The use of mixed-air temperature limit control shall be permitted for systems controlled from space temperature (such as single-zone systems).

C403.5.3.3 High-limit shutoff. Air economizers shall be configured to automatically reduce *outdoor air* intake to the design minimum *outdoor air* quantity when *outdoor air* intake will not reduce cooling energy usage. High-limit shutoff control types for specific climates shall be chosen from Table C403.5.3.3. High-limit shutoff control settings for these control types shall be those specified in Table C403.5.3.3.

C403.5.3.4 Relief of excess outdoor air. Systems shall be capable of relieving excess *outdoor air* during air economizer operation to prevent overpressurizing the building. The relief air outlet shall be located to avoid recirculation into the building.

C403.5.3.5 Economizer dampers. Return, exhaust/relief and outdoor air dampers used in economizers shall comply with Section C403.7.7.

C403.5.4 Water-side economizers. Where economizers are required by Section C403.5, water-side economizers shall comply with Sections C403.5.4.1 and C403.5.4.2.

C403.5.4.1 Design capacity. Water economizer systems shall be configured to cool supply air by indirect evaporation and providing up to 100 percent of the expected system cooling load at *outdoor air* tempera-

tures of not greater than 50°F (10°C) dry bulb/45°F (7°C) wet bulb.

Exceptions:

1. Systems primarily serving computer rooms in which 100 percent of the expected system cooling load at 40°F (4°C) dry bulb/35°F (1.7°C) wet bulb is met with evaporative water economizers.
2. Systems primarily serving computer rooms with dry cooler water economizers that satisfy 100 percent of the expected system cooling load at 35°F (1.7°C) dry bulb.
3. Systems where dehumidification requirements cannot be met using outdoor air temperatures of 50°F (10°C) dry bulb/45°F (7°C) wet bulb and where 100 percent of the expected system cooling load at 45°F (7°C) dry bulb/40°F (4°C) wet bulb is met with evaporative water economizers.

C403.5.4.2 Maximum pressure drop. Precooling coils and water-to-water heat exchangers used as part of a water economizer system shall either have a water-side pressure drop of less than 15 feet (45 kPa) of water or a secondary loop shall be created so that the coil or heat exchanger pressure drop is not seen by the circulating pumps when the system is in the normal cooling (noneconomizer) mode.

C403.5.5 Economizer fault detection and diagnostics (Mandatory). Air-cooled unitary direct-expansion units listed in Tables C403.3.2(1) through C403.3.2(3) and variable refrigerant flow (VRF) units that are equipped with an economizer in accordance with Sections C403.5 through C403.5.4 shall include a fault detection and diagnostics system complying with the following:

1. The following temperature sensors shall be permanently installed to monitor system operation:
 - 1.1. Outside air.
 - 1.2. Supply air.
 - 1.3. Return air.

**TABLE C403.5
MINIMUM CHILLED-WATER SYSTEM COOLING CAPACITY FOR DETERMINING ECONOMIZER COOLING REQUIREMENTS**

CLIMATE ZONES (COOLING)	TOTAL CHILLED-WATER SYSTEM CAPACITY LESS CAPACITY OF COOLING UNITS WITH AIR ECONOMIZERS	
	Local Water-cooled Chilled-water Systems	Air-cooled Chilled-water Systems or District Chilled-Water Systems
5B	1,320,000 Btu/h	1,720,000 Btu/h

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

**TABLE C403.5.1
DX COOLING STAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MODULATING AIRFLOW UNITS**

RATING CAPACITY	MINIMUM NUMBER OF MECHANICAL COOLING STAGES	MINIMUM COMPRESSOR DISPLACEMENT ^a
≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h	3 stages	≤ 35% of full load
≥ 240,000 Btu/h	4 stages	≤ 25% full load

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W.

a. For mechanical cooling stage control that does not use variable compressor displacement, the percent displacement shall be equivalent to the mechanical cooling capacity reduction evaluated at the full load rating conditions for the compressor.

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2. Temperature sensors shall have an accuracy of $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{F}$ (1.1°C) over the range of 40°F to 80°F (4°C to 26.7°C).
3. Refrigerant pressure sensors, where used, shall have an accuracy of ± 3 percent of full scale.
4. The unit controller shall be configured to provide system status by indicating the following:
 - 4.1. Free cooling available.
 - 4.2. Economizer enabled.
 - 4.3. Compressor enabled.
 - 4.4. Heating enabled.
 - 4.5. Mixed air low limit cycle active.
 - 4.6. The current value of each sensor.
5. The unit controller shall be capable of manually initiating each operating mode so that the operation of compressors, economizers, fans and the heating system can be independently tested and verified.
6. The unit shall be configured to report faults to a fault management application available for *access* by day-to-day operating or service personnel, or annunciated locally on zone thermostats.
7. The fault detection and diagnostics system shall be configured to detect the following faults:
 - 7.1. Air temperature sensor failure/fault.
 - 7.2. Not economizing when the unit should be economizing.
 - 7.3. Economizing when the unit should not be economizing.
 - 7.4. Damper not modulating.
 - 7.5. Excess outdoor air.

C403.6 Requirements for mechanical systems serving multiple zones. Sections C403.6.1 through C403.6.9 shall apply to mechanical systems serving multiple zones.

C403.6.1 Variable air volume and multiple-zone systems. Supply air systems serving multiple zones shall be variable air volume (VAV) systems that have zone controls

configured to reduce the volume of air that is reheated, re-cooled or mixed in each zone to one of the following:

1. Twenty percent of the zone design peak supply for systems with DDC and 30 percent for other systems.
2. Systems with DDC where all of the following apply:
 - 2.1. The airflow rate in the deadband between heating and cooling does not exceed 20 percent of the zone design peak supply rate or higher allowed rates under Items 3, 4 and 5 of this section.
 - 2.2. The first stage of heating modulates the zone supply air temperature setpoint up to a maximum setpoint while the airflow is maintained at the deadband flow rate.
 - 2.3. The second stage of heating modulates the airflow rate from the deadband flow rate up to the heating maximum flow rate that is less than 50 percent of the zone design peak supply rate.
3. The outdoor airflow rate required to meet the minimum ventilation requirements of Chapter 4 of the *International Mechanical Code*.
4. Any higher rate that can be demonstrated to reduce overall system annual energy use by offsetting re-heat/re-cool energy losses through a reduction in outdoor air intake for the system as approved by the *code official*.
5. The airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards such as pressure relationships or minimum air change rates.

Exception: The following individual zones or entire air distribution systems are exempted from the requirement for VAV control:

1. *Zones* or supply air systems where not less than 75 percent of the energy for reheating or for providing warm air in mixing systems is provided from a site-recovered, including condenser heat, or site-solar energy source.

**TABLE C403.5.3.3
HIGH-LIMIT SHUTOFF CONTROL SETTING FOR AIR ECONOMIZERS^b**

DEVICE TYPE	CLIMATE ZONE	REQUIRED HIGH LIMIT (ECONOMIZER OFF WHEN):	
		Equation	Description
Fixed dry bulb	5B	$T_{OA} > 75^{\circ}\text{F}$	Outdoor air temperature exceeds 75°F
Differential dry bulb	5B	$T_{OA} > T_{RA}$	Outdoor air temperature exceeds return air temperature
Fixed enthalpy with fixed dry-bulb temperatures	All	$h_{OA} > 28 \text{ Btu/lb}^a$ or $T_{OA} > 75^{\circ}\text{F}$	Outdoor air enthalpy exceeds 28 Btu/lb of dry air ^a or Outdoor air temperature exceeds 75°F
Differential enthalpy with fixed dry-bulb temperature	All	$h_{OA} > h_{RA}$ or $T_{OA} > 75^{\circ}\text{F}$	Outdoor air enthalpy exceeds return air enthalpy or Outdoor air temperature exceeds 75°F

For SI: 1 foot = 305 mm, $^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32)/1.8$, 1 Btu/lb = 2.33 kJ/kg.

a. At altitudes substantially different than sea level, the fixed enthalpy limit shall be set to the enthalpy value at 75°F and 50-percent relative humidity. As an example, at approximately 6,000 feet elevation, the fixed enthalpy limit is approximately 30.7 Btu/lb.

b. Devices with selectable setpoints shall be capable of being set to within 2°F and 2 Btu/lb of the setpoint listed.

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2. Systems that prevent reheating, recooling, mixing or simultaneous supply of air that has been previously cooled, either mechanically or through the use of economizer systems, and air that has been previously mechanically heated.

C403.6.2 Single-duct VAV systems, terminal devices.

Single-duct VAV systems shall use terminal devices capable of and configured to reduce the supply of primary supply air before reheating or recooling takes place.

C403.6.3 Dual-duct and mixing VAV systems, terminal devices. Systems that have one warm air duct and one cool air duct shall use terminal devices that are configured to reduce the flow from one duct to a minimum before mixing of air from the other duct takes place.

C403.6.4 Single-fan dual-duct and mixing VAV systems, economizers. Individual dual-duct or mixing heating and cooling systems with a single fan and with total capacities greater than 90,000 Btu/h [(26.4 kW) 7.5 tons] shall not be equipped with air economizers.

C403.6.5 Supply-air temperature reset controls. Multiple-zone HVAC systems shall include controls that automatically reset the supply-air temperature in response to representative building loads, or to outdoor air temperature. The controls shall be configured to reset the supply air temperature not less than 25 percent of the difference between the design supply-air temperature and the design room air temperature.

Exceptions:

1. Systems that prevent reheating, recooling or mixing of heated and cooled supply air.
2. Seventy-five percent of the energy for reheating is from site-recovered or site-solar energy sources.
3. Zones with peak supply air quantities of 300 cfm (142 L/s) or less.

C403.6.6 Multiple-zone VAV system ventilation optimization control. Multiple-zone VAV systems with direct digital control of individual zone boxes reporting to a central control panel shall have automatic controls configured to reduce outdoor air intake flow below design rates in response to changes in system ventilation efficiency (E_v) as defined by the *International Mechanical Code*.

Exceptions:

1. VAV systems with zonal transfer fans that recirculate air from other zones without directly mixing it with outdoor air, dual-duct dual-fan VAV systems, and VAV systems with fan-powered terminal units.
2. Systems where total design exhaust airflow is more than 70 percent of total design outdoor air intake flow requirements.

C403.6.7 Parallel-flow fan-powered VAV air terminal control. Parallel-flow fan-powered VAV air terminals shall have automatic controls configured to:

1. Turn off the terminal fan except when space heating is required or where required for ventilation.

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2. Turn on the terminal fan as the first stage of heating before the heating coil is activated.

3. During heating for warmup or setback temperature control, either:

- 3.1. Operate the terminal fan and heating coil without primary air.
- 3.2. Reverse the terminal damper logic and provide heating from the central air handler by primary air.

C403.6.8 Setpoints for direct digital control. For systems with direct digital control of individual zones reporting to the central control panel, the static pressure setpoint shall be reset based on the zone requiring the most pressure. In such case, the setpoint is reset lower until one zone damper is nearly wide open. The direct digital controls shall be capable of monitoring zone damper positions or shall have an alternative method of indicating the need for static pressure that is configured to provide all of the following:

1. Automatic detection of any zone that excessively drives the reset logic.
2. Generation of an alarm to the system operational location.
3. Allowance for an operator to readily remove one or more zones from the reset algorithm.

C403.6.9 Static pressure sensor location. Static pressure sensors used to control VAV fans shall be located such that the controller setpoint is not greater than 1.2 inches w.c. (299 Pa). Where this results in one or more sensors being located downstream of major duct splits, not less than one sensor shall be located on each major branch to ensure that static pressure can be maintained in each branch.

C403.7 Ventilation and exhaust systems (Mandatory). In addition to other requirements of Section C403 applicable to the provision of ventilation air or the exhaust of air, ventilation and exhaust systems shall be in accordance with Sections C403.7.1 through C403.7.7.

C403.7.1 Demand control ventilation (Mandatory). Demand control ventilation (DCV) shall be provided for spaces larger than 500 square feet (46.5 m²) and with an average occupant load of 25 people or greater per 1,000 square feet (93 m²) of floor area, as established in Table 403.3.1.1 of the *International Mechanical Code*, and served by systems with one or more of the following:

1. An air-side economizer.
2. Automatic modulating control of the outdoor air damper.
3. A design outdoor airflow greater than 3,000 cfm (1416 L/s).

Exceptions:

1. Systems with energy recovery complying with Section C403.7.4.
2. Multiple-zone systems without direct digital control of individual zones communicating with a central control panel.
3. Systems with a design outdoor airflow less than 1,200 cfm (566 L/s).

4. Spaces where the supply airflow rate minus any makeup or outgoing transfer air requirement is less than 1,200 cfm (566 L/s).
5. Ventilation provided only for process loads.

C403.7.2 Enclosed parking garage ventilation controls (Mandatory). Enclosed parking garages used for storing or handling automobiles operating under their own power shall employ contamination-sensing devices and automatic controls configured to stage fans or modulate fan average airflow rates to 50 percent or less of design capacity, or intermittently operate fans less than 20 percent of the occupied time or as required to maintain acceptable contaminant levels in accordance with *International Mechanical Code* provisions. Failure of contamination-sensing devices shall cause the exhaust fans to operate continuously at design airflow.

Exceptions:

1. Garages with a total exhaust capacity less than 22,500 cfm (10 620 L/s) with ventilation systems that do not utilize heating or mechanical cooling.
2. Garages that have a garage area to ventilation system motor nameplate power ratio that exceeds 1125 cfm/hp (710 L/s/kW) and do not utilize heating or mechanical cooling.

C403.7.3 Ventilation air heating control (Mandatory). Units that provide ventilation air to multiple zones and operate in conjunction with zone heating and cooling systems shall not use heating or heat recovery to warm supply air to a temperature greater than 60°F (16°C) when representative building loads or outdoor air temperatures indicate that the majority of zones require cooling.

C403.7.4 Energy recovery ventilation systems (Mandatory). Where the supply airflow rate of a fan system exceeds the values specified in Table C403.7.4, the system shall include an energy recovery system. The energy recovery system shall be configured to provide a change in the enthalpy of the outdoor air supply of not less than 50 percent of the difference between the outdoor air and return air enthalpies, at design conditions. Where an air economizer is required, the energy recovery system shall include a bypass or controls that permit operation of the economizer as required by Section C403.5.

Exception: An energy recovery ventilation system shall not be required in any of the following conditions:

1. Where energy recovery systems are prohibited by the *International Mechanical Code*.
2. Laboratory fume hood systems that include not fewer than one of the following features:
 - 2.1. Variable-air-volume hood exhaust and room supply systems configured to reduce exhaust and makeup air volume to 50 percent or less of design values.
 - 2.2. Direct makeup (auxiliary) air supply equal to or greater than 75 percent of the exhaust rate, heated not warmer than 2°F (1.1°C) above room setpoint, cooled to

not cooler than 3°F (1.7°C) below room setpoint, with no humidification added, and no simultaneous heating and cooling used for dehumidification control.

3. Systems serving spaces that are heated to less than 60°F (15.5°C) and that are not cooled.
4. Where more than 60 percent of the outdoor heating energy is provided from site-recovered or site-solar energy.
5. Cooling energy recovery in *Climate Zones* 3C, 4C, 5B, 5C, 6B, 7 and 8.
6. Systems requiring dehumidification that employ energy recovery in series with the cooling coil.
7. Where the largest source of air exhausted at a single location at the building exterior is less than 75 percent of the design outdoor air flow rate.
8. Systems expected to operate less than 20 hours per week at the outdoor air percentage.
9. Systems exhausting toxic, flammable, paint or corrosive fumes or dust.
10. Commercial kitchen hoods used for collecting and removing grease vapors and smoke.

C403.7.5 Kitchen exhaust systems (Mandatory). Replacement air introduced directly into the exhaust hood cavity shall not be greater than 10 percent of the hood exhaust airflow rate. Conditioned supply air delivered to any space shall not exceed the greater of the following:

1. The ventilation rate required to meet the space heating or cooling load.
2. The hood exhaust flow minus the available transfer air from adjacent space where available transfer air is considered to be that portion of outdoor ventilation air not required to satisfy other exhaust needs, such as restrooms, and not required to maintain pressurization of adjacent spaces.

Where total kitchen hood exhaust airflow rate is greater than 5,000 cfm (2360 L/s), each hood shall be a factory-built commercial exhaust hood listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory in compliance with UL 710. Each hood shall have a maximum exhaust rate as specified in Table C403.7.5 and shall comply with one of the following:

1. Not less than 50 percent of all replacement air shall be transfer air that would otherwise be exhausted.
2. Demand ventilation systems on not less than 75 percent of the exhaust air that are configured to provide not less than a 50-percent reduction in exhaust and replacement air system airflow rates, including controls necessary to modulate airflow in response to appliance operation and to maintain full capture and containment of smoke, effluent and combustion products during cooking and idle.

3. Listed energy recovery devices with a sensible heat recovery effectiveness of not less than 40 percent on not less than 50 percent of the total exhaust airflow.

Where a single hood, or hood section, is installed over appliances with different duty ratings, the maximum allowable flow rate for the hood or hood section shall be based on the requirements for the highest appliance duty rating under the hood or hood section.

Exception: Where not less than 75 percent of all the replacement air is transfer air that would otherwise be exhausted.

C403.7.6 Automatic control of HVAC systems serving guestrooms (Mandatory). In *Group R-1* buildings containing more than 50 guestrooms, each guestroom shall be provided with controls complying with the provisions of Sections C403.7.6.1 and C403.7.6.2. Card key controls comply with these requirements.

C403.7.6.1 Temperature setpoint controls. Controls shall be provided on each HVAC system that are capable of and configured to automatically raise the cooling setpoint and lower the heating setpoint by not less than 4°F (2°C) from the occupant setpoint within 30 minutes after the occupants have left the guestroom. The controls shall be capable of and configured to automatically raise the cooling setpoint to not lower than 80°F (27°C) and lower the heating setpoint to not higher than 60°F (16°C) when the guestroom is unrented or has not been continuously occupied for more than 16 hours or a *networked guestroom control system* indicates that the guestroom is unrented and the guestroom is unoccupied for more than 30 minutes. A *networked guestroom control system* that is capable of returning the thermostat setpoints to default occupied setpoints 60 minutes prior to the time a guestroom is scheduled to be occupied is not precluded by this sec-

tion. Cooling that is capable of limiting relative humidity with a setpoint not lower than 65-percent relative humidity during unoccupied periods is not precluded by this section.

C403.7.6.2 Ventilation controls. Controls shall be provided on each HVAC system that are capable of and configured to automatically turn off the ventilation and exhaust fans within 30 minutes of the occupants leaving the guestroom, or *isolation devices* shall be provided to each guestroom that are capable of automatically shutting off the supply of outdoor air to and exhaust air from the guestroom.

Exception: Guestroom ventilation systems are not precluded from having an automatic daily pre-occupancy purge cycle that provides daily outdoor air ventilation during unrented periods at the design ventilation rate for 60 minutes, or at a rate and duration equivalent to one air change.

C403.7.7 Shutoff dampers (Mandatory). Outdoor air intake and exhaust openings and stairway and shaft vents shall be provided with Class I motorized dampers. The dampers shall have an air leakage rate not greater than 4 cfm/ft² (20.3 L/s • m²) of damper surface area at 1.0 inch water gauge (249 Pa) and shall be labeled by an approved agency when tested in accordance with AMCA 500D for such purpose.

Outdoor air intake and exhaust dampers shall be installed with automatic controls configured to close when the systems or spaces served are not in use or during unoccupied period warm-up and setback operation, unless the systems served require outdoor or exhaust air in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code* or the dampers are opened to provide intentional economizer cooling.

TABLE C403.7.4
ENERGY RECOVERY REQUIREMENT
(Ventilation systems operating not less than 8,000 hours per year)

CLIMATE ZONE	PERCENT (%) OUTDOOR AIR AT FULL DESIGN AIRFLOW RATE							
	≥ 10% and < 20%	≥ 20% and < 30%	≥ 30% and < 40%	≥ 40% and < 50%	≥ 50% and < 60%	≥ 60% and < 70%	≥ 70% and < 80%	≥ 80%
	Design Supply Fan Airflow Rate (cfm)							
5B	≥ 2,500	≥ 2,000	≥ 1,000	≥ 500	≥ 140	≥ 120	≥ 100	≥ 80

For SI: 1 cfm = 0.4719 L/s.

TABLE C403.7.5
MAXIMUM NET EXHAUST FLOW RATE,
CFM PER LINEAR FOOT OF HOOD LENGTH

TYPE OF HOOD	LIGHT-DUTY EQUIPMENT	MEDIUM-DUTY EQUIPMENT	HEAVY-DUTY EQUIPMENT	EXTRA-HEAVY-DUTY EQUIPMENT
Wall-mounted canopy	140	210	280	385
Single island	280	350	420	490
Double island (per side)	175	210	280	385
Eyebrow	175	175	NA	NA
Backshelf/Pass-over	210	210	280	NA

For SI: 1 cfm = 0.4719 L/s; 1 foot = 305 mm.

NA = Not Allowed.

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Stairway and shaft vent dampers shall be installed with automatic controls configured to open upon the activation of any fire alarm initiating device of the building's fire alarm system or the interruption of power to the damper.

Exception: Nonmotorized gravity dampers shall be an alternative to motorized dampers for exhaust and relief openings as follows:

1. In buildings less than three stories in height above grade plane.
2. Where the design exhaust capacity is not greater than 300 cfm (142 L/s).

Nonmotorized gravity dampers shall have an air leakage rate not greater than 20 cfm/ft² (101.6 L/s • m²) where not less than 24 inches (610 mm) in either dimension and 40 cfm/ft² (203.2 L/s • m²) where less than 24 inches (610 mm) in either dimension. The rate of air leakage shall be determined at 1.0 inch water gauge (249 Pa) when tested in accordance with AMCA 500D for such purpose. The dampers shall be labeled by an approved agency.

C403.8 Fans and fan controls. Fans in HVAC systems shall comply with Sections C403.8.1 through C403.8.5.1.

C403.8.1 Allowable fan horsepower (Mandatory). Each HVAC system having a total fan system motor nameplate horsepower exceeding 5 hp (3.7 kW) at fan system design conditions shall not exceed the allowable *fan system motor nameplate hp* (Option 1) or *fan system bhp* (Option 2) shown in Table C403.8.1(1). This includes supply fans, exhaust fans, return/relief fans, and fan-powered terminal units associated with systems providing heating or cooling capability. Single-zone variable air volume systems shall comply with the constant volume fan power limitation.

Exceptions:

1. Hospital, vivarium and laboratory systems that utilize flow control devices on exhaust or return to maintain space pressure relationships necessary for occupant health and safety or environmental control shall be permitted to use variable volume fan power limitation.
2. Individual exhaust fans with motor nameplate horsepower of 1 hp (0.746 kW) or less are exempt from the allowable fan horsepower requirement.

C403.8.2 Motor nameplate horsepower (Mandatory). For each fan, the fan brake horsepower shall be indicated on the construction documents and the selected motor shall be not larger than the first available motor size greater than the following:

1. For fans less than 6 bhp (4413 W), 1.5 times the fan brake horsepower.
2. For fans 6 bhp (4413 W) and larger, 1.3 times the fan brake horsepower.

3. Systems complying with Section C403.8.1 *fan system motor nameplate hp* (Option 1).

Exception: Fans with motor nameplate horsepower less than 1 hp (746 W) are exempt from this section.

C403.8.3 Fan efficiency (Mandatory). Fans shall have a fan efficiency grade (FEG) of not less than 67, as determined in accordance with AMCA 205 by an *approved*, independent testing laboratory and labeled by the manufacturer. The total efficiency of the fan at the design point of operation shall be within 15 percentage points of the maximum total efficiency of the fan.

Exception: The following fans are not required to have a fan efficiency grade:

1. Fans of 5 hp (3.7 kW) or less as follows:
 - 1.1. Individual fans with a motor nameplate horsepower of 5 hp (3.7 kW) or less, unless Exception 1.2 applies.
 - 1.2. Multiple fans in series or parallel that have a combined motor nameplate horsepower of 5 hp (3.7 kW) or less and are operated as the functional equivalent of a single fan.
2. Fans that are part of equipment covered in Section C403.3.2.
3. Fans included in an equipment package certified by an *approved agency* for air or energy performance.
4. Powered wall/roof ventilators.
5. Fans outside the scope of AMCA 205.
6. Fans that are intended to operate only during emergency conditions.

C403.8.4 Fractional hp fan motors (Mandatory). Motors for fans that are not less than $\frac{1}{12}$ hp (0.062 kW) and less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) shall be electronically commutated motors or shall have a minimum motor efficiency of 70 percent, rated in accordance with DOE 10 CFR 431. These motors shall have the means to adjust motor speed for either balancing or remote control. The use of belt-driven fans to sheave adjustments for airflow balancing instead of a varying motor speed shall be permitted.

Exceptions: The following motors are not required to comply with this section:

1. Motors in the airstream within fan coils and terminal units that only provide heating to the space served.
2. Motors in space-conditioning equipment that comply with Section C403.3.2 or Sections C403.8.1. through C403.8.3.
3. Motors that comply with Section C405.7.

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TABLE C403.8.1(1)
FAN POWER LIMITATION

	LIMIT	CONSTANT VOLUME	VARIABLE VOLUME
Option 1: Fan system motor nameplate hp	Allowable nameplate motor hp	$hp \leq CFM_s \times 0.0011$	$hp \leq CFM_s \times 0.0015$
Option 2: Fan system bhp	Allowable fan system bhp	$bhp \leq CFM_s \times 0.00094 + A$	$bhp \leq CFM_s \times 0.0013 + A$

For SI: 1 bhp = 735.5 W, 1 hp = 745.5 W, 1 cfm = 0.4719 L/s.

where:

CFM_s = The maximum design supply airflow rate to conditioned spaces served by the system in cubic feet per minute.

hp = The maximum combined motor nameplate horsepower.

bhp = The maximum combined fan brake horsepower.

A = Sum of $[PD \times CFM_d / 4131]$.

where:

PD = Each applicable pressure drop adjustment from Table C403.8.1(2) in. w.c.

CFM_d = The design airflow through each applicable device from Table C403.8.1(2) in cubic feet per minute.

TABLE C403.8.1(2)
FAN POWER LIMITATION PRESSURE DROP ADJUSTMENT

DEVICE	ADJUSTMENT
Credits	
Return air or exhaust systems required by code or accreditation standards to be fully ducted, or systems required to maintain air pressure differentials between adjacent rooms	0.5 inch w.c. (2.15 inches w.c. for laboratory and vivarium systems)
Return and exhaust airflow control devices	0.5 inch w.c.
Exhaust filters, scrubbers or other exhaust treatment	The pressure drop of device calculated at fan system design condition
Particulate filtration credit: MERV 9 thru 12	0.5 inch w.c.
Particulate filtration credit: MERV 13 thru 15	0.9 inch w.c.
Particulate filtration credit: MERV 16 and greater and electronically enhanced filters	Pressure drop calculated at 2x clean filter pressure drop at fan system design condition.
Carbon and other gas-phase air cleaners	Clean filter pressure drop at fan system design condition.
Biosafety cabinet	Pressure drop of device at fan system design condition.
Energy recovery device, other than coil runaround loop	For each airstream, $(2.2 \times \text{energy recovery effectiveness} - 0.5)$ inch w.c.
Coil runaround loop	0.6 inch w.c. for each airstream.
Evaporative humidifier/cooler in series with another cooling coil	Pressure drop of device at fan system design conditions.
Sound attenuation section (fans serving spaces with design background noise goals below NC35)	0.15 inch w.c.
Exhaust system serving fume hoods	0.35 inch w.c.
Laboratory and vivarium exhaust systems in high-rise buildings	0.25 inch w.c./100 feet of vertical duct exceeding 75 feet.
Deductions	
Systems without central cooling device	- 0.6 inch w.c.
Systems without central heating device	- 0.3 inch w.c.
Systems with central electric resistance heat	- 0.2 inch w.c.

For SI: 1 inch w.c. = 249 Pa, 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

w.c. = water column, NC = Noise criterion.

C403.8.5 Low-capacity ventilation fans. Mechanical ventilation system fans less than $\frac{1}{12}$ horsepower in capacity shall meet the efficacy requirements of Table C403.8.5.

Exceptions:

1. Where ventilation fans are a component of a listed heating or cooling appliance.
2. Dryer exhaust duct power ventilators, domestic range hoods and domestic range booster fans that operate intermittently.

**TABLE C403.8.5
MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEM FAN EFFICACY**

FAN LOCATION	AIR FLOW RATE MINIMUM (CFM)	MINIMUM EFFICACY (CFM/WATT)	AIR FLOW RATE MAXIMUM (CFM)
HRV or ERV	Any	1.2 cfm/watt	Any
In-line fan	Any	3.8 cfm/watt	Any
Bathroom, utility room	10	2.8 cfm/watt	< 90
Bathroom, utility room	90	3.5 cfm/watt	Any

C403.8.6 Fan control. Controls shall be provided for fans in accordance with Section C403.8.6.1 and as required for specific systems provided in Section C403.

C403.8.6.1 Fan airflow control. Each cooling system listed in Table C403.8.6.1 shall be designed to vary the indoor fan airflow as a function of load and shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Direct expansion (DX) and chilled water cooling units that control the capacity of the mechanical cooling directly based on space temperature shall have not fewer than two stages of fan control. Low or minimum speed shall not be greater than 66 percent of full speed. At low or minimum speed, the fan system shall draw not more than 40 percent of the fan power at full fan speed. Low or minimum speed shall be used during periods of low cooling load and ventilation-only operation.
2. Other units including DX cooling units and chilled water units that control the space temperature by modulating the airflow to the space shall have modulating fan control. Minimum speed shall be not greater than 50 percent of full speed. At minimum speed the fan system shall draw not more than 30 percent of the power at full fan speed. Low or minimum speed shall be used during periods of low cooling load and ventilation-only operation.
3. Units that include an air-side economizer in accordance with Section C403.5 shall have not fewer than two speeds of fan control during economizer operation.

Exceptions:

1. Modulating fan control is not required for chilled water and evaporative cooling units

with fan motors of less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) where the units are not used to provide *ventilation air* and the indoor fan cycles with the load.

2. Where the volume of outdoor air required to comply with the ventilation requirements of the *International Mechanical Code* at low speed exceeds the air that would be delivered at the speed defined in Section C403.8.6, the minimum speed shall be selected to provide the required *ventilation air*.

**TABLE C403.8.6.1
COOLING SYSTEMS**

COOLING SYSTEM TYPE	FAN MOTOR SIZE	MECHANICAL COOLING CAPACITY
DX cooling	Any	$\geq 65,000$ Btu/h
Chilled water and evaporative cooling	$\geq \frac{1}{4}$ hp	Any

For SI: 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W; 1 hp = 0.746 kW.

C403.9 Heat rejection equipment. Heat rejection equipment, including air-cooled condensers, dry coolers, open-circuit cooling towers, closed-circuit cooling towers and evaporative condensers, shall comply with this section.

Exception: Heat rejection devices where energy usage is included in the equipment efficiency ratings listed in Tables C403.3.2(6) and C403.3.2(7).

C403.9.1 Fan speed control. Each fan system powered by an individual motor or array of motors with connected power, including the motor service factor, totaling 5 hp (3.7 kW) or more shall have controls and devices configured to automatically modulate the fan speed to control the leaving fluid temperature or condensing temperature and pressure of the heat rejection device. Fan motor power input shall be not more than 30 percent of design wattage at 50 percent of the design airflow.

Exceptions:

1. Fans serving multiple refrigerant or fluid cooling circuits.
2. Condenser fans serving flooded condensers.

C403.9.2 Multiple-cell heat rejection equipment. Multiple-cell heat rejection equipment with variable speed fan drives shall be controlled to operate the maximum number of fans allowed that comply with the manufacturer's requirements for all system components and so that all fans operate at the same fan speed required for the instantaneous cooling duty, as opposed to staged on and off operation. The minimum fan speed shall be the minimum allowable speed of the fan drive system in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

C403.9.3 Limitation on centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers. Centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers with a combined rated capacity of 1,100 gpm (4164 L/m) or greater at 95°F (35°C) condenser water return, 85°F (29°C) condenser water supply, and 75°F (24°C) outdoor air wet-bulb temperature shall meet the energy efficiency

requirement for axial fan open-circuit cooling towers listed in Table C403.3.2(8).

Exception: Centrifugal open-circuit cooling towers that are designed with inlet or discharge ducts or require external sound attenuation.

C403.9.4 Tower flow turndown. Open-circuit cooling towers used on water-cooled chiller systems that are configured with multiple- or variable-speed condenser water pumps shall be designed so that all open-circuit cooling tower cells can be run in parallel with the larger of the flow that is produced by the smallest pump at its minimum expected flow rate or at 50 percent of the design flow for the cell.

C403.9.5 Heat recovery for service water heating. Condenser heat recovery shall be installed for heating or reheating of service hot water provided that the facility operates 24 hours a day, the total installed heat capacity of water-cooled systems exceeds 6,000,000 Btu/hr (1758 kW) of heat rejection, and the design service water heating load exceeds 1,000,000 Btu/h (293 kW).

The required heat recovery system shall have the capacity to provide the smaller of the following:

1. Sixty percent of the peak heat rejection load at design conditions.
2. The preheating required to raise the peak service hot water draw to 85°F (29°C).

Exceptions:

1. Facilities that employ condenser heat recovery for space heating or reheat purposes with a heat recovery design exceeding 30 percent of the peak water-cooled condenser load at design conditions.
2. Facilities that provide 60 percent of their service water heating from site solar or site recovered energy or from other sources.

C403.10 Refrigeration equipment performance. Refrigeration equipment shall have an energy use in kWh/day not greater than the values of Tables C403.10.1(1) and C403.10.1(2) when tested and rated in accordance with AHRI Standard 1200. The energy use shall be verified through certification under an approved certification program or, where a certification program does not exist, the energy use shall be supported by data furnished by the equipment manufacturer.

C403.10.1 Walk-in coolers, walk-in freezers, refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers (Mandatory). *Refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers* shall comply with this section. *Walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers* that are neither site assembled nor site constructed shall comply with the following:

1. Be equipped with automatic door-closers that firmly close walk-in doors that have been closed to within 1 inch (25 mm) of full closure.

Exception: Automatic closers are not required for doors more than 45 inches (1143 mm) in width or more than 7 feet (2134 mm) in height.

2. Doorways shall have strip doors, curtains, spring-hinged doors or other method of minimizing infiltration when doors are open.

3. *Walk-in coolers and refrigerated warehouse coolers* shall contain wall, ceiling, and door insulation of not less than R-25 and *walk-in freezers and refrigerated warehouse freezers* shall contain wall, ceiling and door insulation of not less than R-32.

Exception: Glazed portions of doors or structural members need not be insulated.

4. *Walk-in freezers* shall contain floor insulation of not less than R-28.
5. Transparent reach-in doors for *walk-in freezers* and windows in *walk-in freezer* doors shall be of triple-pane glass, either filled with inert gas or with heat-reflective treated glass.
6. Windows and transparent reach-in doors for *walk-in coolers* shall be of double-pane or triple-pane, inert gas-filled, heat-reflective treated glass.
7. Evaporator fan motors that are less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) and less than 460 volts shall use electronically commutated motors, brushless direct-current motors, or 3-phase motors.
8. Condenser fan motors that are less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) shall use electronically commutated motors, permanent split capacitor-type motors or 3-phase motors.
9. Where antisweat heaters without antisweat heater controls are provided, they shall have a total door rail, glass and frame heater power draw of not more than 7.1 W/ft² (76 W/m²) of door opening for *walk-in freezers* and 3.0 W/ft² (32 W/m²) of door opening for *walk-in coolers*.
10. Where antisweat heater controls are provided, they shall reduce the energy use of the antisweat heater as a function of the relative humidity in the air outside the door or to the condensation on the inner glass pane.
11. Lights in *walk-in coolers, walk-in freezers, refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers* shall either use light sources with an efficacy of not less than 40 lumens per watt, including ballast losses, or shall use light sources with an efficacy of not less than 40 lumens per watt, including ballast losses, in conjunction with a device that turns off the lights within 15 minutes when the space is not occupied.

C403.10.2 Walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers (Mandatory). Site-assembled or site-constructed *walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers* shall comply with the following:

1. Automatic door closers shall be provided that fully close walk-in doors that have been closed to within 1 inch (25 mm) of full closure.

Exception: Closers are not required for doors more than 45 inches (1143 mm) in width or more than 7 feet (2134 mm) in height.

2. Doorways shall be provided with strip doors, curtains, spring-hinged doors or other method of minimizing infiltration when the doors are open.
3. Walls shall be provided with insulation having a thermal resistance of not less than R-25, ceilings shall be provided with insulation having a thermal resistance of not less than R-25 and doors of *walk-in coolers* and *walk-in freezers* shall be provided with insulation having a thermal resistance of not less than R-32.

Exception: Insulation is not required for glazed portions of doors or at structural members associated with the walls, ceiling or door frame.

4. The floor of *walk-in freezers* shall be provided with insulation having a thermal resistance of not less than R-28.
 5. Transparent reach-in doors for and windows in opaque *walk-in freezer* doors shall be provided with triple-pane glass having the interstitial spaces filled with inert gas or provided with heat-reflective treated glass.
 6. Transparent reach-in doors for and windows in opaque *walk-in cooler* doors shall be double-pane heat-reflective treated glass having the interstitial space gas filled.
 7. Evaporator fan motors that are less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) and less than 460 volts shall be electronically commutated motors or 3-phase motors.
 8. Condenser fan motors that are less than 1 hp (0.746 kW) in capacity shall be of the electronically commutated or permanent split capacitor-type or shall be 3-phase motors.
- Exception:** Fan motors in *walk-in coolers* and *walk-in freezers* combined in a single enclosure greater than 3,000 square feet (279 m²) in floor area are exempt.
9. Antisweat heaters that are not provided with anti-sweat heater controls shall have a total door rail, glass and frame heater power draw not greater than 7.1 W/ft² (76 W/m²) of door opening for *walk-in freezers*, and not greater than 3.0 W/ft² (32 W/m²) of door opening for *walk-in coolers*.
 10. Antisweat heater controls shall be configured to reduce the energy use of the antisweat heater as a

function of the relative humidity in the air outside the door or to the condensation on the inner glass pane.

11. Light sources shall have an efficacy of not less than 40 lumens per Watt, including any ballast losses, or shall be provided with a device that automatically turns off the lights within 15 minutes of when the *walk-in cooler* or *walk-in freezer* was last occupied.

C403.10.2.1 Performance standards (Mandatory). Effective January 1, 2020, *walk-in coolers* and *walk-in freezers* shall meet the requirements of Tables C403.10.2.1(1), C403.10.2.1(2) and C403.10.2.1(3).

C403.10.3 Refrigerated display cases (Mandatory). Site-assembled or site-constructed refrigerated display cases shall comply with the following:

1. Lighting and glass doors in refrigerated display cases shall be controlled by one of the following:
 - 1.1. Time-switch controls to turn off lights during nonbusiness hours. Timed overrides for display cases shall turn the lights on for up to 1 hour and shall automatically time out to turn the lights off.
 - 1.2. Motion sensor controls on each display case section that reduce lighting power by not less than 50 percent within 3 minutes after the area within the sensor range is vacated.
2. Low-temperature display cases shall incorporate temperature-based defrost termination control with a time-limit default. The defrost cycle shall terminate first on an upper temperature limit breach and second upon a time limit breach.
3. Antisweat heater controls shall reduce the energy use of the antisweat heater as a function of the relative humidity in the air outside the door or to the condensation on the inner glass pane.

C403.10.4 Refrigeration systems. Refrigerated display cases, *walk-in coolers* or *walk-in freezers* that are served by remote compressors and remote condensers not located in a condensing unit, shall comply with Sections C403.10.4.1 and C403.10.4.2.

Exception: Systems where the working fluid in the refrigeration cycle goes through both subcritical and super-critical states (transcritical) or that use ammonia refrigerant are exempt.

TABLE C403.10.1(1)
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS: COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION

EQUIPMENT TYPE	APPLICATION	ENERGY USE LIMITS (kWh per day) ^a	TEST PROCEDURE
Refrigerator with solid doors	Holding Temperature	$0.10 \times V + 2.04$	AHRI 1200
Refrigerator with transparent doors		$0.12 \times V + 3.34$	
Freezers with solid doors		$0.40 \times V + 1.38$	
Freezers with transparent doors		$0.75 \times V + 4.10$	
Refrigerators/freezers with solid doors		the greater of $0.12 \times V + 3.34$ or 0.70	
Commercial refrigerators	Pulldown	$0.126 \times V + 3.51$	

a. V = volume of the chiller or frozen compartment as defined in AHAM-HRF-1.

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TABLE C403.10.1(2)
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS: COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS

EQUIPMENT TYPE				ENERGY USE LIMITS (kWh/day) ^{a, b}	TEST PROCEDURE
Equipment Class ^c	Family Code	Operating Mode	Rating Temperature		
VOP.RC.M	Vertical open	Remote condensing	Medium	$0.82 \times \text{TDA} + 4.07$	AHRI 1200
SVO.RC.M	Semivertical open	Remote condensing	Medium	$0.83 \times \text{TDA} + 3.18$	
HZO.RC.M	Horizontal open	Remote condensing	Medium	$0.35 \times \text{TDA} + 2.88$	
VOP.RC.L	Vertical open	Remote condensing	Low	$2.27 \times \text{TDA} + 6.85$	
HZO.RC.L	Horizontal open	Remote condensing	Low	$0.57 \times \text{TDA} + 6.88$	
VCT.RC.M	Vertical transparent door	Remote condensing	Medium	$0.22 \times \text{TDA} + 1.95$	
VCT.RC.L	Vertical transparent door	Remote condensing	Low	$0.56 \times \text{TDA} + 2.61$	
SOC.RC.M	Service over counter	Remote condensing	Medium	$0.51 \times \text{TDA} + 0.11$	
VOP.SC.M	Vertical open	Self-contained	Medium	$1.74 \times \text{TDA} + 4.71$	
SVO.SC.M	Semivertical open	Self-contained	Medium	$1.73 \times \text{TDA} + 4.59$	
HZO.SC.M	Horizontal open	Self-contained	Medium	$0.77 \times \text{TDA} + 5.55$	
HZO.SC.L	Horizontal open	Self-contained	Low	$1.92 \times \text{TDA} + 7.08$	
VCT.SC.I	Vertical transparent door	Self-contained	Ice cream	$0.67 \times \text{TDA} + 3.29$	
VCS.SC.I	Vertical solid door	Self-contained	Ice cream	$0.38 \times V + 0.88$	
HCT.SC.I	Horizontal transparent door	Self-contained	Ice cream	$0.56 \times \text{TDA} + 0.43$	
SVO.RC.L	Semivertical open	Remote condensing	Low	$2.27 \times \text{TDA} + 6.85$	
VOP.RC.I	Vertical open	Remote condensing	Ice cream	$2.89 \times \text{TDA} + 8.7$	
SVO.RC.I	Semivertical open	Remote condensing	Ice cream	$2.89 \times \text{TDA} + 8.7$	
HZO.RC.I	Horizontal open	Remote condensing	Ice cream	$0.72 \times \text{TDA} + 8.74$	
VCT.RC.I	Vertical transparent door	Remote condensing	Ice cream	$0.66 \times \text{TDA} + 3.05$	
HCT.RC.M	Horizontal transparent door	Remote condensing	Medium	$0.16 \times \text{TDA} + 0.13$	

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TABLE C403.10.1(2)—continued
MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS: COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS

EQUIPMENT TYPE				ENERGY USE LIMITS (kWh/day) ^{a, b}	TEST PROCEDURE
Equipment Class ^c	Family Code	Operating Mode	Rating Temperature		
HCT.RC.L	Horizontal transparent door	Remote condensing	Low	$0.34 \times TDA + 0.26$	AHRI 1200
HCT.RC.I	Horizontal transparent door	Remote condensing	Ice cream	$0.4 \times TDA + 0.31$	
VCS.RC.M	Vertical solid door	Remote condensing	Medium	$0.11 \times V + 0.26$	
VCS.RC.L	Vertical solid door	Remote condensing	Low	$0.23 \times V + 0.54$	
VCS.RC.I	Vertical solid door	Remote condensing	Ice cream	$0.27 \times V + 0.63$	
HCS.RC.M	Horizontal solid door	Remote condensing	Medium	$0.11 \times V + 0.26$	
HCS.RC.L	Horizontal solid door	Remote condensing	Low	$0.23 \times V + 0.54$	
HCS.RC.I	Horizontal solid door	Remote condensing	Ice cream	$0.27 \times V + 0.63$	
HCS.RC.I	Horizontal solid door	Remote condensing	Ice cream	$0.27 \times V + 0.63$	
SOC.RC.L	Service over counter	Remote condensing	Low	$1.08 \times TDA + 0.22$	
SOC.RC.I	Service over counter	Remote condensing	Ice cream	$1.26 \times TDA + 0.26$	
VOP.SC.L	Vertical open	Self-contained	Low	$4.37 \times TDA + 11.82$	
VOP.SC.I	Vertical open	Self-contained	Ice cream	$5.55 \times TDA + 15.02$	
SVO.SC.L	Semivertical open	Self-contained	Low	$4.34 \times TDA + 11.51$	
SVO.SC.I	Semivertical open	Self-contained	Ice cream	$5.52 \times TDA + 14.63$	
HZO.SC.I	Horizontal open	Self-contained	Ice cream	$2.44 \times TDA + 9.0$	
SOC.SC.I	Service over counter	Self-contained	Ice cream	$1.76 \times TDA + 0.36$	
HCS.SC.I	Horizontal solid door	Self-contained	Ice cream	$0.38 \times V + 0.88$	

a. V = Volume of the case, as measured in accordance with Appendix C of AHRI 1200.

b. TDA = Total display area of the case, as measured in accordance with Appendix D of AHRI 1200.

c. Equipment class designations consist of a combination [in sequential order separated by periods (AAA).(BB).(C)] of:

(AAA) An equipment family code where:

VOP = vertical open

SVO = semivertical open

HZO = horizontal open

HCT = horizontal transparent doors

HCS = horizontal solid doors

SOC = service over counter

(BB) An operating mode code:

RC = remote condensing

SC = self-contained

(C) A rating temperature code:

M = medium temperature (38°F)

L = low temperature (0°F)

I = ice-cream temperature (15°F)

For example, "VOP.RC.M" refers to the "vertical-open, remote-condensing, medium-temperature" equipment class.

TABLE C403.10.2.1(1)
WALK-IN COOLER AND FREEZER DISPLAY DOOR EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS^a

CLASS DESCRIPTOR	CLASS	MAXIMUM ENERGY CONSUMPTION (kWh/day) ^a
Display door, medium temperature	DD, M	$0.04 \times A_{dd} + 0.41$
Display door, low temperature	DD, L	$0.15 \times A_{dd} + 0.29$

a. A_{dd} is the surface area of the display door.

TABLE C403.10.2.1(2)
WALK-IN COOLER AND FREEZER NONDISPLAY DOOR EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS^a

CLASS DESCRIPTOR	CLASS	MAXIMUM ENERGY CONSUMPTION (kWh/day) ^a
Passage door, medium temperature	PD, M	$0.05 \times A_{nd} + 1.7$
Passage door, low temperature	PD, L	$0.14 \times A_{nd} + 4.8$
Freight door, medium temperature	FD, M	$0.04 \times A_{nd} + 1.9$
Freight door, low temperature	FD, L	$0.12 \times A_{nd} + 5.6$

a. A_{nd} is the surface area of the nondisplay door.

TABLE C403.10.2.1(3)
WALK-IN COOLER AND FREEZER REFRIGERATION SYSTEM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

CLASS DESCRIPTOR	CLASS	MINIMUM ANNUAL WALK-IN ENERGY FACTOR AWEF (Btu/W-h)
Dedicated condensing, medium temperature, indoor system	DC.M.I	5.61
Dedicated condensing, medium temperature, indoor system, > 9,000 Btu/h capacity	DC.M.I, > 9,000	5.61
Dedicated condensing, medium temperature, outdoor system	DC.M.I	7.60
Dedicated condensing, medium temperature, outdoor system, > 9,000 Btu/h capacity	DC.M.I, > 9,000	7.60

C403.10.4.1 Condensers serving refrigeration systems. Fan-powered condensers shall comply with the following:

1. The design *saturated condensing temperatures* for air-cooled condensers shall not exceed the design dry-bulb temperature plus 10°F (5.6°C) for *low-temperature refrigeration systems*, and the design dry-bulb temperature plus 15°F (8°C) for *medium temperature refrigeration systems* where the *saturated condensing temperature* for blend refrigerants shall be determined using the average of liquid and vapor temperatures as converted from the condenser drain pressure.
2. Condenser fan motors that are less than 1 hp (0.75 kW) shall use electronically commutated motors, permanent split-capacitor-type motors or 3-phase motors.
3. Condenser fans for air-cooled condensers, evaporatively cooled condensers, air- or water-cooled fluid coolers or cooling towers shall reduce fan motor demand to not more than 30 percent of design wattage at 50 percent of design air volume, and incorporate one of the following continuous variable speed fan control approaches:

- 3.1. Refrigeration system condenser control for air-cooled condensers shall use variable setpoint control logic to reset the condensing temperature setpoint in response to ambient dry-bulb temperature.

- 3.2. Refrigeration system condenser control for evaporatively cooled condensers shall use variable setpoint control logic to reset the condensing temperature setpoint in response to ambient wet-bulb temperature.

4. Multiple fan condensers shall be controlled in unison.
5. The minimum condensing temperature setpoint shall be not greater than 70°F (21°C).

C403.10.4.2 Compressor systems. Refrigeration compressor systems shall comply with the following:

1. Compressors and multiple-compressor system suction groups shall include control systems that use floating suction pressure control logic to reset the target suction pressure temperature based on the temperature requirements of the attached refrigeration display cases or walk-ins.

Exception: Controls are not required for the following:

1. Single-compressor systems that do not have variable capacity capability.
2. Suction groups that have a design saturated suction temperature of 30°F (-1.1°C) or higher, suction groups that comprise the high stage of a two-stage or cascade system, or suction groups that primarily serve chillers for secondary cooling fluids.

2. Liquid subcooling shall be provided for all low-temperature compressor systems with a design cooling capacity equal to or greater than 100,000 Btu/h (29.3 kW) with a design-saturated suction temperature of -10°F (-23°C) or lower. The sub-cooled liquid temperature shall be controlled at a maximum temperature setpoint of 50°F (10°C) at the exit of the subcooler using either compressor economizer (interstage) ports or a separate compressor suction group operating at a saturated suction temperature of 18°F (-7.8°C) or higher.

- 2.1. Insulation for liquid lines with a fluid operating temperature less than 60°F (15.6°C) shall comply with Table C403.11.3.

3. Compressors that incorporate internal or external crankcase heaters shall provide a means to cycle the heaters off during compressor operation.

C403.11 Construction of HVAC system elements (Mandatory). Ducts, plenums, piping and other elements that are part of an HVAC system shall be constructed and insulated in accordance with Sections C403.11.1 through C403.11.3.1.

C403.11.1 Duct and plenum insulation and sealing (Mandatory). Supply and return air ducts and plenums shall be insulated with not less than R-6 insulation where located in unconditioned spaces and where located outside the building with not less than R-12 insulation. Where located within a building envelope assembly, the duct or plenum shall be separated from the building exterior or unconditioned or exempt spaces by not less than R-12 insulation.

Exceptions:

1. Where located within equipment.
2. Where the design temperature difference between the interior and exterior of the duct or plenum is not greater than 15°F (8°C).

Ducts, air handlers and filter boxes shall be sealed. Joints and seams shall comply with Section 603.9 of the *International Mechanical Code*.

C403.11.2 Duct construction (Mandatory). Ductwork shall be constructed and erected in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

C403.11.2.1 Low-pressure duct systems (Mandatory). Longitudinal and transverse joints, seams and connections of supply and return ducts operating at a static pressure less than or equal to 2 inches water gauge (w.g.) (498 Pa) shall be securely fastened and sealed with welds, gaskets, mastics (adhesives), mastic-plus-embedded-fabric systems or tapes installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Pressure classifications specific to the duct system shall be clearly indicated on the construction documents in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

Exception: Locking-type longitudinal joints and seams, other than the snap-lock and button-lock types, need not be sealed as specified in this section.

C403.11.2.2 Medium-pressure duct systems (Mandatory). Ducts and plenums designed to operate at a static

pressure greater than 2 inches water gauge (w.g.) (498 Pa) but less than 3 inches w.g. (747 Pa) shall be insulated and sealed in accordance with Section C403.11.1. Pressure classifications specific to the duct system shall be clearly indicated on the construction documents in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code*.

C403.11.2.3 High-pressure duct systems (Mandatory). Ducts and plenums designed to operate at static pressures equal to or greater than 3 inches water gauge (747 Pa) shall be insulated and sealed in accordance with Section C403.11.1. In addition, ducts and plenums shall be leak tested in accordance with the SMACNA HVAC Air Duct Leakage Test Manual and shown to have a rate of air leakage (CL) less than or equal to 4.0 as determined in accordance with Equation 4-7.

$$CL = F/P^{0.65}$$

(Equation 4-7)

where:

F = The measured leakage rate in cfm per 100 square feet of duct surface.

P = The static pressure of the test.

Documentation shall be furnished by the designer demonstrating that representative sections totaling not less than 25 percent of the duct area have been tested and that all tested sections comply with the requirements of this section.

C403.11.3 Piping insulation (Mandatory). Piping serving as part of a heating or cooling system shall be thermally insulated in accordance with Table C403.11.3.

Exceptions:

1. Factory-installed piping within HVAC equipment tested and rated in accordance with a test procedure referenced by this code.
2. Factory-installed piping within room fan-coils and unit ventilators tested and rated according to AHRI 440 (except that the sampling and variation provisions of Section 6.5 shall not apply) and AHRI 840, respectively.
3. Piping that conveys fluids that have a design operating temperature range between 60°F (15°C) and 105°F (41°C).
4. Piping that conveys fluids that have not been heated or cooled through the use of fossil fuels or electric power.
5. Strainers, control valves, and balancing valves associated with piping 1 inch (25 mm) or less in diameter.
6. Direct buried piping that conveys fluids at or below 60°F (15°C).

C403.11.3.1 Protection of piping insulation (Mandatory). Piping insulation exposed to the weather shall be protected from damage, including that caused by sunlight, moisture, equipment maintenance and wind, and shall provide shielding from solar radiation that can cause degradation of the material. Adhesive tape shall not be permitted.

TABLE C403.11.3
MINIMUM PIPE INSULATION THICKNESS (in inches)^{a, c}

FLUID OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE AND USAGE (°F)	INSULATION CONDUCTIVITY		NOMINAL PIPE OR TUBE SIZE (inches)				
	Conductivity Btu • in./ (h • ft ² • °F) ^b	Mean Rating Temperature, °F	< 1	1 to < 1½	1½ to < 4	4 to < 8	≥ 8
> 350	0.32 – 0.34	250	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
251 – 350	0.29 – 0.32	200	3.0	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.5
201 – 250	0.27 – 0.30	150	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
141 – 200	0.25 – 0.29	125	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
105 – 140	0.21 – 0.28	100	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
40 – 60	0.21 – 0.27	75	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
< 40	0.20 – 0.26	50	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, °C = [(°F) - 32]/1.8.

a. For piping smaller than 1½ inches and located in partitions within conditioned spaces, reduction of these thicknesses by 1 inch shall be permitted (before thickness adjustment required in footnote b) but not to a thickness less than 1 inch.

b. For insulation outside the stated conductivity range, the minimum thickness (T) shall be determined as follows:

$$T = r [(1 + t/r)^{K/k} - 1]$$

where:

T = minimum insulation thickness,

r = actual outside radius of pipe,

t = insulation thickness listed in the table for applicable fluid temperature and pipe size,

K = conductivity of alternate material at mean rating temperature indicated for the applicable fluid temperature (Btu • in/h • ft² • °F) and

k = the upper value of the conductivity range listed in the table for the applicable fluid temperature.

c. For direct-buried heating and hot water system piping, reduction of these thicknesses by 1½ inches (38 mm) shall be permitted (before thickness adjustment required in footnote b) but not to thicknesses less than 1 inch.

C403.12 Mechanical systems located outside of the building thermal envelope (Mandatory). Mechanical systems providing heat outside of the thermal envelope of a building shall comply with Sections C403.12.1 through C403.12.3.

C403.12.1 Heating outside a building. Systems installed to provide heat outside a building shall be radiant systems.

Such heating systems shall be controlled by an occupancy sensing device or a timer switch, so that the system is automatically de-energized when occupants are not present.

C403.12.2 Snow- and ice-melt system controls. Snow- and ice-melting systems shall include automatic controls configured to shut off the system when the pavement temperature is above 50°F (10°C) and precipitation is not falling, and an automatic or manual control that is configured to shut off when the outdoor temperature is above 40°F (4°C).

C403.12.3 Freeze protection system controls. Freeze protection systems, such as heat tracing of outdoor piping and heat exchangers, including self-regulating heat tracing, shall include automatic controls configured to shut off the systems when outdoor air temperatures are above 40°F (4°C) or when the conditions of the protected fluid will prevent freezing.

SECTION C404

SERVICE WATER HEATING (MANDATORY)

C404.1 General. This section covers the minimum efficiency of, and controls for, service water-heating equipment and insulation of service hot water piping.

C404.2 Service water-heating equipment performance efficiency. Water-heating equipment and hot water storage tanks shall meet the requirements of Table C404.2. The efficiency shall be verified through data furnished by the manufacturer of the equipment or through certification under an *approved* certification program. Water-heating equipment intended to be used to provide space heating shall meet the applicable provisions of Table C404.2.

C404.2.1 High input service water-heating systems.

Gas-fired water-heating equipment installed in new buildings shall be in compliance with this section. Where a singular piece of water-heating equipment serves the entire building and the input rating of the equipment is 1,000,000 Btu/h (293 kW) or greater, such equipment shall have a thermal efficiency, *E_t*, of not less than 92 percent. Where multiple pieces of water-heating equipment serve the building and the combined input rating of the water-heating equipment is 1,000,000 Btu/h (293 kW) or greater, the combined input-capacity-weighted-average thermal efficiency, *E_t*, shall be not less than 90 percent.

Exceptions:

1. Where not less than 25 percent of the annual *service water-heating* requirement is provided by *on-site renewable energy* or site-recovered energy, the minimum thermal efficiency requirements of this section shall not apply.
2. The input rating of water heaters installed in individual dwelling units shall not be required to be included in the total input rating of *service water-heating* equipment for a building.

3. The input rating of water heaters with an input rating of not greater than 100,000 Btu/h (29.3 kW) shall not be required to be included in the total input rating of *service water-heating* equipment for a building.

C404.3 Heat traps for hot water storage tanks. Storage tank-type water heaters and hot water storage tanks that have vertical water pipes connecting to the inlet and outlet of the tank shall be provided with integral heat traps at those inlets and outlets or shall have pipe-configured heat traps in the piping connected to those inlets and outlets. Tank inlets and outlets associated with solar water-heating system circulation loops shall not be required to have heat traps.

C404.4 Insulation of piping. Piping from a water heater to the termination of the heated water fixture supply pipe shall be insulated in accordance with Table C403.11.3. On both the inlet and outlet piping of a storage water heater or heated water storage tank, the piping to a heat trap or the first 8 feet (2438 mm) of piping, whichever is less, shall be insulated. Piping that is heat traced shall be insulated in accordance with Table C403.11.3 or the heat trace manufacturer's instructions. Tubular pipe insulation shall be installed in accordance with the insulation manufacturer's instructions. Pipe insulation shall be continuous except where the piping passes through a framing member. The minimum insulation thickness requirements of this section shall not supersede any greater insulation thickness requirements necessary for the protection of piping from freezing temperatures or the protection of personnel against external surface temperatures on the insulation.

Exception: Tubular pipe insulation shall not be required on the following:

1. The tubing from the connection at the termination of the fixture supply piping to a plumbing fixture or plumbing appliance.
2. Valves, pumps, strainers and threaded unions in piping that is 1 inch (25 mm) or less in nominal diameter.
3. Piping from user-controlled shower and bath mixing valves to the water outlets.
4. Cold-water piping of a demand recirculation water system.
5. Tubing from a hot drinking-water heating unit to the water outlet.
6. Piping at locations where a vertical support of the piping is installed.
7. Piping surrounded by building insulation with a thermal resistance (*R*-value) of not less than R-3.

C404.5 Heated water supply piping. Heated water supply piping shall be in accordance with Section C404.5.1 or C404.5.2. The flow rate through $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch (6.4 mm) piping shall be not greater than 0.5 gpm (1.9 L/m). The flow rate through $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch (7.9 mm) piping shall be not greater than 1 gpm (3.8 L/m). The flow rate through $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch (9.5 mm) piping shall be not greater than 1.5 gpm (5.7 L/m).

C404.5.1 Maximum allowable pipe length method. The maximum allowable piping length from the nearest source of heated water to the termination of the fixture supply pipe shall be in accordance with the following. Where the piping contains more than one size of pipe, the largest size of pipe within the piping shall be used for determining the maximum allowable length of the piping in Table C404.5.1.

1. For a public lavatory faucet, use the "Public lavatory faucets" column in Table C404.5.1.
2. For all other plumbing fixtures and plumbing appliances, use the "Other fixtures and appliances" column in Table C404.5.1.

C404.5.2 Maximum allowable pipe volume method. The water volume in the piping shall be calculated in accordance with Section C404.5.2.1. Water heaters, circulating water systems and heat trace temperature maintenance systems shall be considered to be sources of heated water.

The volume from the nearest source of heated water to the termination of the fixture supply pipe shall be as follows:

1. For a public lavatory faucet: not more than 2 ounces (0.06 L).
2. For other plumbing fixtures or plumbing appliances; not more than 0.5 gallon (1.89 L).

C404.5.2.1 Water volume determination. The volume shall be the sum of the internal volumes of pipe, fittings, valves, meters and manifolds between the nearest source of heated water and the termination of the fixture supply pipe. The volume in the piping shall be determined from the "Volume" column in Table C404.5.1. The volume contained within fixture shutoff valves, within flexible water supply connectors to a fixture fitting and within a fixture fitting shall not be included in the water volume determination. Where heated water is supplied by a recirculating system or heat-traced piping, the volume shall include the portion of the fitting on the branch pipe that supplies water to the fixture.

C404.6 Heated-water circulating and temperature maintenance systems. Heated-water circulation systems shall be in accordance with Section C404.6.1. Heat trace temperature maintenance systems shall be in accordance with Section C404.6.2. Controls for hot water storage shall be in accordance with Section C404.6.3. Automatic controls, temperature sensors and pumps shall be in a location with *access*. Manual controls shall be in a location with *ready access*.

C404.6.1 Circulation systems. Heated-water circulation systems shall be provided with a circulation pump. The system return pipe shall be a dedicated return pipe or a cold water supply pipe. Gravity and thermo-syphon circulation systems shall be prohibited. Controls for circulating hot water system pumps shall start the pump based on the identification of a demand for hot water within the occupancy. The controls shall automatically turn off the pump when the water in the circulation loop is at the desired temperature and when there is not a demand for hot water.

TABLE C404.2
MINIMUM PERFORMANCE OF WATER-HEATING EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY (input)	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	PERFORMANCE REQUIRED ^{a, b}	TEST PROCEDURE
Water heaters, electric	≤ 12 kW ^d	Tabletop ^c , ≥ 20 gallons and ≤ 120 gallons	0.93 - 0.00132V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
		Resistance ≥ 20 gallons and ≤ 55 gallons	0.960 - 0.0003V, EF	
		Grid-enabled ^f > 75 gallons and ≤ 120 gallons	1.061 - 0.00168V, EF	
	> 12 kW	Resistance	(0.3 + 27/V _m), %/h	ANSI Z21.10.3
	≤ 24 amps and ≤ 250 volts	Heat pump > 55 gallons and ≤ 120 gallons	2.057 - 0.00113V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
Storage water heaters, gas	≤ 75,000 Btu/h	≥ 20 gallons and ≤ 55 gallons > 55 gallons and ≤ 100 gallons	0.675 - 0.0015V, EF 0.8012 - 0.00078V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
	> 75,000 Btu/h and ≤ 155,000 Btu/h	< 4,000 Btu/h/gal	80% E _t (Q/800 + 110√V)SL, Btu/h	ANSI Z21.10.3
	> 155,000 Btu/h	< 4,000 Btu/h/gal	80% E _t (Q/800 + 110√V)SL, Btu/h	
Instantaneous water heaters, gas	> 50,000 Btu/h and < 200,000 Btu/h ^c	≥ 4,000 Btu/h/gal and < 2 gal	0.82 - 0.0019V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
	≥ 200,000 Btu/h	≥ 4,000 Btu/h/gal and < 10 gal	80% E _t	ANSI Z21.10.3
	≥ 200,000 Btu/h	≥ 4,000 Btu/h/gal and ≥ 10 gal	80% E _t (Q/800 + 110√V)SL, Btu/h	
Storage water heaters, oil	≤ 105,000 Btu/h	≥ 20 gal and ≤ 50 gallons	0.68 - 0.0019V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
	≥ 105,000 Btu/h	< 4,000 Btu/h/gal	80% E _t (Q/800 + 110√V)SL, Btu/h	ANSI Z21.10.3
Instantaneous water heaters, oil	≤ 210,000 Btu/h	≥ 4,000 Btu/h/gal and < 2 gal	0.59 - 0.0019V, EF	DOE 10 CFR Part 430
	> 210,000 Btu/h	≥ 4,000 Btu/h/gal and < 10 gal	80% E _t	ANSI Z21.10.3
	> 210,000 Btu/h	≥ 4,000 Btu/h/gal and ≥ 10 gal	78% E _t (Q/800 + 110√V)SL, Btu/h	
Hot water supply boilers, gas and oil	≥ 300,000 Btu/h and < 12,500,000 Btu/h	≥ 4,000 Btu/h/gal and < 10 gal	80% E _t	ANSI Z21.10.3
Hot water supply boilers, gas	≥ 300,000 Btu/h and < 12,500,000 Btu/h	≥ 4,000 Btu/h/gal and ≥ 10 gal	80% E _t (Q/800 + 110√V)SL, Btu/h	
Hot water supply boilers, oil	> 300,000 Btu/h and < 12,500,000 Btu/h	> 4,000 Btu/h/gal and > 10 gal	78% E _t (Q/800 + 110√V)SL, Btu/h	
Pool heaters, gas and oil	All	—	82% E _t	ASHRAE 146

(continued)

TABLE C404.2—continued
MINIMUM PERFORMANCE OF WATER-HEATING EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT TYPE	SIZE CATEGORY (input)	SUBCATEGORY OR RATING CONDITION	PERFORMANCE REQUIRED ^{a, b}	TEST PROCEDURE
Heat pump pool heaters	All	—	4.0 COP	AHRI 1160
Unfired storage tanks	All	—	Minimum insulation requirement R-12.5 (h • ft ² • °F)/Btu	(none)

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 square foot = 0.0929 m², °C = [(°F) - 32]/1.8, 1 British thermal unit per hour = 0.2931 W, 1 gallon = 3.785 L, 1 British thermal unit per hour per gallon = 0.078 W/L.

- Energy factor (EF) and thermal efficiency (E_t) are minimum requirements. In the EF equation, V is the rated volume in gallons.
- Standby loss (SL) is the maximum Btu/h based on a nominal 70°F temperature difference between stored water and ambient requirements. In the SL equation, Q is the nameplate input rate in Btu/h. In the equations for electric water heaters, V is the rated volume in gallons and V_m is the measured volume in gallons. In the SL equation for oil and gas water heaters and boilers, V is the rated volume in gallons.
- Instantaneous water heaters with input rates below 200,000 Btu/h shall comply with these requirements where the water heater is designed to heat water to temperatures 180°F or higher.
- Electric water heaters with an input rating of 12 kW (40,950 Btu/h) or less that are designed to heat water to temperatures of 180°F or greater shall comply with the requirements for electric water heaters that have an input rating greater than 12 kW (40,950 Btu/h).
- A tabletop water heater is a water heater that is enclosed in a rectangular cabinet with a flat top surface not more than 3 feet in height.
- A grid-enabled water heater is an electric resistance water heater that meets all of the following:
 - Has a rated storage tank volume of more than 75 gallons.
 - Was manufactured on or after April 16, 2015.
 - Is equipped at the point of manufacture with an activation lock.
 - Bears a permanent label applied by the manufacturer that complies with all of the following:
 - Is made of material not adversely affected by water.
 - Is attached by means of nonwater-soluble adhesive.
 - Advises purchasers and end users of the intended and appropriate use of the product with the following notice printed in 16.5 point Arial Narrow Bold font: "IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This water heater is intended only for use as part of an electric thermal storage or demand response program. It will not provide adequate hot water unless enrolled in such a program and activated by your utility company or another program operator. Confirm the availability of a program in your local area before purchasing or installing this product."

TABLE C404.5.1
PIPING VOLUME AND MAXIMUM PIPING LENGTHS

NOMINAL PIPE SIZE (inches)	VOLUME (liquid ounces per foot length)	MAXIMUM PIPING LENGTH (feet)	
		Public lavatory faucets	Other fixtures and appliances
1/4	0.33	6	50
5/16	0.5	4	50
3/8	0.75	3	50
1/2	1.5	2	43
5/8	2	1	32
3/4	3	0.5	21
7/8	4	0.5	16
1	5	0.5	13
1 1/4	8	0.5	8
1 1/2	11	0.5	6
2 or larger	18	0.5	4

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 liquid ounce = 0.030 L, 1 gallon = 128 ounces.

C404.6.2 Heat trace systems. Electric heat trace systems shall comply with IEEE 515.1. Controls for such systems shall be able to automatically adjust the energy input to the heat tracing to maintain the desired water temperature in the piping in accordance with the times when heated water is used in the occupancy. Heat trace shall be arranged to be

turned off automatically when there is not a demand for hot water.

C404.6.3 Controls for hot water storage. The controls on pumps that circulate water between a water heater and a heated-water storage tank shall limit operation of the

pump from heating cycle startup to not greater than 5 minutes after the end of the cycle.

C404.7 Demand recirculation controls. Demand recirculation water systems shall have controls that comply with both of the following:

1. The controls shall start the pump upon receiving a signal from the action of a user of a fixture or appliance, sensing the presence of a user of a fixture or sensing the flow of hot or tempered water to a fixture fitting or appliance.
2. The controls shall limit the temperature of the water entering the cold-water piping to not greater than 104°F (40°C).

C404.8 Drain water heat recovery units. Drain water heat recovery units shall comply with CSA B55.2. Potable water-side pressure loss shall be less than 10 psi (69 kPa) at maximum design flow. For *Group R* occupancies, the efficiency of drain water heat recovery unit efficiency shall be in accordance with CSA B55.1.

C404.9 Energy consumption of pools and permanent spas (Mandatory). The energy consumption of pools and permanent spas shall be controlled by the requirements in Sections C404.9.1 through C404.9.3.

C404.9.1 Heaters. The electric power to all heaters shall be controlled by an on-off switch that is an integral part of the heater, mounted on the exterior of the heater, or external to and within 3 feet (914 mm) of the heater in a location with *ready access*. Operation of such switch shall not change the setting of the heater thermostat. Such switches shall be in addition to a circuit breaker for the power to the heater. Gas-fired heaters shall not be equipped with continuously burning ignition pilots.

C404.9.2 Time switches. Time switches or other control methods that can automatically turn off and on heaters and pump motors according to a preset schedule shall be installed for heaters and pump motors. Heaters and pump motors that have built-in time switches shall be in compliance with this section.

Exceptions:

1. Where public health standards require 24-hour pump operation.
2. Pumps that operate solar- and waste-heat-recovery pool heating systems.

C404.9.3 Covers. Outdoor heated pools and outdoor permanent spas shall be provided with a vapor-retardant cover or other *approved* vapor-retardant means.

Exception: Where more than 75 percent of the energy for heating, computed over an operating season of not fewer than 3 calendar months, is from site-recovered energy such as from a heat pump or on-site renewable energy system, covers or other vapor-retardant means shall not be required.

C404.10 Energy consumption of portable spas (Mandatory). The energy consumption of electric-powered portable spas shall be controlled by the requirements of APSP 14.

SECTION C405 ELECTRICAL POWER AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS

C405.1 General (Mandatory). This section covers lighting system controls, the maximum lighting power for interior and exterior applications and electrical energy consumption.

C405.1.1 Lighting for dwelling units. Not less than 90 percent of the luminaires in *dwelling units* shall be provided by lamps with an efficacy of not less than 65 lm/W or shall be luminaires with an efficacy of not less than 45 lm/W.

Exception: Lighting in accordance with Sections C405.2.4 and C405.3.

C405.1.2 Lighting for refrigerated applications. Lighting installed in walk-in coolers, walk-in freezers, refrigerated warehouse coolers and refrigerated warehouse freezers shall comply with the lighting requirements of Section C403.10.1 or C403.10.2.

C405.2 Lighting controls (Mandatory). Lighting systems shall be provided with controls that comply with one of the following.

1. Lighting controls as specified in Sections C405.2.1 through C405.2.6.
2. Luminaire level lighting controls (LLLC) and lighting controls as specified in Sections C405.2.1, C405.2.4 and C405.2.5. The LLLC luminaire shall be independently capable of:
 - 2.1. Monitoring occupant activity to brighten or dim lighting when occupied or unoccupied, respectively.
 - 2.2. Monitoring ambient light, both electric light and daylight, and brighten or dim artificial light to maintain desired light level.
 - 2.3. For each control strategy, configuration and reconfiguration of performance parameters including; bright and dim setpoints, timeouts, dimming fade rates, sensor sensitivity adjustments, and wireless zoning configurations.

Exceptions: Lighting controls are not required for the following:

1. Areas designated as security or emergency areas that are required to be continuously lighted.
2. Interior exit stairways, interior exit ramps and exit passageways.
3. Emergency egress lighting that is normally off.

C405.2.1 Occupant sensor controls. Occupant *sensor controls* shall be installed to control lights in the following space types:

1. Classrooms/lecture/training rooms.
2. Conference/meeting/multipurpose rooms.
3. Copy/print rooms.
4. Lounges/breakrooms.
5. Enclosed offices.
6. Open plan office areas.
7. Restrooms.
8. Storage rooms.

9. Locker rooms.
10. Other spaces 300 square feet (28 m²) or less that are enclosed by floor-to-ceiling height partitions.
11. Warehouse storage areas.

C405.2.1.1 Occupant sensor control function. Occupant sensor controls in warehouses shall comply with Section C405.2.1.2. Occupant sensor controls in open plan office areas shall comply with Section C405.2.1.3. Occupant sensor controls for all other spaces specified in Section C405.2.1 shall comply with the following:

1. They shall automatically turn off lights within 20 minutes after all occupants have left the space.
2. They shall be manual on or controlled to automatically turn on the lighting to not more than 50-percent power.

Exception: Full automatic-on controls shall be permitted to control lighting in public corridors, stairways, restrooms, primary building entrance areas and lobbies, and areas where manual-on operation would endanger the safety or security of the room or building occupants.

3. They shall incorporate a manual control to allow occupants to turn off lights.

C405.2.1.2 Occupant sensor control function in warehouses. In warehouses, the lighting in aiseways and open areas shall be controlled with occupant sensors that automatically reduce lighting power by not less than 50 percent when the areas are unoccupied. The occupant sensors shall control lighting in each aisleway independently and shall not control lighting beyond the aisleway being controlled by the sensor.

C405.2.1.3 Occupant sensor control function in open plan office areas. Occupant sensor controls in open plan office spaces less than 300 square feet (28 m²) in area shall comply with Section C405.2.1.1. Occupant sensor controls in all other open plan office spaces shall comply with all of the following:

1. The controls shall be configured so that general lighting can be controlled separately in control zones with floor areas not greater than 600 square feet (55 m²) within the open plan office space.
2. The controls shall automatically turn off general lighting in all control zones within 20 minutes after all occupants have left the open plan office space.
3. The controls shall be configured so that general lighting power in each control zone is reduced by not less than 80 percent of the full zone general lighting power in a reasonably uniform illumination pattern within 20 minutes of all occupants leaving that control zone. Control functions that switch control zone lights completely off when the zone is vacant meet this requirement.
4. The controls shall be configured such that any daylight responsive control will activate open plan office space general lighting or control zone general lighting only when occupancy for the same area is detected.

C405.2.2 Time-switch controls. Each area of the building that is not provided with *occupant sensor controls* complying with Section C405.2.1.1 shall be provided with *time-switch controls* complying with Section C405.2.2.1.

Exception: Where a *manual control* provides light reduction in accordance with Section C405.2.2.2, *time-switch controls* shall not be required for the following:

1. Spaces where patient care is directly provided.
2. Spaces where an automatic shutoff would endanger occupant safety or security.
3. Lighting intended for continuous operation.
4. Shop and laboratory classrooms.

C405.2.2.1 Time-switch control function. Each space provided with *time-switch controls* shall be provided with a *manual control* for light reduction in accordance with Section C405.2.2.2. Time-switch controls shall include an override switching device that complies with the following:

1. Have a minimum 7-day clock.
2. Be capable of being set for seven different day types per week.
3. Incorporate an automatic holiday "shutoff" feature, which turns off all controlled lighting loads for not fewer than 24 hours and then resumes normally scheduled operations.
4. Have program backup capabilities, which prevent the loss of program and time settings for not fewer than 10 hours, if power is interrupted.
5. Include an override switch that complies with the following:
 - 5.1. The override switch shall be a manual control.
 - 5.2. The override switch, when initiated, shall permit the controlled lighting to remain on for not more than 2 hours.
 - 5.3. Any individual override switch shall control the lighting for an area not larger than 5,000 square feet (465 m²).

Exceptions:

1. Within mall concourses, auditoriums, sales areas, manufacturing facilities and sports arenas:
 - 1.1. The time limit shall be permitted to be greater than 2 hours, provided that the switch is a captive key device.
 - 1.2. The area controlled by the override switch shall not be limited to 5,000 square feet (465 m²) provided that such area is less than 20,000 square feet (1860 m²).
2. Where provided with *manual control*, the following areas are not required to have light reduction control:
 - 2.1. Spaces that have only one luminaire with a rated power of less than 100 watts.

2.2. Spaces that use less than 0.6 watts per square foot (6.5 W/m²).

2.3. Corridors, lobbies, electrical rooms and or mechanical rooms.

C405.2.2.2 Light-reduction controls. Spaces required to have light-reduction controls shall have a *manual control* that allows the occupant to reduce the connected lighting load in a reasonably uniform illumination pattern by not less than 50 percent. Lighting reduction shall be achieved by one of the following or another *approved* method:

1. Controlling all lamps or luminaires.
2. Dual switching of alternate rows of luminaires, alternate luminaires or alternate lamps.
3. Switching the middle lamp luminaires independently of the outer lamps.
4. Switching each luminaire or each lamp.

Exception: Light reduction controls are not required in *daylight zones* with *daylight responsive controls* complying with Section C405.2.3.

C405.2.3 Daylight-responsive controls. *Daylight-responsive controls* complying with Section C405.2.3.1 shall be provided to control the electric lights within *daylight zones* in the following spaces:

1. Spaces with a total of more than 150 watts of *general lighting* within sidelit zones complying with Section C405.2.3.2 *General lighting* does not include lighting that is required to have specific application control in accordance with Section C405.2.4.
2. Spaces with a total of more than 150 watts of *general lighting* within toplit zones complying with Section C405.2.3.3.

Exceptions: Daylight responsive controls are not required for the following:

1. Spaces in health care facilities where patient care is directly provided.
2. Lighting that is required to have specific application control in accordance with Section C405.2.4.
3. Sidelit zones on the first floor above grade in Group A-2 and Group M occupancies.
4. New buildings where the total connected lighting power calculated in accordance with Section C405.3.1 is not greater than the adjusted interior lighting power allowance (LPA_{adj}) calculated in accordance with Equation 4-8:

$$LPA_{adj} = [LPA_{norm} \times (1.0 - 0.4 \times UDZFA / TBFA)]$$

(Equation 4-8)

where:

LPA_{adj} = Adjusted building interior lighting power allowance in watts.

LPA_{norm} = Normal building lighting power allowance in watts calculated in accordance with Section C405.3.2.

$UDZFA$ = Uncontrolled daylight zone floor area is the sum of all sidelit and toplit zones, calculated in accordance with Sections C405.2.3.2 and C405.2.3.3, that do not have daylight responsive controls.

$TBFA$ = Total building floor area is the sum of all floor areas included in the lighting power allowance calculation in Section C405.3.2.

C405.2.3.1 Daylight-responsive control function.

Where required, *daylight-responsive controls* shall be provided within each space for control of lights in that space and shall comply with all of the following:

1. Lights in *toplit* zones in accordance with Section C405.2.3.3 shall be controlled independently of lights in sidelit zones in accordance with Section C405.2.3.2.
2. *Daylight responsive controls* within each space shall be configured so that they can be calibrated from within that space by authorized personnel.
3. Calibration mechanisms shall be in a location with *ready access*.
4. Where located in offices, classrooms, laboratories and library reading rooms, *daylight responsive controls* shall dim lights continuously from full light output to 15 percent of full light output or lower.
5. *Daylight responsive controls* shall be configured to completely shut off all controlled lights.
6. Lights in *sidelit zones* in accordance with Section C405.2.3.2 facing different cardinal orientations [within 45 degrees (0.79 rad) of due north, east, south, west] shall be controlled independently of each other.

Exception: Up to 150 watts of lighting in each space is permitted to be controlled together with lighting in a daylight zone facing a different cardinal orientation.

C405.2.3.2 Sidelit zone. The sidelit zone is the floor area adjacent to vertical *fenestration* that complies with all of the following:

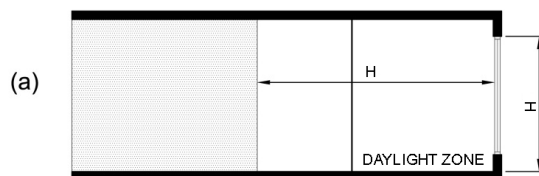
1. Where the fenestration is located in a wall, the sidelit zone shall extend laterally to the nearest full-height wall, or up to 1.0 times the height from the floor to the top of the fenestration, and longitudinally from the edge of the fenestration to the nearest full-height wall, or up to 2 feet (610 mm), whichever is less, as indicated in Figure C405.2.3.2.
2. The area of the fenestration is not less than 24 square feet (2.23 m²).
3. The distance from the fenestration to any building or geological formation that would block *access* to daylight is greater than the height from the bottom of the fenestration to the top of the building or geologic formation.
4. The visible transmittance of the fenestration is not less than 0.20.

C405.2.3.3 Toplit zone. The *toplit* zone is the floor area underneath a roof fenestration assembly that complies with all of the following:

1. The *toplit* zone shall extend laterally and longitudinally beyond the edge of the roof fenestration assembly to the nearest obstruction that is taller than 0.7 times the ceiling height, or up to 0.7 times the ceiling height, whichever is less, as indicated in Figure C405.2.3.3(1).
2. Where the fenestration is located in a rooftop monitor, the toplit zone shall extend laterally to the nearest obstruction that is taller than 0.7 times the ceiling height, or up to 1.0 times the height from the floor to the bottom of the fenestration, whichever is less, and longitudinally from the edge of the fenestration to the nearest obstruction that is taller than 0.7 times the ceiling height, or up to 0.25 times the height from the floor to the bottom of the fenestration, whichever is less, as indicated in Figures C405.2.3.3(2) and C405.2.3.3(3).
3. Direct sunlight is not blocked from hitting the roof fenestration assembly at the peak solar angle on the summer solstice by buildings or geological formations.
4. The product of the visible transmittance of the roof fenestration assembly and the area of the rough opening of the roof fenestration assembly divided by the area of the *toplit* zone is not less than 0.008.

C405.2.4 Specific application controls. Specific application controls shall be provided for the following:

1. The following lighting shall be controlled by an occupant sensor complying with Section C405.2.1.1 or a time-switch control complying with Section C405.2.2.1. In addition, a manual control shall be provided to control such lighting separately from the general lighting in the space:
 - 1.1. Display and accent.
 - 1.2. Lighting in display cases.



(a) Section view
(b) Plan view of daylight zone under a rooftop monitor

- 1.3. Supplemental task lighting, including permanently installed under-shelf or under-cabinet lighting.
- 1.4. Lighting equipment that is for sale or demonstration in lighting education.
2. *Sleeping units* shall have control devices or systems that are configured to automatically switch off all permanently installed luminaires and switched receptacles within 20 minutes after all occupants have left the unit.

Exceptions:

1. Lighting and switched receptacles controlled by card key controls.
2. Spaces where patient care is directly provided.
3. Permanently installed luminaires within *dwelling units* shall be provided with controls complying with Section C405.2.1.1 or C405.2.2.2.
4. Lighting for nonvisual applications, such as plant growth and food warming, shall be controlled by a time switch control complying with Section C405.2.2.1 that is independent of the controls for other lighting within the room or space.

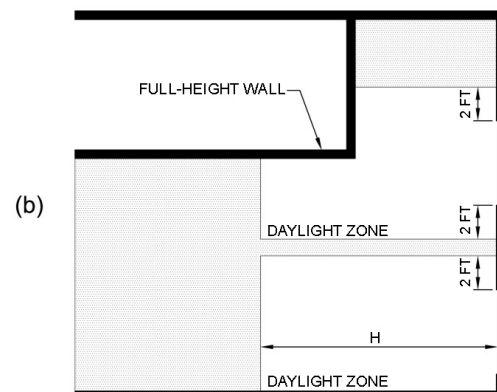
C405.2.5 Manual controls. Where required by this code, manual controls for lights shall comply with the following:

1. They shall be in a location with *ready access* to occupants.
2. They shall be located where the controlled lights are visible, or shall identify the area served by the lights and indicate their status.

C405.2.6 Exterior lighting controls. Exterior lighting systems shall be provided with controls that comply with Sections C405.2.6.1 through C405.2.6.4. Decorative lighting systems shall comply with Sections C405.2.6.1, C405.2.6.2 and C405.2.6.4.

Exceptions:

1. Lighting for covered vehicle entrances and exits from buildings and parking structures where required for eye adaptation.
2. Lighting controlled from within dwelling units.



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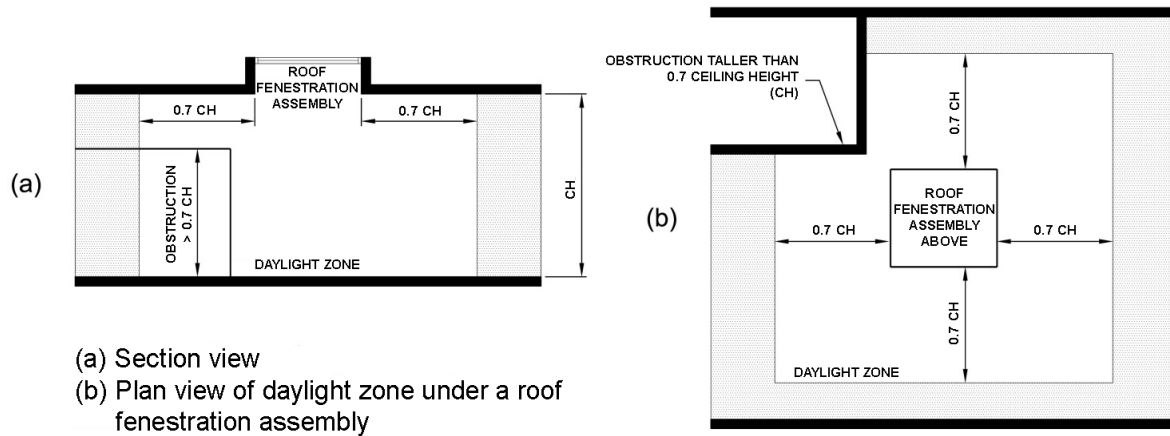


FIGURE C405.2.3.3(1)
TOPLIT ZONE

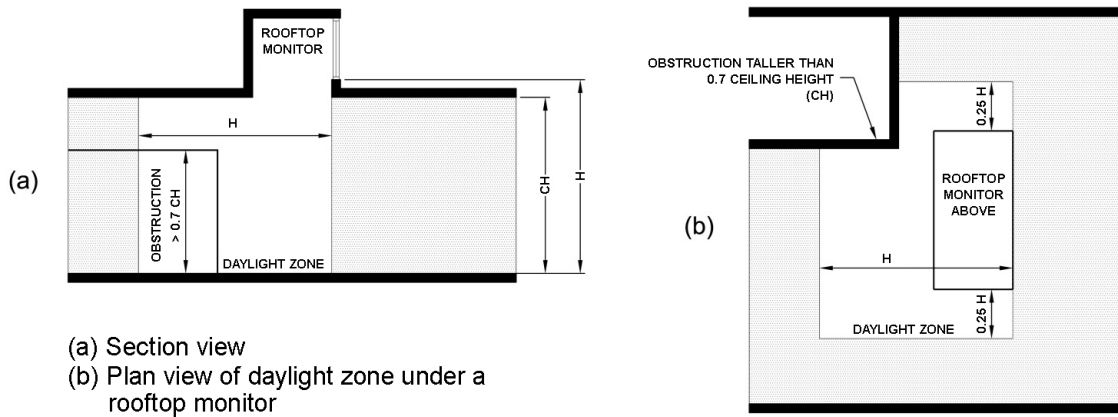


FIGURE C405.2.3.3(2)
DAYLIGHT ZONE UNDER A ROOFTOP MONITOR

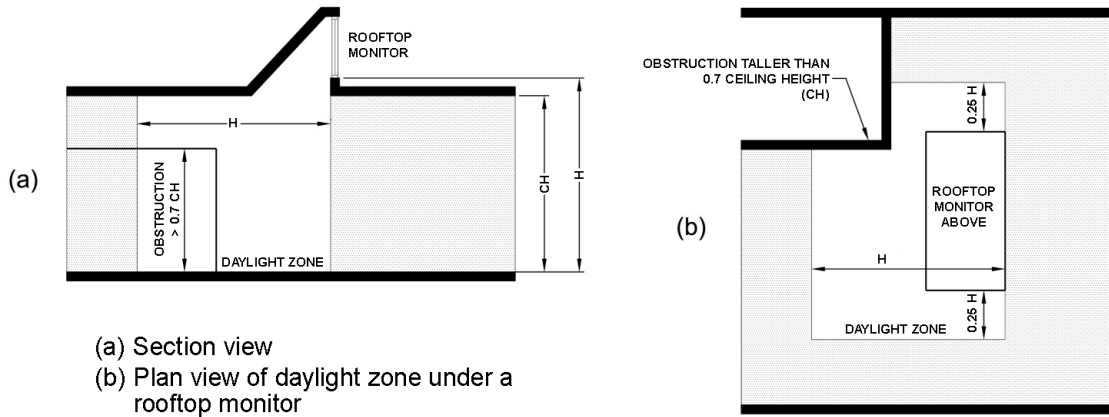


FIGURE C405.2.3.3(3)
DAYLIGHT ZONE UNDER A SLOPED ROOFTOP MONITOR

C405.2.6.1 Daylight shutoff. Lights shall be automatically turned off when daylight is present and satisfies the lighting needs.

C405.2.6.2 Decorative lighting shutoff. Building façade and landscape lighting shall automatically shut off from not later than 1 hour after business closing to not earlier than 1 hour before business opening.

C405.2.6.3 Lighting setback. Lighting that is not controlled in accordance with Section C405.2.6.2 shall be controlled so that the total wattage of such lighting is automatically reduced by not less than 30 percent by selectively switching off or dimming luminaires at one of the following times:

1. From not later than midnight to not earlier than 6 a.m.
2. From not later than one hour after business closing to not earlier than one hour before business opening.
3. During any time where activity has not been detected for 15 minutes or more.

C405.2.6.4 Exterior time-switch control function. Time-switch controls for exterior lighting shall comply with the following:

1. They shall have a clock capable of being programmed for not fewer than 7 days.
2. They shall be capable of being set for seven different day types per week.
3. They shall incorporate an automatic holiday setback feature.
4. They shall have program backup capabilities that prevent the loss of program and time settings for a period of not less than 10 hours in the event that power is interrupted.

C405.2.7 Parking garage lighting control. Lighting for parking garages shall comply with the following:

1. Parking garage lighting shall have an automatic time-switch shutoff in accordance with Section C405.2.2.1.
2. Lighting power of each luminaire shall be automatically reduced by not less than 60 percent when there is no activity detected within a lighting zone for 20 minutes. Lighting zones for this requirement shall be not greater than 3,600 square feet.
3. Where lighting for eye adaptation is provided at covered vehicle entrances and exits from buildings and parking structures, such lighting shall be separately controlled by a device that automatically reduces lighting power by at least 50 percent from sunset to sunrise.
4. The power to luminaires within 30 feet of perimeter wall openings or fenestration shall automatically reduce in response to daylight by at least 50 percent.

Exceptions:

1. Where the opening or fenestration-to-wall-ratio is less than 40 percent as viewed from the interior

and encompasses the vertical distance from the driving surface to the lowest structural element.

2. Where the distance from the opening or fenestration to any exterior daylight blocking obstruction is less than one-half the height from the bottom of the opening or fenestration to the top of the obstruction.
3. Where openings are obstructed by permanent screens or architectural elements restricting daylight entering the interior space.

C405.3 Interior lighting power requirements (Prescriptive). A building complies with this section where its total connected interior lighting power calculated under Section C405.3.1 is not greater than the interior lighting power allowance calculated under Section C405.3.2.

C405.3.1 Total connected interior lighting power. The total connected interior lighting power shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-9.

$$TCLP = [LVL + BLL + LED + TRK + \text{Other}] \quad \text{(Equation 4-9)}$$

where:

TCLP = Total connected lighting power (watts).

LVL = For luminaires with lamps connected directly to building power, such as line voltage lamps, the rated wattage of the lamp.

BLL = For luminaires incorporating a ballast or transformer, the rated input wattage of the ballast or transformer when operating that lamp.

LED = For light-emitting diode luminaires with either integral or remote drivers, the rated wattage of the luminaire.

TRK = For lighting track, cable conductor, rail conductor, and plug-in busway systems that allow the addition and relocation of luminaires without rewiring, the wattage shall be one of the following:

1. The specified wattage of the luminaires, but not less than 8 W per linear foot (25 W/lin m).
2. The wattage limit of the permanent current-limiting devices protecting the system.
3. The wattage limit of the transformer supplying the system.

Other = The wattage of all other luminaires and lighting sources not covered previously and associated with interior lighting verified by data supplied by the manufacturer or other *approved* sources.

The connected power associated with the following lighting equipment and applications is not included in calculating total connected lighting power.

1. Television broadcast lighting for playing areas in sports arenas.
2. Emergency lighting automatically off during normal building operation.
3. Lighting in spaces specifically designed for use by occupants with special lighting needs, including those with visual impairment and other medical and age-related issues.

4. Casino gaming areas.
5. Mirror lighting in dressing rooms.
6. Task lighting for medical and dental purposes that is in addition to general lighting and controlled by an independent control device.
7. Display lighting for exhibits in galleries, museums and monuments that is in addition to general lighting and controlled by an independent control device.
8. Lighting for theatrical purposes, including performance, stage, film production and video production.
9. Lighting for photographic processes.
10. Lighting integral to equipment or instrumentation and installed by the manufacturer.
11. Task lighting for plant growth or maintenance.
12. Advertising signage or directional signage.
13. Lighting for food warming.
14. Lighting equipment that is for sale.
15. Lighting demonstration equipment in lighting education facilities.
16. Lighting approved because of safety considerations.
17. Lighting in retail display windows, provided that the display area is enclosed by ceiling-height partitions.
18. Furniture-mounted supplemental task lighting that is controlled by automatic shutoff.
19. Exit signs.

C405.3.2 Interior lighting power allowance. The total interior lighting power allowance (watts) is determined according to Table C405.3.2(1) using the Building Area Method, or Table C405.3.2(2) using the Space-by-Space Method, for all areas of the building covered in this permit.

C405.3.2.1 Building Area Method. For the Building Area Method, the interior lighting power allowance is the floor area for each building area type listed in Table C405.3.2(1) times the value from Table C405.3.2(1) for that area. For the purposes of this method, an “area” shall be defined as all contiguous spaces that accommodate or are associated with a single building area type, as listed in Table C405.3.2(1). Where this method is used to calculate the total interior lighting power for an entire building, each building area type shall be treated as a separate area.

C405.3.2.2 Space-by-Space Method. For the Space-by-Space Method, the interior lighting power allowance is determined by multiplying the floor area of each space times the value for the space type in Table C405.3.2(2) that most closely represents the proposed use of the space, and then summing the lighting power allowances for all spaces. Tradeoffs among spaces are permitted.

TABLE C405.3.2(1)
INTERIOR LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES:
BUILDING AREA METHOD

BUILDING AREA TYPE	LPD (w/ft ²)
Automotive facility	0.64
Convention center	0.64
Courthouse	0.74
Dining: bar lounge/leisure	0.69
Dining: cafeteria/fast food	0.66
Dining: family	0.61
Dormitory ^{a, b}	0.52
Exercise center	0.65
Fire station ^a	0.50
Gymnasium	0.65
Health care clinic	0.68
Hospital ^a	0.86
Hotel/Motel ^{a, b}	0.56
Library	0.70
Manufacturing facility	0.60
Motion picture theater	0.44
Multifamily ^c	0.45
Museum	0.55
Office	0.64
Parking garage	0.12
Penitentiary	0.67
Performing arts theater	0.85
Police station	0.66
Post office	0.62
Religious building	0.67
Retail	0.84
School/university	0.65
Sports arena	0.75
Town hall	0.69
Transportation	0.51
Warehouse	0.41
Workshop	0.83

- a. Where sleeping units are excluded from lighting power calculations, neither the area of the sleeping units nor the wattage of lighting in the sleeping units is counted.
- b. Where dwelling units are excluded from lighting power calculations, neither the area of the dwelling units nor the wattage of lighting in the dwelling units is counted.
- c. Where dwelling units are excluded from lighting power calculations by application of Section C405.1.1, neither the area of the dwelling units nor the wattage of lighting in the dwelling units shall be counted. Where dwelling units are included in the lighting power calculations, only the area served by hardwired lighting shall be included.

TABLE C405.3.2(2)
INTERIOR LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES:
SPACE-BY-SPACE METHOD

COMMON SPACE TYPES ^a	LPD (watts/sq ft)
Atrium	
Less than 40 feet in height	0.48
Greater than 40 feet in height	0.60
Audience seating area	
In an auditorium	0.61
In a convention center	0.65
In a gymnasium	0.23
In a motion picture theater	0.27
In a penitentiary	0.67
In a performing arts theater	1.16
In a religious building	0.72
In a sports arena	0.33
Otherwise	0.23
Banking activity area	0.61
Breakroom (See Lounge/breakroom)	
Classroom/lecture hall/training room	
In a penitentiary	0.89
Otherwise	0.71
Computer room	0.94
Conference/meeting/multipurpose room	0.93
Confinement cells	0.52
Copy/print room	0.50
Corridor	
In a facility for the visually impaired (and not used primarily by the staff) ^b	0.71
In a hospital	0.71
In a manufacturing facility	0.28
In a primary or secondary school (and not used primarily by the staff)	0.74
Otherwise	0.41
Courtroom	1.06
Dining area	
In bar/lounge or leisure dining	0.62
In cafeteria or fast food dining	0.40
In a facility for the visually impaired (and not used primarily by the staff) ^b	1.27
In family dining	0.54
In a penitentiary	0.42
Otherwise	0.43
Dwelling unit	0.43
Electrical/mechanical room	0.39
Emergency vehicle garage	0.41

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TABLE C405.3.2(2)—continued
INTERIOR LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES:
SPACE-BY-SPACE METHOD

COMMON SPACE TYPES ^a	LPD (watts/sq ft)
Food preparation area	0.92
Guestroom ^{c, d}	0.41
Laboratory	
In or as a classroom	1.04
Otherwise	1.32
Laundry/washing area	0.43
Loading dock, interior	0.51
Lobby	
For an elevator	0.52
In a facility for the visually impaired (and not used primarily by the staff) ^b	1.69
In a hotel	0.51
In a motion picture theater	0.23
In a performing arts theater	0.82
Otherwise	0.9
Locker room	0.45
Lounge/breakroom	
In a healthcare facility	0.42
Otherwise	0.44
Office	
Enclosed	0.74
Open plan	0.61
Parking area, interior	0.11
Pharmacy area	1.23
Restroom	
In a facility for the visually impaired (and not used primarily by the staff) ^b	0.81
Otherwise	0.63
Sales area	1.05
Seating area, general	0.23
Stairway (see Space containing stairway)	
Stairwell	0.49
Storage room	0.43
Vehicular maintenance area	0.53
Workshop	1.09
BUILDING TYPE SPECIFIC SPACE TYPES^a	LPD (watts/sq ft)
Automotive (see Vehicular maintenance area)	
Convention Center—exhibit space	0.61
Dormitory—living quarters ^{c, d}	0.46
Facility for the visually impaired ^b	
In a chapel (and not used primarily by the staff)	0.70
In a recreation room (and not used primarily by the staff)	1.53
Fire Station—sleeping quarters ^c	0.19
Gymnasium/fitness center	
In an exercise area	0.50
In a playing area	0.75

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TABLE C405.3.2(2)—continued
INTERIOR LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES:
SPACE-BY-SPACE METHOD

BUILDING TYPE SPECIFIC SPACE TYPES ^a	LPD (watts/sq ft)
Healthcare facility	
In an exam/treatment room	1.16
In an imaging room	0.94
In a medical supply room	0.54
In a nursery	0.92
In a nurse's station	0.75
In an operating room	1.87
In a patient room ^c	0.45
In a physical therapy room	0.84
In a recovery room	0.89
Library	
In a reading area	0.77
In the stacks	1.18
Manufacturing facility	
In a detailed manufacturing area	0.80
In an equipment room	0.61
In an extra-high-bay area (greater than 50' floor-to-ceiling height)	0.73
In a high-bay area (25-50' floor-to-ceiling height)	0.58
In a low-bay area (less than 25' floor-to-ceiling height)	0.61
Museum	
In a general exhibition area	0.31
In a restoration room	0.77
Performing arts theater—dressing room	0.35
Post office—sorting area	0.66
Religious buildings	
In a fellowship hall	0.54
In a worship/pulpit/choir area	0.85
Retail facilities	
In a dressing/fitting room	0.49
In a mall concourse	0.79
Sports arena—playing area	
For a Class I facility ^e	2.26
For a Class II facility ^f	1.45
For a Class III facility ^g	1.08
For a Class IV facility ^h	0.72
Transportation facility	
In a baggage/carousel area	0.45
In an airport concourse	0.31
At a terminal ticket counter	0.62

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TABLE C405.3.2(2)—continued
INTERIOR LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES:
SPACE-BY-SPACE METHOD

BUILDING TYPE SPECIFIC SPACE TYPES ^a	LPD (watts/sq ft)
Warehouse—storage area	
For medium to bulky, palletized items	0.35
For smaller, hand-carried items	0.69

- In cases where both a common space type and a building area specific space type are listed, the building area specific space type shall apply.
- A 'Facility for the Visually Impaired' is a facility that is licensed or will be licensed by local or state authorities for senior long-term care, adult daycare, senior support or people with special visual needs.
- Where sleeping units are excluded from lighting power calculations by application of Section C405.1.1, neither the area of the sleeping units nor the wattage of lighting in the sleeping units is counted. **Where sleeping units are included in the lighting power calculations, only the area served by hardwired lighting shall be included.**
- Where dwelling units are excluded from lighting power calculations by application of Section C405.1.1, neither the area of the dwelling units nor the wattage of lighting in the dwelling units is counted. **Where dwelling units are included in the lighting power calculations, only the area served by hardwired lighting shall be included.**
- Class I facilities consist of professional facilities; and semiprofessional, collegiate, or club facilities with seating for 5,000 or more spectators.
- Class II facilities consist of collegiate and semiprofessional facilities with seating for fewer than 5,000 spectators; club facilities with seating for between 2,000 and 5,000 spectators; and amateur league and high-school facilities with seating for more than 2,000 spectators.
- Class III facilities consist of club, amateur league and high-school facilities with seating for 2,000 or fewer spectators.
- Class IV facilities consist of elementary school and recreational facilities; and amateur league and high-school facilities without provision for spectators.

C405.3.2.2.1 Additional interior lighting power.

Where using the Space-by-Space Method, an increase in the interior lighting power allowance is permitted for specific lighting functions. Additional power shall be permitted only where the specified lighting is installed and automatically controlled separately from the general lighting, to be turned off during nonbusiness hours. This additional power shall be used only for the specified luminaires and shall not be used for any other purpose. An increase in the interior lighting power allowance is permitted in the following cases:

1. For lighting equipment to be installed in sales areas specifically to highlight merchandise, the additional lighting power shall be determined in accordance with Equation 4-10.

Additional interior lighting power allowance = $1000 \text{ W} + (\text{Retail Area 1} \times 0.45 \text{ W/ft}^2) + (\text{Retail Area 2} \times 0.45 \text{ W/ft}^2) + (\text{Retail Area 3} \times 1.05 \text{ W/ft}^2) + (\text{Retail Area 4} \times 1.87 \text{ W/ft}^2)$

For SI units:

Additional interior lighting power allowance = $1000 \text{ W} + (\text{Retail Area 1} \times 4.8 \text{ W/m}^2) + (\text{Retail Area 2} \times 4.84 \text{ W/m}^2) + (\text{Retail Area 3} \times 11 \text{ W/m}^2) + (\text{Retail Area 4} \times 20 \text{ W/m}^2)$

(Equation 4-10)

where:

Retail Area 1 = The floor area for all products not listed in Retail Area 2, 3 or 4.

Retail Area 2 = The floor area used for the sale of vehicles, sporting goods and small electronics.

Retail Area 3 = The floor area used for the sale of furniture, clothing, cosmetics and artwork.

Retail Area 4 = The floor area used for the sale of jewelry, crystal and china.

Exception: Other merchandise categories are permitted to be included in Retail Areas 2 through 4, provided that justification documenting the need for additional lighting power based on visual inspection, contrast, or other critical display is approved by the *code official*.

2. For spaces in which lighting is specified to be installed in addition to the general lighting for the purpose of decorative appearance or for highlighting art or exhibits, provided that the additional lighting power shall be not more than 0.9 W/ft^2 (9.7 W/m^2) in lobbies and not more than 0.75 W/ft^2 (8.1 W/m^2) in other spaces.

C405.4 Lighting for plant growth and maintenance. Not less than 95 percent of the permanently installed luminaires used for plant growth and maintenance shall have a photon efficiency of not less than $1.6 \mu\text{mol/J}$, rated in accordance with ANSI/ASABE S640.

C405.5 Exterior lighting power requirements (Mandatory). The total connected exterior lighting power calculated in accordance with Section C405.4.1 shall be not greater than the exterior lighting power allowance calculated in accordance with Section C405.5.2.

C405.5.1 Total connected exterior building exterior lighting power. The total exterior connected lighting power shall be the total maximum rated wattage of all lighting that is powered through the energy service for the building.

Exception: Lighting used for the following applications shall not be included.

1. Lighting *approved* because of safety considerations.
2. Emergency lighting automatically off during normal business operation.
3. Exit signs.
4. Specialized signal, directional and marker lighting associated with transportation.
5. Advertising signage or directional signage.
6. Integral to equipment or instrumentation and installed by its manufacturer.
7. Theatrical purposes, including performance, stage, film production and video production.
8. Athletic playing areas.
9. Temporary lighting.
10. Industrial production, material handling, transportation sites and associated storage areas.
11. Theme elements in theme/amusement parks.
12. Used to highlight features of art, public monuments, and the national flag.
13. Lighting for water features and swimming pools.
14. Lighting controlled from within dwelling units, where the lighting complies with Section R404.1.

C405.5.2 Exterior lighting power allowance. The total exterior lighting power allowance is the sum of the base site allowance plus the individual allowances for areas that are to be illuminated by lighting that is powered through the energy service for the building. Lighting power allowances are as specified in Table C405.5.2(2). The lighting zone for the building exterior is determined in accordance with Table C405.5.2(1) unless otherwise specified by the *code official*.

TABLE C405.5.2(1)
EXTERIOR LIGHTING ZONES

LIGHTING ZONE	DESCRIPTION
1	Developed areas of national parks, state parks, forest land, and rural areas
2	Areas predominantly consisting of residential zoning, neighborhood business districts, light industrial with limited nighttime use and residential mixed-use areas
3	All other areas not classified as lighting zone 1, 2 or 4
4	High-activity commercial districts in major metropolitan areas as designated by the local land use planning authority

C405.5.2.1 Additional exterior lighting power. Any increase in the exterior lighting power allowance is limited to the specific lighting applications indicated in Table C405.5.2(3). The additional power shall be used only for the luminaires that are serving these applications and shall not be used for any other purpose.

C405.5.3 Gas lighting (Mandatory). Gas-fired lighting appliances shall not be equipped with continuously burning pilot ignition systems.

C405.6 Dwelling electrical meter (Mandatory). Each dwelling unit located in a *Group R-2* building shall have a separate electrical meter.

C405.7 Electrical transformers (Mandatory). Low-voltage dry-type distribution electric transformers shall meet the minimum efficiency requirements of Table C405.7 as tested and rated in accordance with the test procedure listed in DOE 10 CFR 431. The efficiency shall be verified through certification under an approved certification program or, where a certification program does not exist, the equipment efficiency ratings shall be supported by data furnished by the transformer manufacturer.

Exceptions: The following transformers are exempt:

1. Transformers that meet the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* exclusions based on the DOE 10 CFR 431 definition of special purpose applications.
2. Transformers that meet the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* exclusions that are not to be used in general purpose applications based on information provided in DOE 10 CFR 431.
3. Transformers that meet the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* exclusions with multiple voltage taps where the highest tap is not less than 20 percent more than the lowest tap.
4. Drive transformers.
5. Rectifier transformers.
6. Auto-transformers.
7. Uninterruptible power system transformers.
8. Impedance transformers.

9. Regulating transformers.
10. Sealed and nonventilating transformers.
11. Machine tool transformers.
12. Welding transformers.
13. Grounding transformers.
14. Testing transformers.

C405.8 Electric motors (Mandatory). Electric motors shall meet the minimum efficiency requirements of Tables C405.8(1) through C405.8(4) when tested and rated in accordance with the DOE 10 CFR 431. The efficiency shall be verified through certification under an approved certification program or, where a certification program does not exist, the equipment efficiency ratings shall be supported by data furnished by the motor manufacturer.

Exception: The standards in this section shall not apply to the following exempt electric motors:

1. Air-over electric motors.
2. Component sets of an electric motor.
3. Liquid-cooled electric motors.
4. Submersible electric motors.
5. Inverter-only electric motors.

C405.9 Vertical and horizontal transportation systems and equipment. Vertical and horizontal transportation systems and equipment shall comply with this section.

C405.9.1 Elevator cabs. For the luminaires in each elevator cab, not including signals and displays, the sum of the lumens divided by the sum of the watts shall be not less than 35 lumens per watt. Ventilation fans in elevators that do not have their own air-conditioning system shall not consume more than 0.33 watts/cfm at the maximum rated speed of the fan. Controls shall be provided that will de-energize ventilation fans and lighting systems when the elevator is stopped, unoccupied and with its doors closed for over 15 minutes.

C405.9.2 Escalators and moving walks. Escalators and moving walks shall comply with ASME A17.1/CSA B44 and shall have automatic controls configured to reduce speed to the minimum permitted speed in accordance with ASME A17.1/CSA B44 or applicable local code when not conveying passengers.

Exception: A variable voltage drive system that reduces operating voltage in response to light loading conditions is an alternative to the reduced speed function.

C405.9.2.1 Regenerative drive. An escalator designed either for one-way down operation only or for reversible operation shall have a variable frequency regenerative drive that supplies electrical energy to the building electrical system when the escalator is loaded with passengers whose combined weight exceeds 750 pounds (340 kg).

C405.10 Voltage drop in feeders and branch circuits. The total voltage drop across the combination of feeders and branch circuits shall not exceed 5 percent.

TABLE C405.5.2(2)
LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES FOR BUILDING EXTERIORS

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	LIGHTING ZONES			
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Base Site Allowance	350 W	400 W	500 W	900 W
Uncovered Parking Areas				
Parking areas and drives	0.03 W/ft ²	0.04 W/ft ²	0.06 W/ft ²	0.08 W/ft ²
Building Grounds				
Walkways and ramps less than 10 feet wide	0.5 W/linear foot	0.5 W/linear foot	0.6 W/linear foot	0.7 W/linear foot
Walkways and ramps 10 feet wide or greater, plaza areas, special feature areas	0.10 W/ft ²	0.10 W/ft ²	0.11 W/ft ²	0.14 W/ft ²
Dining areas	0.65 W/ft ²	0.65 W/ft ²	0.75 W/ft ²	0.95 W/ft ²
Stairways	0.6 W/ft ²	0.7 W/ft ²	0.7 W/ft ²	0.7 W/ft ²
Pedestrian tunnels	0.12 W/ft ²	0.12 W/ft ²	0.14 W/ft ²	0.21 W/ft ²
Landscaping	0.03 W/ft ²	0.04 W/ft ²	0.04 W/ft ²	0.04 W/ft ²
Building Entrances and Exits				
Pedestrian and vehicular entrances and exits	14 W/linear foot of opening	14 W/linear foot of opening	21 W/linear foot of opening	21 W/linear foot of opening
Entry canopies	0.20 W/ft ²	0.25 W/ft ²	0.4 W/ft ²	0.4 W/ft ²
Loading docks	0.35 W/ft ²	0.35 W/ft ²	0.35 W/ft ²	0.35 W/ft ²
Sales Canopies				
Free-standing and attached	0.40 W/ft ²	0.40 W/ft ²	0.6 W/ft ²	0.7 W/ft ²
Outdoor Sales				
Open areas (including vehicle sales lots)	0.20 W/ft ²	0.20 W/ft ²	0.35 W/ft ²	0.50 W/ft ²
Street frontage for vehicle sales lots in addition to "open area" allowance	No allowance	7 W/linear foot	7 W/linear foot	21 W/linear foot

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 watt per square foot = W/0.0929 m².

W = watts.

TABLE C405.5.2(3)
INDIVIDUAL LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCES FOR BUILDING EXTERIORS

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LIGHTING ZONES				
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Building façades	No allowance	0.075 W/ft ² of gross above-grade wall area	0.113 W/ft ² of gross above-grade wall area	0.15 W/ft ² of gross above-grade wall area
Automated teller machines (ATM) and night depositories	135 W per location plus 45 W per additional ATM per location			
Uncovered entrances and gatehouse inspection stations at guarded facilities	0.5 W/ft ² of area			
Uncovered loading areas for law enforcement, fire, ambulance and other emergency service vehicles	0.35 W/ft ² of area			
Drive-up windows and doors	200 W per drive through			
Parking near 24-hour retail entrances.	400 W per main entry			

For SI: 1 watt per square foot = W/0.0929 m².

W = watts.

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TABLE C405.7
MINIMUM NOMINAL EFFICIENCY LEVELS FOR 10 CFR 431 LOW-VOLTAGE DRY-TYPE DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS

SINGLE-PHASE TRANSFORMERS		THREE-PHASE TRANSFORMERS	
kVA ^a	Efficiency (%) ^b	kVA ^a	Efficiency (%) ^b
15	97.70	15	97.89
25	98.00	30	98.23
37.5	98.20	45	98.40
50	98.30	75	98.60
75	98.50	112.5	98.74
100	98.60	150	98.83
167	98.70	225	98.94
250	98.80	300	99.02
333	98.90	500	99.14
—	—	750	99.23
—	—	1000	99.28

a. kiloVolt-Amp rating.

b. Nominal efficiencies shall be established in accordance with the DOE 10 CFR 431 test procedure for low-voltage dry-type transformers.

TABLE C405.8(1)
MINIMUM NOMINAL FULL-LOAD EFFICIENCY FOR NEMA DESIGN A, NEMA DESIGN B,
AND IEC DESIGN N MOTORS (EXCLUDING FIRE PUMP) ELECTRIC MOTORS AT 60 HZ^{a, b}

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MOTOR HORSEPOWER (STANDARD KILOWATT EQUIVALENT)	NOMINAL FULL-LOAD EFFICIENCY (%) AS OF JUNE 1, 2016							
	2 Pole		4 Pole		6 Pole		8 Pole	
	Enclosed	Open	Enclosed	Open	Enclosed	Open	Enclosed	Open
1 (0.75)	77.0	77.0	85.5	85.5	82.5	82.5	75.5	75.5
1.5 (1.1)	84.0	84.0	86.5	86.5	87.5	86.5	78.5	77.0
2 (1.5)	85.5	85.5	86.5	86.5	88.5	87.5	84.0	86.5
3 (2.2)	86.5	85.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	88.5	85.5	87.5
5 (3.7)	88.5	86.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	86.5	88.5
7.5 (5.5)	89.5	88.5	91.7	91.0	91.0	90.2	86.5	89.5
10 (7.5)	90.2	89.5	91.7	91.7	91.0	91.7	89.5	90.2
15 (11)	91.0	90.2	92.4	93.0	91.7	91.7	89.5	90.2
20 (15)	91.0	91.0	93.0	93.0	91.7	92.4	90.2	91.0
25 (18.5)	91.7	91.7	93.6	93.6	93.0	93.0	90.2	91.0
30 (22)	91.7	91.7	93.6	94.1	93.0	93.6	91.7	91.7
40 (30)	92.4	92.4	94.1	94.1	94.1	94.1	91.7	91.7
50 (37)	93.0	93.0	94.5	94.5	94.1	94.1	92.4	92.4
60 (45)	93.6	93.6	95.0	95.0	94.5	94.5	92.4	93.0
75 (55)	93.6	93.6	95.4	95.0	94.5	94.5	93.6	94.1
100 (75)	94.1	93.6	95.4	95.4	95.0	95.0	93.6	94.1
125 (90)	95.0	94.1	95.4	95.4	95.0	95.0	94.1	94.1
150 (110)	95.0	94.1	95.8	95.8	95.8	95.4	94.1	94.1
200 (150)	95.4	95.0	96.2	95.8	95.8	95.4	94.5	94.1
250 (186)	95.8	95.0	96.2	95.8	95.8	95.8	95.0	95.0
300 (224)	95.8	95.4	96.2	95.8	95.8	95.8		
350 (261)	95.8	95.4	96.2	95.8	95.8	95.8		
400 (298)	95.8	95.8	96.2	95.8				
450 (336)	95.8	96.2	96.2	96.2				
500 (373)	95.8	96.2	96.2	96.2				

a. Nominal efficiencies shall be established in accordance with DOE 10 CFR 431.

b. For purposes of determining the required minimum nominal full-load efficiency of an electric motor that has a horsepower or kilowatt rating between two horsepower or two kilowatt ratings listed in this table, each such motor shall be deemed to have a listed horsepower or kilowatt rating, determined as follows:

1. A horsepower at or above the midpoint between the two consecutive horsepowers shall be rounded up to the higher of the two horsepowers.
2. A horsepower below the midpoint between the two consecutive horsepowers shall be rounded down to the lower of the two horsepowers.
3. A kilowatt rating shall be directly converted from kilowatts to horsepower using the formula: 1 kilowatt = (1/0.746) horsepower. The conversion should be calculated to three significant decimal places, and the resulting horsepower shall be rounded in accordance with No. 1 or No. 2 above, as applicable.

TABLE C405.8(2)**MINIMUM NOMINAL FULL-LOAD EFFICIENCY FOR NEMA DESIGN C AND IEC DESIGN H MOTORS AT 60 HZ^{a, b}**

MOTOR HORSEPOWER (STANDARD KILOWATT EQUIVALENT)	NOMINAL FULL-LOAD EFFICIENCY (%) AS OF JUNE 1, 2016					
	4 Pole		6 Pole		8 Pole	
	Enclosed	Open	Enclosed	Open	Enclosed	Open
1 (0.75)	85.5	85.5	82.5	82.5	75.5	75.5
1.5 (1.1)	86.5	86.5	87.5	86.5	78.5	77.0
2 (1.5)	86.5	86.5	88.5	87.5	84.0	86.5
3 (2.2)	89.5	89.5	89.5	88.5	85.5	87.5
5 (3.7)	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	86.5	88.5
7.5 (5.5)	91.7	91.0	91.0	90.2	86.5	89.5
10 (7.5)	91.7	91.7	91.0	91.7	89.5	90.2
15 (11)	92.4	93.0	91.7	91.7	89.5	90.2
20 (15)	93.0	93.0	91.7	92.4	90.2	91.0
25 (18.5)	93.6	93.6	93.0	93.0	90.2	91.0
30 (22)	93.6	94.1	93.0	93.6	91.7	91.7
40 (30)	94.1	94.1	94.1	94.1	91.7	91.7
50 (37)	94.5	94.5	94.1	94.1	92.4	92.4
60 (45)	95.0	95.0	94.5	94.5	92.4	93.0
75 (55)	95.4	95.0	94.5	94.5	93.6	94.1
100 (75)	95.4	95.4	95.0	95.0	93.6	94.1
125 (90)	95.4	95.4	95.0	95.0	94.1	94.1
150 (110)	95.8	95.8	95.8	95.4	94.1	94.1
200 (150)	96.2	95.8	95.8	95.4	94.5	94.1

a. Nominal efficiencies shall be established in accordance with DOE 10 CFR 431.

b. For purposes of determining the required minimum nominal full-load efficiency of an electric motor that has a horsepower or kilowatt rating between two horsepower or two kilowatt ratings listed in this table, each such motor shall be deemed to have a listed horsepower or kilowatt rating, determined as follows:

1. A horsepower at or above the midpoint between the two consecutive horsepower ratings shall be rounded up to the higher of the two horsepower ratings.
2. A horsepower below the midpoint between the two consecutive horsepower ratings shall be rounded down to the lower of the two horsepower ratings.
3. A kilowatt rating shall be directly converted from kilowatts to horsepower using the formula: 1 kilowatt = (1/0.746) horsepower. The conversion should be calculated to three significant decimal places, and the resulting horsepower shall be rounded in accordance with No. 1 or No. 2 above, as applicable.

TABLE C405.8(3)**MINIMUM AVERAGE FULL-LOAD EFFICIENCY POLYPHASE SMALL ELECTRIC MOTORS^a**

MOTOR HORSEPOWER	OPEN MOTORS			
	Number of Poles	2	4	6
	Synchronous Speed (RPM)	3600	1800	1200
0.25		65.6	69.5	67.5
0.33		69.5	73.4	71.4
0.50		73.4	78.2	75.3
0.75		76.8	81.1	81.7
1		77.0	83.5	82.5
1.5		84.0	86.5	83.8
2		85.5	86.5	N/A
3		85.5	86.9	N/A

a. Average full-load efficiencies shall be established in accordance with DOE 10 CFR 431.

TABLE C405.8(4)
MINIMUM AVERAGE FULL-LOAD EFFICIENCY FOR
CAPACITOR-START CAPACITOR-RUN AND CAPACITOR-START INDUCTION-RUN SMALL ELECTRIC MOTORS^a

MOTOR HORSEPOWER	OPEN MOTORS			
	Number of Poles	2	4	6
	Synchronous Speed (RPM)	3600	1800	1200
0.25		66.6	68.5	62.2
0.33		70.5	72.4	66.6
0.50		72.4	76.2	76.2
0.75		76.2	81.8	80.2
1		80.4	82.6	81.1
1.5		81.5	83.8	N/A
2		82.9	84.5	N/A
3		84.1	N/A	N/A

a. Average full-load efficiencies shall be established in accordance with DOE 10 CFR 431.

C405.11 Electric vehicle (EV) charging for new construction. The building shall be provided with electric vehicle (EV) charging in accordance with this section and the *National Electrical Code* (NFPA 70). Where parking spaces are added or modified without an increase in building size, only the new parking spaces are subject to this requirement. The number of parking spaces can be determined by actual spaces provided or consistent with Boulder's Municipal Code, Title 9: Land Use Code, Chapter 9: Development Standards, 9-9-6: Parking Standards.

C405.11.1. Group R occupancies. Group R occupancies with three or more *dwelling units* and/or *sleeping units* shall be provided with EV charging in accordance with Table C405.11.1. Calculations for the number of spaces shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

TABLE C405.11.1

	NUMBER OF EV READY SPACES/ DWELLING UNIT	NUMBER OF EV CAPABLE SPACES	NUMBER OF EVSE INSTALLED SPACES
1–25 spaces	1	None	None
> 25 spaces	10% of spaces	40% of remaining spaces	5% of spaces (minimum one dual port charging station)

C405.11.2 Group A, B, E, I, M and S-2 occupancies. Group A, B, E, I, M and open or enclosed parking garages under S-2 occupancy shall be provided with electric vehicle charging in accordance with Table C405.11.2. Calculations for the number of spaces shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

Exception: The number of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) installed spaces may be reduced by up to five provided that the building includes not less than one parking space equipped with an EV fast charger and not less than one EV ready space.

TABLE C405.11.2

	NUMBER OF EV READY SPACES	NUMBER OF EV CAPABLE SPACES	NUMBER OF EVSE INSTALLED SPACES
1 space	1	None	None
2–25 spaces	1	1	None
> 25 spaces	10% of spaces	10% of remaining spaces	5% of spaces (minimum one dual port charging station)

C405.11.3 Identification. Construction documents shall designate all EV capable spaces, EV ready spaces and EVSE installed spaces and indicate the locations of conduit and termination points serving them. The circuits or spaces reserved for the circuits for EV capable spaces, EV ready spaces and EVSE installed spaces shall be clearly identified in the panel or subpanel directory. The conduit for EV capable spaces shall be clearly identified at both the panel or subpanel and the termination point at the parking space.

C405.11.4 Accessible parking. Where new EVSE installed spaces and/or new EV ready spaces and new accessible parking, as defined by the *City of Boulder Building Code*, Chapter 11, are both provided, parking facilities shall be designed so that at least one accessible parking space shall be EV ready or EVSE installed.

SECTION C406 **SOLAR READINESS**

C406.1 General (Mandatory). All newly constructed commercial buildings shall comply with the requirements of Sections C406.2 through C406.5.

C406.2 Solar zone. Solar zones shall be clearly indicated on the construction documents.

C406.2.1 Location and size of solar zone. The solar zone shall have a minimum total area described as follows. The

solar zone shall comply with access, pathway, smoke ventilation and spacing requirements as specified in the Boulder Revised Code. The solar zone total area shall be comprised of one or more rectangular areas that are not less than 80 square feet and no side of any rectangular area shall be less than 5 feet in length. The solar zone shall be located on:

1. The roof or overhang of the building.
2. The roof or overhang of another structure located within 250 feet of the building on the same parcel or lot.
3. Covered parking installed with the building project.
4. A façade of the building that is within 15 degrees of true south.

The solar zone shall cover not less than 40 percent of the total roof area, as measured by the area of the roof planes. The following roof areas can be excluded when calculating the total roof area of the building:

1. Roof areas with a permanently installed domestic solar water-heating system.
2. Roof areas where the annual solar access is less than 70 percent. For the purpose of this code, solar access means the ratio of solar insolation including shade to the solar insolation without shade. Shading from obstructions located on the roof or any other part of the building shall not be included in the determination of annual solar access.
3. Roof areas with a permanently installed solar electric system having a nameplate DC power rating, measured under standard test conditions, of not less than 1 watt per square foot of roof area.

Exception: Solar zones are not required in buildings where the roof is designed and approved to be used for vehicular traffic or parking or for a heliport.

C406.2.2 Orientation. All sections of the solar zone located on steep sloped roofs shall be oriented between 90 degrees and 270 degrees of true north.

C406.2.3 Shading.

1. No obstructions, including but not limited to, vents, chimneys, architectural features and roof-mounted equipment, shall be located in the solar zone.
2. Any obstruction located on the roof or any other part of the building that projects above a solar zone shall be located at least twice the distance, measured in the horizontal plane, of the height difference between the highest point of the obstruction and the horizontal projection of the nearest point of the solar zone, measured in the vertical plane.

Exception: Any roof obstruction, located on the roof or any other part of the building, that is oriented north of all points on the solar zone.

C406.2.4 Structural design loads on construction documents. For areas of the roof designated as solar zone, the structural design loads for roof dead load and roof live load shall be clearly indicated on the construction documents.

Note: The inclusion of any collateral loads for future solar energy systems is not required.

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C406.3 Interconnection pathways. The construction documents shall indicate a location for inverters and metering equipment and a pathway for routing of conduit from the solar zone to the point of interconnection with the electrical service.

C406.4 Documentation. A copy of the construction documents or a comparable document indicating the information from Sections C406.2 and C406.3 shall be provided to and maintained by the building owner. The building owner shall provide a copy of the construction documents or a comparable document indicating the information from Sections C406.2 and C406.3 to any purchasers and subsequent owners of the building or any part thereof.

C406.5 Main electrical service panel.

1. The main electrical service panel shall have a minimum bus bar rating of not less than 200 amps.
2. The main electrical service panel shall have a reserved space to allow for the installation of double pole circuit breakers for a future solar electric installation. The minimum reserved amperage shall be determined from Table C406.5.

2.1. **Location.** The reserved space shall be positioned at the opposite (load) end from the input feeder location or main circuit location.

2.2. **Marking.** The reserved spaces shall be permanently marked as "For Future Solar Electric."

**TABLE C406.5
MINIMUM RESERVED AMPERAGE
PER SQUARE FOOT OF PLANNED SOLAR AREA**

INVERTER SYSTEM VOLTAGE	AMPERAGE PER SQUARE FOOT
120	0.125
240	0.063
208	0.042
277	0.054
480	0.018

SECTION C407 TOTAL BUILDING PERFORMANCE

C407.1 Scope. This section establishes criteria for compliance using total building performance. Compliance with this section requires the use of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016 Appendix G, with modifications. Required modifications to this standard are summarized in this section.¹ All end use load components within and associated with the building shall be modeled.

Exception: Energy used to recharge or refuel vehicles that are used for on-road and off-site transportation purposes shall be excluded from compliance modeling. Energy supplied to vehicle charging equipment shall be submetered per section C407.6.

1. A complete list of Boulder required modifications to the Appendix G protocol can be found on the City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code website in the document "Boulder Modified Appendix G Protocol."

C407.2 Mandatory requirements. Compliance with this section requires compliance with all mandatory requirements of this chapter.

C407.3 Performance-based compliance. Compliance based on total building performance requires that the *proposed design* be shown to have a predicted annual energy performance that is 25 percent better than the predicted annual energy performance of the *standard reference design* baseline. Energy use for the *proposed design* shall also be reported to the code official as *energy use intensity* (EUI) in kBtu/sf/yr. The energy performance improvements beyond the *standard reference design* shall be calculated in one of the following three ways:

C407.3.1 Modeled baseline. An annual energy use reduction of 25 percent compared to the energy use of a building modeled to achieve the performance cost index target (PCIt) calculated using the *standard reference design* of Appendix G of ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2016 *Energy Standard for Buildings Except for Low-rise Residential Buildings*, as modified in Section C407.4.

C407.3.2 Fixed performance target. Projects of the types listed in Table C407.3.2 may use the EUI targets identified in the table in lieu of baseline modeling. The *proposed building model* predicted performance will be demonstrated using the energy modeling procedures in Appendix G of ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2016 *Energy Standard for Buildings Except for Low-rise Residential Buildings*, as modified in Section C407.4. Buildings with multiple occupancy types listed in Table C407.3.2 (only) may develop a performance target based on a weighted-average EUI calculated by floor area of each occupancy type.

**TABLE C407.3.2
FIXED EUI TARGETS**

BUILDING TYPE	PERFORMANCE TARGETS (kBtu/ft ²)
Medium office (5,000–50,000 sf)	23
Mid-rise apartment (Type R2)	32
Primary school	34
Small office (< 5000 sf)	19
Secondary school	31
Warehouse	11

C407.3.3 Measured performance outcome. With approval of the *building official*, projects may demonstrate compliance with this code by proving that the building has achieved the EUI performance calculated per C407.3.1 or C407.3.2 based on metered energy use after occupancy. Buildings following the measured performance outcome path are required to comply with the mandatory measures of this chapter.

C407.3.3.1 Excluded energy use. Energy used for data centers and EV charging equipment may be excluded from the total EUI of the building, provided that this energy use is separately metered per the requirements of Section C407.6.

C407.3.3.2 Demonstration of operating energy use. Metered energy data shall be reported to the *building official* using Energy Star Portfolio Manager, and adjusted for the percentage of floor area occupied. While at least 75 percent occupied, the building shall operate at or below its assigned energy use target established in Section C407.3.2 for any recording period of 12 consecutive months that is completed within three years of the date of the Certificate of Occupancy. The owner shall notify the *building official* when this 12-month period has been successfully completed.

C407.3.3.3 Adjustments to energy targets. The *building official* may approve adjustments to building EUI targets based on unanticipated changes to building operation and conditions. Adjustments to targets must be approved by the *building official* based on specific documentation of the need for adjustment. The following conditions can be considered as the basis for adjustments to EUI targets:

- 1. Adjustment for change in occupancy.** When the occupancy of the building or a portion of the building changes from that assumed in the permit submittal, the assigned energy performance target shall be adjusted to reflect the new occupancy. If the new occupancy is not listed in Section C407.3.2, either the *building official* shall assign it an energy use target based on the best-performing local examples of that occupancy type, or a metering system shall be provided that excludes the energy loads for the additional occupancy.
- 2. Adjustment for unusually cold years.** If the heating degree days (HDD) recorded by the National Weather Service for the Denver International Airport exceeds the average HDD value identified in local TMY3 data for the 12-month demonstration period, the assigned energy performance target is permitted to be increased by 1 percent for each 4-percent increase of HDD from average HDD for that period.
- 3. Adjustment for other factors.** Adjustments for conditions other than those identified in this section that represent reasonable and unanticipated changes to building use characteristics may be considered as a basis for target adjustment on a case-by-case basis by the *building official*.

C407.3.3.4 Financial security. The applicant shall provide a financial security to be used if the building fails to achieve an operating energy use lower than the building's energy use target according to Section C407.3.2. The financial security shall be submitted to and approved by the *code official* prior to issuance of the building permit. The financial security requirement shall be fulfilled by an escrow of funds with the city for an amount equal to \$2.00 per square foot of gross floor area. If the owner provides evidence that the building has operated at or below its target energy performance level, as provided in Section C407.3.3.2, the financial security provided by the applicant shall be returned to

the applicant and the applicant will have no further obligations under this section.

C407.3.3.5 Procedure for noncompliance. If the owner fails to provide evidence that the building has operated as required under Section C407.3.3.2, the *building official* shall require the applicant to draw down on the financial security of Section C407.3.3.4 to lower the operating energy use of the building, including recommissioning, repairs and improvements to the existing energy-consuming systems, or provision of additional energy efficiency measures to reduce the building's energy use. Such expenditures shall be approved in advance by the *building official*, and the work shall be fully completed within one year of the date when a financial security has been drawn down.

C407.4 Modifications to Appendix G. Compliance with this section requires the use of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016 Appendix G, with specific modifications adopted by the City of Boulder. A complete list of these modifications can be found in the document: "Boulder Modified Appendix G Protocol." Required modifications to the Appendix G protocol include the following:

C407.4.1 Building performance requirement. Projects must demonstrate that the proposed building design will achieve a required PCI (PCIr) that is 25 percent less than the PCI target (PCI_t) calculated using the *standard reference design* of Appendix G of ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2016 *Energy Standard for Buildings Except for Low-rise Residential Buildings*, as calculated in Section 4.2.1.1 of that standard.

C407.4.1.1 Revised building performance factors. Projects using this standard must use the revised building performance factors listed in Table C407.4.1.1 instead of the BPFs listed in Table 4.2.1.1 of Standard 90.1.

C407.4.1.2 Annual energy use intensity (EUI) metric. Projects must report to the *building official* the predicted EUI associated with the proposed building design that meets the required PCI (PCIr) identified in Section C407.4.1.

**TABLE C407.4.1.1
BUILDING PERFORMANCE FACTORS (BPF)
FOR CLIMATE ZONE 5B**

BUILDING AREA TYPE	CLIMATE ZONE 5B
Office	0.56
Retail	0.58
School	0.43
Healthcare	0.55
Restaurant	0.62
Hotel	0.58
Warehouse	0.50
Apartment	0.78
All others	0.55

C407.4.2 Performance backstop. All elements of the building envelope and HVAC system must meet the prescriptive requirements of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016, Sections 5.5 and 6.8. No individual component tradeoffs below these prescriptive requirements will be allowed in the proposed building performance model.

C407.4.3 Fixed schedules. All projects using the performance pathway must use the mandatory building schedules and equipment power density schedules provided in the "Boulder Modified Appendix G Protocol" for both the baseline and proposed building model. Mandatory schedules are available on the City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code website.

Exceptions:

1. The *code official* may approve alternate schedules prior to submittal to account for special use conditions.
2. The *code official* may approve alternate schedules for unregulated loads in the proposed building design that reflect plug and process load management strategies.

C407.4.4 Appendix G mandatory requirements. The following mandatory sections of Appendix G are superseded by the mandatory requirements listed in Section C407.2: Sections 5.4, 6.4, 7.4, 8.4, 9.4 and 10.4.

C407.5 Solar requirements. *On-site renewable energy* generated by a system installed as part of this project that is used by the building shall be subtracted from the proposed design energy consumption prior to calculating the proposed building performance.

C407.5.1 Minimum installed solar capacity. All projects using the performance pathway must install an *on-site renewable energy* system sized to meet at least 5 percent of annual *proposed design energy consumption*.

C407.5.2 Solar readiness. All projects must also meet the requirements of Section C406, Solar Readiness.

C407.6 Energy monitoring. All projects must install sub-metering or monitoring capabilities to support building energy performance analysis. The project must include capabilities to store and access a 24-month continuous data set on an ongoing basis.

C407.6.1 Individual fuel sources. All fuel sources serving the building must be separately metered. Individual meters used to comply with this section may not serve multiple buildings.

C407.6.2 On-site renewable energy production. Energy production from on-site renewable energy systems must be independently metered.

C407.6.3 End-use metering. Measurement devices shall be installed in new buildings to monitor the electric energy use of each of the following separately:

1. Total electric energy.
2. HVAC systems energy use.
3. Interior lighting.
4. Exterior lighting.

5. Receptacle circuits.
6. Data centers representing over 10 percent of total building load or 5 percent of building floor area.
7. Other process loads that represent 10 percent or more of total building energy use based on building energy use modeling.

C407.6.4 Electric vehicle (EV) supply equipment. EV supply equipment must be metered independently from other building loads.

C407.6.5 Tenant metering. For buildings with tenants, individual tenant energy loads shall be capable of being separately monitored.

C407.7 Performance feedback. Projects using the performance path are required to submit an analysis comparing design modeling to actual energy use for a consecutive 12-month period within two years of project occupancy. This analysis should use billing data and submetered data from the building to identify the accuracy of the energy model and any areas of performance divergence from predicted energy use. All projects are required to provide a narrative summary describing areas of alignment and misalignment of predictive modeling with actual energy use patterns, including modeled EUI and metered EUI. This effort may be designed to support an ongoing commissioning or retro-commissioning process required in Section 408.

SECTION C408 MAINTENANCE INFORMATION AND SYSTEM COMMISSIONING

C408.1 General. This section covers the provision of maintenance information and the commissioning of, and the functional testing requirements for, building systems.

C408.1.1 Building operations and maintenance information. The building operations and maintenance documents shall be provided to the owner and shall consist of manufacturers' information, specifications and recommendations; programming procedures and data points; narratives; and other means of illustrating to the owner how the building, equipment and systems are intended to be installed, maintained and operated. Required regular maintenance actions for equipment and systems shall be clearly stated on a readily visible label. The label shall include the title or publication number for the operation and maintenance manual for that particular model and type of product.

C408.1.2 Energy use monitoring plan. As part of the operations manual, the project must provide a written description of what metered data is collected, how metering data is collected and stored, and how the data can be accessed for project analysis by the building operator.

C408.2 Mechanical systems and service water-heating systems commissioning and completion requirements. Prior to the final mechanical and plumbing inspections, the *registered design professional or approved agency* shall provide evidence of mechanical systems *commissioning* and completion in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Construction document notes shall clearly indicate provisions for *commissioning* and completion requirements in accordance with this section and are permitted to refer to specifications for further requirements. Copies of all documentation shall be given to the owner or owner's authorized agent and made available to the *code official* upon request in accordance with Sections C408.2.4 and C408.2.5.

Exceptions: The following systems are exempt:

1. Mechanical systems and service water heater systems in buildings where the total mechanical equipment capacity is less than 480,000 Btu/h (140.7 kW) cooling capacity and 600,000 Btu/h (175.8 kW) combined service water-heating and space-heating capacity.
2. Systems included in Section C403.5 that serve individual *dwelling units* and *sleeping units*.

C408.2.1 Commissioning plan. A *commissioning plan* shall be developed by a *registered design professional* or *approved agency* and shall include the following items:

1. A narrative description of the activities that will be accomplished during each phase of *commissioning*, including the personnel intended to accomplish each of the activities.
2. A listing of the specific equipment, appliances or systems to be tested and a description of the tests to be performed.
3. Functions to be tested including, but not limited to, calibrations and economizer controls.
4. Conditions under which the test will be performed. Testing shall affirm winter and summer design conditions and full outside air conditions.
5. Measurable criteria for performance.

C408.2.2 Systems adjusting and balancing. HVAC systems shall be balanced in accordance with generally accepted engineering standards. Air and water flow rates shall be measured and adjusted to deliver final flow rates within the tolerances provided in the product specifications. Test and balance activities shall include air system and hydronic system balancing.

C408.2.2.1 Air systems balancing. Each supply air outlet and *zone* terminal device shall be equipped with means for air balancing in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 6 of the *International Mechanical Code*. Discharge dampers used for air-system balancing are prohibited on constant-volume fans and variable-volume fans with motors 10 hp (18.6 kW) and larger. Air systems shall be balanced in a manner to first minimize throttling losses then, for fans with system power of greater than 1 hp (0.746 kW), fan speed shall be adjusted to meet design flow conditions.

Exception: Fans with fan motors of 1 hp (0.74 kW) or less are not required to be provided with a means for air balancing.

C408.2.2.2 Hydronic systems balancing. Individual hydronic heating and cooling coils shall be equipped with means for balancing and measuring flow.

Hydronic systems shall be proportionately balanced in a manner to first minimize throttling losses, then the pump impeller shall be trimmed or pump speed shall be adjusted to meet design flow conditions. Each hydronic system shall have either the capability to measure pressure across the pump, or test ports at each side of each pump.

Exception: The following equipment is not required to be equipped with a means for balancing or measuring flow:

1. Pumps with pump motors of 5 hp (3.7 kW) or less.
2. Where throttling results in not greater than 5 percent of the nameplate horsepower draw above that required if the impeller were trimmed.

C408.2.3 Functional performance testing. Functional performance testing specified in Sections C408.2.3.1 through C408.2.3.3 shall be conducted.

C408.2.3.1 Equipment. Equipment functional performance testing shall demonstrate the installation and operation of components, systems, and system-to-system interfacing relationships in accordance with approved plans and specifications such that operation, function, and maintenance serviceability for each of the commissioned systems is confirmed. Testing shall include all modes and *sequence of operation*, including under full-load, part-load and the following emergency conditions:

1. All modes as described in the *sequence of operation*.
2. Redundant or *automatic* back-up mode.
3. Performance of alarms.
4. Mode of operation upon a loss of power and restoration of power.

Exception: Unitary or packaged HVAC equipment listed in Tables C403.3.2(1) through C403.3.2(3) that do not require supply air economizers.

C408.2.3.2 Controls. HVAC and service water-heating control systems shall be tested to document that control devices, components, equipment and systems are calibrated and adjusted and operate in accordance with approved plans and specifications. Sequences of operation shall be functionally tested to document they operate in accordance with *approved* plans and specifications.

C408.2.3.3 Economizers. Air economizers shall undergo a functional test to determine that they operate in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.

C408.2.4 Preliminary commissioning report. A preliminary report of *commissioning* test procedures and results shall be completed and certified by the *registered design professional* or *approved agency* and provided to the building owner or owner's authorized agent. The report shall be organized with mechanical and service hot water findings in separate sections to allow independent review.

The report shall be identified as "Preliminary Commissioning Report," shall include the completed Commissioning Compliance Checklist, Figure C408.2.4, and shall identify:

1. Itemization of deficiencies found during testing required by this section that have not been corrected at the time of report preparation.
2. Deferred tests that cannot be performed at the time of report preparation because of climatic conditions.
3. Climatic conditions required for performance of the deferred tests.
4. Results of functional performance tests.
5. Functional performance test procedures used during the commissioning process, including measurable criteria for test acceptance.

C408.2.4.1 Acceptance of report. Buildings, or portions thereof, shall not be considered as acceptable for a final inspection pursuant to Section C105.2.6 until the *code official* has received the Preliminary Commissioning Report from the building owner or owner's authorized agent.

C408.2.4.2 Copy of report. The *code official* shall be permitted to require that a copy of the Preliminary Commissioning Report be made available for review by the *code official*.

C408.2.5 Documentation requirements. The *construction documents* shall specify that the documents described in this section be provided to the building owner or owner's authorized agent within 90 days of the date of receipt of the *certificate of occupancy*.

C408.2.5.1 System balancing report. A written report describing the activities and measurements completed in accordance with Section C408.2.2.

C408.2.5.2 Final commissioning report. A report of test procedures and results identified as "Final Commissioning Report" shall be delivered to the building owner or owner's authorized agent. The report shall be organized with mechanical system and service hot water system findings in separate sections to allow independent review. The report shall include the following:

1. Results of functional performance tests.
2. Disposition of deficiencies found during testing, including details of corrective measures used or proposed.
3. Functional performance test procedures used during the commissioning process including measurable criteria for test acceptance, provided herein for repeatability.

Exception: Deferred tests that cannot be performed at the time of report preparation due to climatic conditions.

C408.3 Functional testing of lighting controls. Automatic lighting controls required by this code shall comply with this section.

C408.3.1 Functional testing. Prior to passing final inspection, the *registered design professional* shall provide evidence that the lighting control systems have been tested to ensure that control hardware and software are calibrated, adjusted, programmed and in proper working condition in accordance with the *construction documents* and manufacturer's instructions. Functional testing shall be in accordance with Sections C408.3.1.1 through C408.3.1.3 for the applicable control type.

C408.3.1.1 Occupant sensor controls. Where *occupant sensor controls* are provided, the following procedures shall be performed:

1. Certify that the *occupant sensor* has been located and aimed in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.
2. For projects with seven or fewer *occupant sensors*, each sensor shall be tested.
3. For projects with more than seven *occupant sensors*, testing shall be done for each unique combination of sensor type and space geometry. Where multiples of each unique combination of sensor type and space geometry are provided, not less than 10 percent and in no case fewer than one, of each combination shall be tested unless the *code official* or design professional requires a higher percentage to be tested. Where 30 percent or more of the tested controls fail, all remaining identical combinations shall be tested.

For *occupant sensor controls* to be tested, verify the following:

- 3.1. Where *occupant sensor controls* include status indicators, verify correct operation.
- 3.2. The controlled lights turn off or down to the permitted level within the required time.
- 3.3. For auto-on *occupant sensor controls*, the lights turn on to the permitted level when an occupant enters the space.
- 3.4. For manual-on *occupant sensor controls*, the lights turn on only when manually activated.
- 3.5. The lights are not incorrectly turned on by movement in adjacent areas or by HVAC operation.

C408.3.1.2 Time-switch controls. Where *time-switch controls* are provided, the following procedures shall be performed:

1. Confirm that the *time-switch control* is programmed with accurate weekday, weekend and holiday schedules.
2. Provide documentation to the owner of *time-switch controls* programming including weekday, weekend, holiday schedules, and set-up and preference program settings.
3. Verify the correct time and date in the time switch.

4. Verify that any battery back-up is installed and energized.
5. Verify that the override time limit is set to not more than 2 hours.
6. Simulate occupied condition. Verify and document the following:
 - 6.1. All lights can be turned on and off by their respective area control switch.
 - 6.2. The switch only operates lighting in the enclosed space in which the switch is located.
7. Simulate unoccupied condition. Verify and document the following:
 - 7.1. Nonexempt lighting turns off.
 - 7.2. Manual override switch allows only the lights in the enclosed space where the override switch is located to turn on or remain on until the next scheduled shutoff occurs.
8. Additional testing as specified by the *registered design professional*.

C408.3.1.3 Daylight responsive controls. Where *daylight responsive controls* are provided, the following shall be verified:

1. Control devices have been properly located, field calibrated and set for accurate setpoints and threshold light levels.
2. Daylight controlled lighting loads adjust to light level setpoints in response to available daylight.
3. The calibration adjustment equipment is located for *ready access* only by authorized personnel.

C408.3.2 Documentation requirements. The *construction documents* shall specify that the documents described in this section be provided to the building owner or owner's authorized agent within 90 days of the date of receipt of the *certificate of occupancy*.

C408.3.2.1 Drawings. Construction documents shall include the location and catalogue number of each piece of equipment.

C408.3.2.2 Manuals. An operating and maintenance manual shall be provided and include the following:

1. Name and address of not less than one service agency for installed equipment.
2. A narrative of how each system is intended to operate, including recommended setpoints.
3. Submittal data indicating all selected options for each piece of lighting equipment and lighting controls.
4. Operation and maintenance manuals for each piece of lighting equipment. Required routine maintenance actions, cleaning and recommended relamping shall be clearly identified.
5. A schedule for inspecting and recalibrating all lighting controls.

C408.3.2.3 Report. A report of test results shall be provided and include the following:

1. Results of functional performance tests.
2. Disposition of deficiencies found during testing, including details of corrective measures used or proposed.

Project Information: _____ Project Name: _____

Project Address: _____

Commissioning Authority: _____

Commissioning Plan (Section C408.2.1)

- ☐ Commissioning Plan was used during construction and includes all items required by Section C408.2.1
- ☐ Systems Adjusting and Balancing has been completed.
- ☐ HVAC Equipment Functional Testing has been executed. If applicable, deferred and follow-up testing is scheduled to be provided on: _____
- ☐ HVAC Controls Functional Testing has been executed. If applicable, deferred and follow-up testing is scheduled to be provided on: _____
- ☐ Economizer Functional Testing has been executed. If applicable, deferred and follow-up testing is scheduled to be provided on: _____
- ☐ Lighting Controls Functional Testing has been executed. If applicable, deferred and follow-up testing is scheduled to be provided on: _____
- ☐ Service Water-Heating System Functional Testing has been executed. If applicable, deferred and follow-up testing is scheduled to be provided on: _____
- ☐ Manual, record documents and training have been completed or scheduled
- ☐ Preliminary Commissioning Report submitted to owner and includes all items required by Section C408.2.4

I hereby certify that the commissioning provider has provided me with evidence of mechanical, service water heating and lighting systems commissioning in accordance with the 2018 IECC.

Signature of Building Owner or Owner's Representative _____ Date _____

**FIGURE C408.2.4
COMMISSIONING COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST**

CHAPTER 5 [CE]

EXISTING BUILDINGS

User note:

About this chapter: Many buildings are renovated or altered in numerous ways that could affect the energy use of the building as a whole. Chapter 5 requires the application of certain parts of Chapter 4 in order to maintain, if not improve, the conservation of energy by the renovated or altered building.

SECTION C501 GENERAL

C501.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall control the *alteration, repair, addition and change of occupancy* of existing buildings and structures.

C501.2 Existing buildings. Except as specified in this chapter, this code shall not be used to require the removal, *alteration* or abandonment of, nor prevent the continued use and maintenance of, an existing *building* or *building* system lawfully in existence at the time of adoption of this code.

C501.3 Maintenance. *Buildings* and structures, and parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. Devices and systems required by this code shall be maintained in conformance to the code edition under which they were installed. The owner or the owner's authorized agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings and structures. The requirements of this chapter shall not provide the basis for removal or abrogation of energy conservation, fire protection and safety systems and devices in existing structures.

C501.4 Compliance. *Alterations, repairs, additions* and changes of occupancy to, or relocation of, existing *buildings* and structures shall comply with the provisions for *alterations, repairs, additions* and changes of occupancy or relocation, respectively, in this code and in the *International Building Code, International Existing Building Code, International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Private Sewage Disposal Code* and NFPA 70.

C501.5 New and replacement materials. Except as otherwise required or permitted by this code, materials permitted by the applicable code for new construction shall be used. Like materials shall be permitted for *repairs*, provided that hazards to life, health or property are not created. Hazardous materials shall not be used where the code for new construction would not allow use of these materials in buildings of similar occupancy, purpose and location.

C501.6 Historic buildings. Provisions of this code relating to the construction, *repair, alteration, restoration* and movement of structures, and *change of occupancy* shall not be mandatory for *historic buildings* provided that a report has been submitted to the *code official* and signed by a *registered design professional*, or a representative of the State Historic Preservation Office or the historic preservation authority hav-

ing jurisdiction, demonstrating that compliance with that provision would threaten, degrade or destroy the historic form, fabric or function of the *building*.

SECTION C502 ADDITIONS

C502.1 General. *Additions* to an existing *building, building* system or portion thereof shall conform to the provisions of this code as those provisions relate to new construction. *Additions* shall not create an unsafe or hazardous condition or overload existing *building* systems. An *addition* shall be deemed to comply with this code if the *addition* alone complies or if the existing building and *addition* comply with this code as a single building.

1. New additions with a construction valuation of \$500,000 or more shall comply with Section C407.
2. New buildings and additions with a construction valuation less than \$500,000 shall comply with Section C502.2.

C502.2 Prescriptive compliance. *Additions* shall comply with Sections C502.2.1 through C502.2.6.2.

C502.2.1 Vertical fenestration. New *vertical fenestration* area that results in a total building *fenestration* area less than or equal to that specified in Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.1.5, C402.4.3 or C407. *Additions* with *vertical fenestration* that result in a total building *fenestration* area greater than Section C402.4.1 or *additions* that exceed the fenestration area greater than Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.4.1.1 for the *addition* only. *Additions* that result in a total building vertical fenestration area exceeding that specified in Section C402.4.1.1 shall comply with Section C402.1.5 or C407.

C502.2.2 Skylight area. New *skylight* area that results in a total building *fenestration* area less than or equal to that specified in Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.1.5 or C407. *Additions* with *skylight* area that result in a total building *skylight* area greater than C402.4.1 or additions that exceed the *skylight* area shall comply with Section C402.4.1.2 for the *addition* only. *Additions* that result in a total building *skylight* area exceeding that specified in Section C402.4.1.2 shall comply with Section C402.1.5 or C407.

C502.2.3 Building mechanical systems. New mechanical systems and equipment that are part of the *addition* and

serve the building heating, cooling and ventilation needs shall comply with Section C403.

C502.2.3.1 Mechanical systems acceptance testing. New mechanical systems that serve *additions* shall comply with Sections C408.2.2, C408.2.3 and C408.2.5.

Exceptions:

1. Mechanical systems and service water-heating systems in buildings where the total mechanical equipment capacity is less than 480,000 Btu/h (140.7 kW) cooling capacity and 600,000 Btu/h (175.8 kW) combined service water-heating and space-heating capacity.
2. Systems included in Section C403.5 that serve individual *dwelling units* and *sleeping units*.

C502.2.4 Service water-heating systems. New service water-heating equipment, controls and service water heating piping shall comply with Section C404.

C502.2.4.1 Service hot water systems acceptance testing. New service hot water systems that serve *additions* shall comply with Sections C408.2.3 and C408.2.5.

Exceptions:

1. Service water-heating systems in buildings where the total mechanical equipment capacity is less than 600,000 Btu/h (175.8 kW) combined service water-heating and space-heating capacity.
2. Systems included in Section C403.5 that serve individual *dwelling units* and *sleeping units*.

C502.2.5 Pools and inground permanently installed spas. New pools and inground permanently installed spas shall comply with Section C404.10.

C502.2.6 Lighting power and systems. New lighting systems that are installed as part of the addition shall comply with Section C405.

C502.2.6.1 Interior lighting power. The total interior lighting power for the *addition* shall comply with Section C405.3.2 for the *addition* alone, or the existing building and the *addition* shall comply as a single building.

C502.2.6.2 Exterior lighting power. The total exterior lighting power for the *addition* shall comply with Section C405.4.2 for the *addition* alone, or the existing building and the *addition* shall comply as a single building.

C502.2.6.3 Lighting acceptance testing. New lighting systems that serve *additions* shall comply with Section C408.3.

SECTION C503 ALTERATIONS

C503.1 General. *Alterations* to any building or structure shall comply with the requirements of Section C503 and the code for new construction. *Alterations* shall be such that the

existing building or structure is not less conforming to the provisions of this code than the existing building or structure was prior to the *alteration*. *Alterations* to an existing building, building system or portion thereof shall conform to the provisions of this code as those provisions relate to new construction. *Alterations* shall not create an unsafe or hazardous condition or overload existing building systems. *Level 3 alterations* shall also comply with Section C503.7. *Level 4 alterations* shall also comply with Section C503.8.

Exception: The following *alterations* need not comply with the requirements for new construction, provided that the energy use of the building is not increased:

1. Storm windows installed over existing *fenestration*.
2. Surface-applied window film installed on existing single-pane *fenestration* assemblies reducing solar heat gain, provided that the code does not require the glazing or *fenestration* to be replaced.
3. Existing ceiling, wall or floor cavities exposed during construction, provided that these cavities are filled with insulation.
4. Construction where the existing roof, wall or floor cavity is not exposed.
5. *Roof recover*.
6. *Air barriers* shall not be required for *roof recover* and roof replacement where the *alterations* or renovations to the building do not include *alterations*, renovations or *repairs* to the remainder of the building envelope.

C503.2 Change in space conditioning. Any nonconditioned or low-energy space that is altered to become *conditioned space* shall be required to be brought into full compliance with this code.

Exceptions:

1. Where the component performance alternative in Section C402.1.5 is used to comply with this section, the proposed UA shall be not greater than 110 percent of the target UA.
2. Where the total building performance option in Section C407 is used to comply with this section, the annual energy cost of the proposed design shall be not greater than 110 percent of the annual energy cost otherwise permitted by Section C407.3.

C503.3 Building envelope. New building envelope assemblies that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Sections C402.1 through C402.5.

Exception: Where the existing building exceeds the fenestration area limitations of Section C402.4.1 prior to alteration, the building is exempt from Section C402.4.1 provided that there is not an increase in fenestration area.

C503.3.1 Roof replacement. *Roof replacements* shall comply with Section C402.1.3, C402.1.4, C402.1.5 or C407 where the existing roof assembly is part of the *building thermal envelope* and contains insulation entirely above the roof deck.

C503.3.2 Vertical fenestration. The addition of *vertical fenestration* that results in a total building *fenestration* area less than or equal to that specified in Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.1.5, C402.4.3 or C407. The addition of *vertical fenestration* that results in a total building *fenestration* area greater than Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.4.1.1 for the space adjacent to the new fenestration only. *Alterations* that result in a total building *vertical fenestration* area exceeding that specified in Section C402.4.1.1 shall comply with Section C402.1.5 or C407. Provided that the vertical fenestration area is not changed, using the same vertical fenestration area in the *standard reference design* as the building prior to alteration shall be an alternative to using the vertical fenestration area specified in Table C407.5.1(1).

C503.3.3 Skylight area. New *skylight* area that results in a total building *skylight* area less than or equal to that specified in Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.1.5, C402.4 or C407. The addition of *skylight* area that results in a total building *skylight* area greater than Section C402.4.1 shall comply with Section C402.4.1.2 for the space adjacent to the new skylights. *Alterations* that result in a total building *skylight* area exceeding that specified in Section C402.4.1.2 shall comply with Section C402.1.5 or C407. Provided that the skylight area is not changed, using the same skylight area in the *standard reference design* as the building prior to alteration shall be an alternative to using the skylight area specified in Table C407.5.1(1).

C503.4 Heating and cooling systems. New heating, cooling and duct systems that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Sections C403.

C503.4.1 Economizers. New cooling systems that are part of *alteration* shall comply with Section C403.5.

C503.4.2 Mechanical system acceptance testing. New mechanical systems that serve *alterations* shall comply with Sections C408.2.2, C408.2.3 and C408.2.5.

Exceptions:

1. Mechanical systems and service water-heating systems in buildings where the total mechanical equipment capacity is less than 480,000 Btu/h (140.7 kW) cooling capacity and 600,000 Btu/h (175.8 kW) combined service water-heating and space-heating capacity.
2. Systems included in Section C403.5 that serve individual *dwelling units* and *sleeping units*.

C503.5 Service hot water systems. New service hot water systems that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Section C404.

C503.5.1 Service hot water system acceptance testing. New service hot water systems that serve *alterations* shall comply with Sections C408.2.3 and C408.2.5.

Exceptions:

1. Service water-heating systems in buildings where the total mechanical equipment capacity is less

than 600,000 Btu/h (175.8 kW) combined service water-heating and space-heating capacity.

2. Systems included in Section C403.5 that serve individual *dwelling units* and *sleeping units*.

C503.6 Lighting systems. New lighting systems that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Section C405.

Exception. *Alterations* that replace less than 10 percent of the luminaires in a space, provided that such *alterations* do not increase the installed interior lighting power.

C503.6.1 Lighting acceptance testing. New lighting systems that serve *alterations* shall comply with Section C408.3.

C503.7 Level 3 alterations. *Level 3 alterations* shall also comply with Section C407.3 where the proposed design EUI or PCI shall be not greater than 125 percent of the EUI or PCI otherwise permitted by Section C407.3.

C503.8 Level 4 alterations. *Level 4 alterations* shall also comply with Section C407.3 where the proposed design EUI or PCI shall be not greater than 110 percent of the EUI or PCI otherwise permitted by Section C407.3.

SECTION C504 REPAIRS

C504.1 General. *Buildings* and structures, and parts thereof, shall be repaired in compliance with Section C501.3 and this section. Work on nondamaged components that is necessary for the required *repair* of damaged components shall be considered to be part of the *repair* and shall not be subject to the requirements for *alterations* in this chapter. Routine maintenance required by Section C501.3, ordinary *repairs* exempt from *permit* and abatement of wear due to normal service conditions shall not be subject to the requirements for *repairs* in this section.

Where a building was constructed to comply with ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1, repairs shall comply with the standard and need not comply with Sections C402, C403, C404 and C405.

C504.2 Application. For the purposes of this code, the following shall be considered to be repairs:

1. Glass-only replacements in an existing sash and frame.
2. *Roof repairs*.
3. Air barriers shall not be required for *roof repair* where the repairs to the building do not include *alterations*, renovations or *repairs* to the remainder of the building envelope.
4. Replacement of existing doors that separate conditioned space from the exterior shall not require the installation of a vestibule or revolving door, provided that an existing vestibule that separates a conditioned space from the exterior shall not be removed.
5. *Repairs* where only the bulb, the ballast or both within the existing luminaires in a space are replaced, provided that the replacement does not increase the installed interior lighting power.

SECTION C505 CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY OR USE

C505.1 General. Spaces undergoing a change in occupancy that would result in an increase in demand for either fossil fuel or electrical energy shall comply with this code. Where the use in a space changes from one use in Table C405.3.2(1) or C405.3.2(2) to another use in Table C405.3.2(1) or C405.3.2(2), the installed lighting wattage shall comply with Section C405.3. Where the space undergoing a change in occupancy or use is in a building with a fenestration area that exceeds the limitations of Section C402.4.1, the space is exempt from Section C402.4.1 provided that there is not an increase in fenestration area.

Exceptions:

1. Where the component performance alternative in Section C402.1.5 is used to comply with this section, the proposed UA shall be not greater than 110 percent of the target UA.
2. Where performance-based compliance in Section C407 is required to comply with this section, the proposed design EUI or PCI shall be not greater than 110 percent of the EUI or PCI otherwise permitted by Section C407.3.

CHAPTER 6 [CE]

REFERENCED STANDARDS

User note:

About this chapter: Chapter 6 lists the full title, edition year and address of the promulgator for all standards that are referenced in the code. The section numbers in which the standards are referenced are also listed.

This chapter lists the standards that are referenced in various sections of this document. The standards are listed herein by the promulgating agency of the standard, the standard identification, the effective date and title, and the section or sections of this document that reference the standard. The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in Section 107.

AAMA

American Architectural Manufacturers Association
1827 Walden Office Square
Suite 550
Schaumburg, IL 60173-4268

AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A C440—17: North American Fenestration Standard/Specifications for Windows, Doors and Unit Skylights

Table C402.5.2

AHAM

Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
1111 19th Street NW, Suite 402
Washington, DC 20036

ANSI/AHAM RAC-1—2008: Room Air Conditioners

Table C403.3.2(3)

AHAM HRF-1—2016: Energy, Performance and Capacity of Household Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers and Freezers

Table C403.10.1

AHRI

Air-Conditioning, Heating, & Refrigeration Institute
2111 Wilson Blvd, Suite 500
Arlington, VA 22201

ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-1 (1998 RA2014): Water-to-Air and Brine-to-Air Heat Pumps—Testing and Rating for Performance

Table C403.3.2(2)

ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-2 (1998 RA2014): Water-to-Water and Brine-to-Water Heat Pumps —Testing and Rating for Performance

Table C403.3.2(2)

210/240—2016: Performance Rating of Unitary Air-conditioning and Air-source Heat Pump Equipment

Table C403.3.2(1), Table C403.3.2(2)

310/380—2014 (CSA-C744-04): Standard for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps

Table C403.3.2(3)

340/360—2015: Performance Rating of Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-conditioning and Heat Pump Equipment

Table C403.3.2(1), Table C403.3.2(2)

365(I-P)—2009: Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-conditioning Condensing Units

Table C403.3.2(1), Table C403.3.2(6)

390 (I-P)—2015: Performance Rating of Single Package Vertical Air-conditioners and Heat Pumps

Table C403.3.2(3)

400 (I-P)—2015: Performance Rating of Liquid to Liquid Heat Exchangers

Table C403.3.2(10)

440—2008: Performance Rating of Room Fan Coils—with Addendum 1

C403.11.3

460—2005: Performance Rating of Remote Mechanical-draft Air-cooled Refrigerant Condensers

Table C403.3.2(8)

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AHRI—continued

- 550/590 (I-P)—2015: Performance Rating of Water-chilling and Heat Pump Water-heating Packages Using the Vapor Compression Cycle**
C403.3.2.1, Table C403.3.2(7)
- 560—00: Absorption Water Chilling and Water Heating Packages**
Table C403.3.2(7)
- 1160 (I-P) —2014: Performance Rating of Heat Pump Pool Heaters**
Table C404.2
- 1200 (I-P)—2013: Performance Rating of Commercial Refrigerated Display Merchandisers and Storage Cabinets**
C403.10, Table C403.10.1(1), Table C403.10.1(2)

AMCA

Air Movement and Control Association International
30 West University Drive
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-1806

- 205—12: Energy Efficiency Classification for Fans**
C403.8.3
- 220—08 (R2012): Laboratory Methods of Testing Air Curtain Units for Aerodynamic Performance Rating**
C402.5.6
- 500D—12: Laboratory Methods for Testing Dampers for Rating**
C403.7.7

ANSI

American National Standards Institute
25 West 43rd Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10036

- Z21.10.3/CSA 4.3—11: Gas Water Heaters, Volume III—Storage Water Heaters with Input Ratings Above 75,000 Btu per Hour, Circulating Tank and Instantaneous**
Table C404.2
- Z21.47/CSA 2.3—12: Gas-fired Central Furnaces**
Table C403.3.2(4)
- Z83.8/CSA 2.6—09: Gas Unit Heaters, Gas Packaged Heaters, Gas Utility Heaters and Gas-fired Duct Furnaces**
Table C403.3.2(4)

APSP

The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals
2111 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 580
Alexandria, VA 22314

- 14—2014: American National Standard for Portable Electric Spa Energy Efficiency**
C404.8

ASHRAE

ASHRAE
1791 Tullie Circle NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

- ASHRAE 127-2007: Method of Testing for Rating Computer**
Table C403.3.2(9)
- ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 183—2007 (RA2014): Peak Cooling and Heating Load Calculations in Buildings, Except Low-rise Residential Buildings**
C403.1.1
- ASHRAE—2016: ASHRAE HVAC Systems and Equipment Handbook**
C403.1.1
- ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-1 (1998 RA2014): Water-to-Air and Brine-to-Air Heat Pumps—Testing and Rating for Performance**
Table C403.3.2(2)
- ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-2 (1998 RA2014): Water-to-Water and Brine-to-Water Heat Pumps—Testing and Rating for Performance**
Table C403.3.2(2)

ASHRAE—continued

- 55—2013: Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy**
Table C407.5.1
- 90.1—2016: Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-rise Residential Buildings**
C401.2, Table C402.1.3, Table C402.1.4, Table C407.6.1, C502.1, C503.1, C504.1
- 140—2014: Standard Method of Test for the Evaluation of Building Energy Analysis Computer Programs**
C407.6.1
- 146—2011: Testing and Rating Pool Heaters**
Table C404.2

ASME

American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Two Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016-5990

- ASME A17.1—2016/CSA B44—16: Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators**
C405.8.2

ASTM

ASTM International
100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700
West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959

- C90—14: Specification for Load-bearing Concrete Masonry Units**
Table C401.3
- C1363—11: Standard Test Method for Thermal Performance of Building Materials and Envelope Assemblies by Means of a Hot Box Apparatus**
C303.1.4.1, Table C402.1.4, 402.2.7
- C1371—15: Standard Test Method for Determination of Emittance of Materials Near Room Temperature Using Portable Emissometers**
Table C402.3
- C1549—09(2014): Standard Test Method for Determination of Solar Reflectance Near Ambient Temperature Using a Portable Solar Reflectometer**
Table C402.3
- D1003—13: Standard Test Method for Haze and Luminous Transmittance of Transparent Plastics**
C402.4.2.2
- E283—04(2012): Test Method for Determining the Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen**
Table C402.5.2, C402.5.7
- E408—13: Test Methods for Total Normal Emittance of Surfaces Using Inspection-meter Techniques**
Table C402.3
- E779—10: Standard Test Method for Determining Air Leakage Rate by Fan Pressurization**
C402.5
- E903—12: Standard Test Method Solar Absorptance, Reflectance and Transmittance of Materials Using Integrating Spheres (Withdrawn 2005)**
Table C402.3
- E1827—11: Standard Test Methods for Determining Airtightness of Building Using an Orifice Blower Door**
C402.5, C606.4
- E1918—06(2015): Standard Test Method for Measuring Solar Reflectance of Horizontal or Low-sloped Surfaces in the Field**
Table C402.3
- E1980—11: Standard Practice for Calculating Solar Reflectance Index of Horizontal and Low-sloped Opaque Surfaces**
Table C402.3, C402.3.2

CRRC

Cool Roof Rating Council
449 15th Street, Suite 400
Oakland, CA 94612

ANSI/CRRC-S100—2016: Standard Test Methods for Determining Radiative Properties of Materials

Table C402.3, C402.3.1

CSA

CSA Group
8501 East Pleasant Valley Road
Cleveland, OH 44131-5516

AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/LS.2/A440—17: North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors and Unit Skylights

Table C402.5.2

CSA B55.1—2015: Test Method for Measuring Efficiency and Pressure Loss of Drain Water Heat Recovery Units

C404.8

CSA B55.2—2015: Drain Water Heat Recovery Units

C404.8

CTI

Cooling Technology Institute
P. O. Box 681807
Houston, TX 77268

ATC 105 (00): Acceptance Test Code for Water Cooling Tower

Table C403.3.2(8)

ATC 105S—11: Acceptance Test Code for Closed Circuit Cooling Towers

Table C403.3.2(8)

ATC 106—11: Acceptance Test for Mechanical Draft Evaporative Vapor Condensers

Table C403.3.2(8)

STD 201—11: Standard for Certification of Water Cooling Towers Thermal Performances

Table C403.3.2(8)

CTI STD 201 RS(15): Performance Rating of Evaporative Heat Rejection Equipment

Table C403.3.2(8)

DASMA

Door & Access Systems Manufacturers Association, International
1300 Sumner Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115-2851

105—2016: Test Method for Thermal Transmittance and Air Infiltration of Garage Doors and Rolling Doors

C303.1.3, Table C402.5.2

DOE

U.S. Department of Energy
c/o Superintendent of Documents
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

10 CFR, Part 430—2015: Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures and Certification and Enforcement Requirement for Plumbing Products; and Certification and Enforcement Requirements for Residential Appliances; Final Rule

Table C403.3.2(4), Table C403.3.2(5), Table C404.2
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10 CFR, Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix N—(2015): Uniform Test Method for Measuring the Energy Consumption of Furnaces and Boilers

C202

10 CFR, Part 431—2015: Energy Efficiency Program for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedures and Efficiency Standards; Final Rules

Table C403.3.2(5), C405.6, Table C405.6, C405.7

10 CFR 431 Subpart B App B: Uniform Test Method for Measuring Nominal Full Load Efficiency of Electric Motors

C403.8.4, Table C405.7(1), Table C405.7(2), Table C405.7(3), C405.7(4)

NAECA 87—(88): National Appliance Energy Conservation Act 1987 [Public Law 100-12 (with Amendments of 1988-P.L. 100-357)]

Table C403.3.2(1), Table C403.3.2(2), Table C403.3.2(4)

ICC

International Code Council, Inc.
500 New Jersey Avenue NW
6th Floor
Washington, DC 20001

IBC—18: International Building Code®

C201.3, C303.2, C402.5.3, C501.4

IFC—18: International Fire Code®

C201.3, C501.4

IFGC—18: International Fuel Gas Code®

C201.3, C501.4

IMC—18: International Mechanical Code®

C403.7.7, C403.2.2, C403.7.1, C403.7.2, C403.7.4, C403.7.5, C403.11.1, C403.11.2.1, C403.11.2.2, C403.6, C403.6.6, C501.4

IPC—18: International Plumbing Code®

C201.3, C501.4

IPMC—18: International Property Maintenance Code®

C501.4

IPSDC—18: International Private Sewage Disposal Code®

C501.4

IEEE

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
3 Park Avenue, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10016

IEEE 515.1—2012: IEE Standard for the Testing, Design, Installation, and Maintenance of Electrical Resistance Trace Heating for Commercial Applications

C404.6.2

IES

Illuminating Engineering Society
120 Wall Street, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10005-4001

ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1—2016: Energy Standard for Buildings, Except Low-rise Residential Buildings

C401.2, Table C402.1.3, Table C402.1.4, C502.1, C503.1, C504.1

ISO

International Organization for Standardization
Chemin de Blandonnet 8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier
Geneva, Switzerland

ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-1(1998 RA2014): Water-to-Air and Brine-to-Air Heat Pumps -Testing and Rating for Performance

Table C403.3.2(2)

ISO/AHRI/ASHRAE 13256-2(1998 RA2014): Water-to-Water and Brine-to-Water Heat Pumps -Testing and Rating for Performance

C403.3.2(2)

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NEMA

National Electrical Manufacturers Association
1300 North 17th Street, Suite 900
Rosslyn, VA 22209

MG1—2014: Motors and Generators
C202

NFPA

National Fire Protection Association
1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02169-7471

70—17: National Electrical Code
C501.4

NFRC

National Fenestration Rating Council, Inc.
6305 Ivy Lane, Suite 140
Greenbelt, MD 20770

100—2017: Procedure for Determining Fenestration Products *U*-factors
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CHAPTER 1 [RE]

SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

User note:

About this chapter: Chapter 1 establishes the limits of applicability of this code and describes how the code is to be applied and enforced. Chapter 1 is in two parts: Part 1—Scope and Application (Sections 101–102) and Part 2—Administration and Enforcement (Sections 103–109). Section 101 identifies which buildings and structures come under its purview and references other I-Codes as applicable. Standards and codes are scoped to the extent referenced (see Section 107.1).

This code is intended to be adopted as a legally enforceable document, and it cannot be effective without adequate provisions for its administration and enforcement. The provisions of Chapter 1 establish the authority and duties of the code official appointed by the authority having jurisdiction and also establish the rights and privileges of the design professional, contractor and property owner.

PART 1—SCOPE AND APPLICATION

SECTION R101 SCOPE AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

R101.1 Title. This code shall be known as the **2020 City of Boulder Energy Conservation Code**, and shall be cited as such. It is referred to herein as “this code.”

R101.2 Scope. This code applies to *residential buildings* and the *building* sites and associated systems and equipment.

R101.3 Intent. This code shall regulate the design and construction of *buildings* for the effective use and conservation of energy over the useful life of each building. This code is intended to provide flexibility to permit the use of innovative approaches and techniques to achieve this objective. This code is not intended to abridge safety, health or environmental requirements contained in other applicable codes or ordinances.

R101.4 Applicability. Where, in any specific case, different sections of this code specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern. Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall govern.

R101.4.1 Mixed residential and commercial buildings. Where a *building* includes both *residential* building and *commercial building* portions, each portion shall be separately considered and meet the applicable provisions of the IECC—Commercial Provisions or IECC—Residential Provisions.

R101.5 Compliance. *Residential buildings* shall meet the provisions of IECC—Residential Provisions. *Commercial buildings* shall meet the provisions of IECC—Commercial Provisions.

R101.5.1 Compliance materials. The *code official* shall be permitted to approve specific computer software, work-sheets, compliance manuals and other similar materials that meet the intent of this code.

SECTION R102 ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS, DESIGN AND METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT

R102.1 General. The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code. The *code official* shall have the authority to approve an alternative material, design or method of construction upon application of the owner or the owner’s authorized agent. The code official shall first find that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, not less than the equivalent of that prescribed in this code for strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety. Where the alternative material, design or method of construction is not *approved*, the *code official* shall respond to the applicant, in writing, stating the reasons why the alternative was not *approved*.

R102.1.1 Above code programs. The *code official* or other authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to deem a national, state or local energy-efficiency program to exceed the energy efficiency required by this code. *Buildings approved* in writing by such an energy-efficiency program shall be considered to be in compliance with this code. The requirements identified as “mandatory” in Chapter 4 shall be met.

PART 2—ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

SECTION R103 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

R103.1 General. Construction documents, technical reports and other supporting data shall be submitted in one or more sets with each application for a permit. The construction documents and technical reports shall be prepared by a registered design professional where required by the statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed. Where special conditions exist, the *code official* is authorized to require necessary construction documents to be prepared by a registered design professional.

Exception: The *code official* is authorized to waive the requirements for construction documents or other support-

ing data if the *code official* determines they are not necessary to confirm compliance with this code.

R103.2 Information on construction documents. Construction documents shall be drawn to scale on suitable material. Electronic media documents are permitted to be submitted where *approved* by the *code official*. Construction documents shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed, and show in sufficient detail pertinent data and features of the *building*, systems and equipment as herein governed. Details shall include the following as applicable:

1. Insulation materials and their *R*-values.
2. Fenestration *U*-factors and *solar heat gain coefficients* (SHGC).
3. Area-weighted *U*-factor and *solar heat gain coefficients* (SHGC) calculations.
4. Mechanical system design criteria.
5. Mechanical and service water-heating systems and equipment types, sizes and efficiencies.
6. Equipment and system controls.
7. Duct sealing, duct and pipe insulation and location.
8. Air sealing details.

R103.2.1 Building thermal envelope depiction. The *building thermal envelope* shall be represented on the construction documents.

R103.3 Examination of documents. The *code official* shall examine or cause to be examined the accompanying construction documents and shall ascertain whether the construction indicated and described is in accordance with the requirements of this code and other pertinent laws or ordinances. The *code official* is authorized to utilize a registered design professional, or other *approved* entity not affiliated with the building design or construction, in conducting the review of the plans and specifications for compliance with the code.

R103.3.1 Approval of construction documents. When the *code official* issues a permit where construction documents are required, the construction documents shall be endorsed in writing and stamped "Reviewed for Code Compliance." Such *approved* construction documents shall not be changed, modified or altered without authorization from the *code official*. Work shall be done in accordance with the *approved* construction documents.

One set of construction documents so reviewed shall be retained by the *code official*. The other set shall be returned to the applicant, kept at the site of work and shall be open to inspection by the *code official* or a duly authorized representative.

R103.3.2 Previous approvals. This code shall not require changes in the construction documents, construction or designated occupancy of a structure for which a lawful permit has been heretofore issued or otherwise lawfully authorized, and the construction of which has been pur-

sued in good faith within 180 days after the effective date of this code and has not been abandoned.

R103.3.3 Phased approval. The *code official* shall have the authority to issue a permit for the construction of part of an energy conservation system before the construction documents for the entire system have been submitted or *approved*, provided adequate information and detailed statements have been filed complying with all pertinent requirements of this code. The holders of such permit shall proceed at their own risk without assurance that the permit for the entire energy conservation system will be granted.

R103.4 Amended construction documents. Work shall be installed in accordance with the *approved* construction documents, and any changes made during construction that are not in compliance with the *approved* construction documents shall be resubmitted for approval as an amended set of construction documents.

R103.5 Retention of construction documents. One set of *approved* construction documents shall be retained by the *code official* for a period of not less than 180 days from date of completion of the permitted work, or as required by state or local laws.

SECTION R104 FEES

R104.1 Fees. A permit shall not be issued until the fees prescribed in Section R104.2 have been paid, nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, has been paid.

R104.2 Schedule of permit fees. A fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the applicable governing authority.

R104.3 Work commencing before permit issuance. Any person who commences any work before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to an additional fee established by the *code official* that shall be in addition to the required permit fees.

R104.4 Related fees. The payment of the fee for the construction, *alteration*, removal or demolition of work done in connection to or concurrently with the work or activity authorized by a permit shall not relieve the applicant or holder of the permit from the payment of other fees that are prescribed by law.

R104.5 Refunds. The *code official* is authorized to establish a refund policy.

SECTION R105 INSPECTIONS

R105.1 General. Construction or work for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection by the *code official* or his or her designated agent, and such construction or work shall remain visible and able to be accessed for inspection purposes until *approved*. It shall be the duty of the permit applicant to cause the work to remain visible and able to be accessed for inspection purposes. Neither the *code official*

nor the jurisdiction shall be liable for expense entailed in the removal or replacement of any material, product, system or building component required to allow inspection to validate compliance with this code.

R105.2 Required inspections. The *code official* or his or her designated agent, upon notification, shall make the inspections set forth in Sections R105.2.1 through R105.2.5.

R105.2.1 Footing and foundation inspection. Inspections associated with footings and foundations shall verify compliance with the code as to *R-value*, location, thickness, depth of burial and protection of insulation as required by the code and *approved* plans and specifications.

R105.2.2 Framing and rough-in inspection. Inspections at framing and rough-in shall be made before application of interior finish and shall verify compliance with the code as to: types of insulation and corresponding *R-values* and their correct location and proper installation; fenestration properties such as *U-factor* and SHGC and proper installation; and air leakage controls as required by the code; and approved plans and specifications.

R105.2.3 Plumbing rough-in inspection. Inspections at plumbing rough-in shall verify compliance as required by the code and *approved* plans and specifications as to types of insulation and corresponding *R-values* and protection, and required controls.

R105.2.4 Mechanical rough-in inspection. Inspections at mechanical rough-in shall verify compliance as required by the code and *approved* plans and specifications as to installed HVAC equipment type and size, required controls, system insulation and corresponding *R-value*, system air leakage control, programmable thermostats, dampers, whole-house ventilation, and minimum fan efficiency.

Exception: Systems serving multiple dwelling units shall be inspected in accordance with Section C105.2.4.

R105.2.5 Final inspection. The *building* shall have a final inspection and shall not be occupied until *approved*. The final inspection shall include verification of the installation of all required *building* systems, equipment and controls and their proper operation and the required number of high-efficacy lamps and fixtures.

R105.3 Reinspection. A *building* shall be reinspected where determined necessary by the *code official*.

R105.4 Approved inspection agencies. The *code official* is authorized to accept reports of third-party inspection agencies not affiliated with the *building* design or construction, provided that such agencies are *approved* as to qualifications and reliability relevant to the *building* components and systems that they are inspecting.

R105.5 Inspection requests. It shall be the duty of the holder of the permit or their duly authorized agent to notify the *code official* when work is ready for inspection. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to provide access to and means for inspections of such work that are required by this code.

R105.6 Reinspection and testing. Where any work or installation does not pass an initial test or inspection, the necessary corrections shall be made to achieve compliance with this code. The work or installation shall then be resubmitted to the *code official* for inspection and testing.

R105.7 Approval. After the prescribed tests and inspections indicate that the work complies in all respects with this code, a notice of approval shall be issued by the *code official*.

R105.7.1 Revocation. The *code official* is authorized to, in writing, suspend or revoke a notice of approval issued under the provisions of this code wherever the certificate is issued in error, or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or where it is determined that the *building* or structure, premise, or portion thereof is in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any of the provisions of this code.

SECTION R106 VALIDITY

R106.1 General. If a portion of this code is held to be illegal or void, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this code.

SECTION R107 REFERENCED STANDARDS

R107.1 Referenced codes and standards. The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those indicated in Chapter 5, and such codes and standards shall be considered as part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections R107.1.1 and R107.1.2.

R107.1.1 Conflicts. Where conflicts occur between provisions of this code and referenced codes and standards, the provisions of this code shall apply.

R107.1.2 Provisions in referenced codes and standards. Where the extent of the reference to a referenced code or standard includes subject matter that is within the scope of this code, the provisions of this code, as applicable, shall take precedence over the provisions in the referenced code or standard.

R107.2 Application of references. References to chapter or section numbers, or to provisions not specifically identified by number, shall be construed to refer to such chapter, section or provision of this code.

R107.3 Other laws. The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law.

SECTION R108 STOP WORK ORDER

R108.1 Authority. Where the *code official* finds any work regulated by this code being performed in a manner either contrary to the provisions of this code or dangerous or unsafe, the *code official* is authorized to issue a stop work order.

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R108.2 Issuance. The stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property involved, to the owner's authorized agent, or to the person doing the work. Upon issuance of a stop work order, the cited work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for the order and the conditions under which the cited work will be permitted to resume.

R108.3 Emergencies. Where an emergency exists, the *code official* shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work.

R108.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to a fine as set by the applicable governing authority.

SECTION R109 BOARD OF APPEALS

R109.1 General. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the *code official* relative to the application and interpretation of this code, there shall be and is hereby created a board of appeals. The *code official* shall be an ex officio member of said board but shall not have a vote on any matter before the board. The board of appeals shall be appointed by the governing body and shall hold office at its pleasure. The board shall adopt rules of procedure for conducting its business, and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant with a duplicate copy to the *code official*.

R109.2 Limitations on authority. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. The board shall not have authority to waive requirements of this code.

R109.3 Qualifications. The board of appeals shall consist of members who are qualified by experience and training and are not employees of the jurisdiction.

CHAPTER 2 [RE] DEFINITIONS

User note:

About this chapter: Codes, by their very nature, are technical documents. Every word, term and punctuation mark can add to or change the meaning of a technical requirement. It is necessary to maintain a consensus on the specific meaning of each term contained in the code. Chapter 2 performs this function by stating clearly what specific terms mean for the purpose of the code.

SECTION R201 GENERAL

R201.1 Scope. Unless stated otherwise, the following words and terms in this code shall have the meanings indicated in this chapter.

R201.2 Interchangeability. Words used in the present tense include the future; words in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.

R201.3 Terms defined in other codes. Terms that are not defined in this code but are defined in the *International Building Code*, *International Fire Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code*, *International Mechanical Code*, *International Plumbing Code* or the *International Residential Code* shall have the meanings ascribed to them in those codes.

R201.4 Terms not defined. Terms not defined by this chapter shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

SECTION R202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

ABOVE-GRADE WALL. A wall more than 50 percent above grade and enclosing *conditioned space*. This includes between-floor spandrels, peripheral edges of floors, roof and basement knee walls, dormer walls, gable end walls, walls enclosing a mansard roof and *skylight* shafts.

ACCESSIBLE. Admitting close approach as a result of not being guarded by locked doors, elevation or other effective means (see “*Readily accessible*”).

ADDITION. An extension or increase in the *conditioned space* floor area, number of stories or height of a building or structure.

AIR BARRIER. One or more materials joined together in a continuous manner to restrict or prevent the passage of air through the *building thermal envelope* and its assemblies.

AIR-IMPERMEABLE INSULATION. An insulation that functions as an air barrier material.

ALTERATION. Any construction, retrofit or renovation to an existing structure other than *repair* or *addition*. Also, a change in a building, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system that involves an extension, addition or change to the arrangement, type or purpose of the original installation.

ALTERATION, LEVEL 1. An *alteration* that includes the removal and replacement or the covering of existing materials, elements, equipment or fixtures using new materials, elements, equipment or fixtures that serve the same purpose.

ALTERATION, LEVEL 2. An *alteration* that includes the reconfiguration of space, the addition or elimination of any door or window, the reconfiguration or extension of any system, or the installation of any additional equipment.

ALTERATION, LEVEL 3. An *alteration* where the *work area* exceeds 50 percent of the building area.

ALTERATION, LEVEL 4. An *alteration* where the *work area* exceeds 50 percent of the building area, mechanical and lighting systems are substantially replaced, and where the alteration meets the criteria of substantial structural alteration, including fenestration replacement.

APPROVED. Acceptable to the *code official*.

APPROVED AGENCY. An established and recognized agency that is regularly engaged in conducting tests furnishing inspection services, or furnishing product certification, where such agency has been *approved* by the *code official*.

AUTOMATIC. Self-acting, operating by its own mechanism when actuated by some impersonal influence, as, for example, a change in current strength, pressure, temperature or mechanical configuration (see “*Manual*”).

BASEMENT WALL. A wall 50 percent or more below grade and enclosing *conditioned space*.

BUILDING. Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy, including any mechanical systems, service water heating systems and electric power and lighting systems located on the building site and supporting the building.

BUILDING SITE. a contiguous area of land that is under the ownership or control of one entity.

BUILDING THERMAL ENVELOPE. The *basement walls*, *exterior walls*, floors, ceiling, roofs and any other *building* element assemblies that enclose *conditioned space* or provide a boundary between *conditioned space* and exempt or unconditioned space.

CIRCULATING HOT WATER SYSTEM. A specifically designed water distribution system where one or more pumps are operated in the service hot water piping to circulate heated water from the water-heating equipment to fixtures and back to the water-heating equipment.

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CLIMATE ZONE. A geographical region based on climatic criteria as specified in this code.

CODE OFFICIAL. The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING. For this code, all buildings that are not included in the definition of “Residential building.”

CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA. The horizontal projection of the floors associated with the *conditioned space*.

CONDITIONED SPACE. An area, room or space that is enclosed within the *building thermal envelope* and that is directly or indirectly heated or cooled. Spaces are indirectly heated or cooled where they communicate through openings with conditioned spaces, where they are separated from conditioned spaces by uninsulated walls, floors or ceilings, or where they contain uninsulated ducts, piping or other sources of heating or cooling.

CONTINUOUS AIR BARRIER. A combination of materials and assemblies that restrict or prevent the passage of air through the *building thermal envelope*.

CONTINUOUS INSULATION (ci). Insulating material that is continuous across all structural members without thermal bridges other than fasteners and service openings. It is installed on the interior or exterior, or is integral to any opaque surface, of the *building envelope*.

CRAWL SPACE WALL. The opaque portion of a wall that encloses a crawl space and is partially or totally below grade.

CURTAIN WALL. Fenestration products used to create an external nonload-bearing wall that is designed to separate the exterior and interior environments.

DEMAND RECIRCULATION WATER SYSTEM. A water distribution system having one or more recirculation pumps that pump water from a heated water supply pipe back to the heated water source through a cold water supply pipe.

DUCT. A tube or conduit utilized for conveying air. The air passages of self-contained systems are not to be construed as air ducts.

DUCT SYSTEM. A continuous passageway for the transmission of air that, in addition to ducts, includes duct fittings, dampers, plenums, fans and accessory air-handling equipment and appliances.

DWELLING UNIT. A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV). A motorized vehicle registered for on-road use, powered by an electric motor that draws current from rechargeable storage that is charged by being plugged into an electrical source.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CAPABLE SPACE. A designated parking space that is provided with conduit sized for a 40-amp, 208/240-volt dedicated branch circuit from a building electrical service panel to the parking space and sufficient

physical space in the same building electrical service panel to accommodate a 40-amp dual-pole circuit breaker.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE READY SPACE. A parking space that is provided with one 40-amp, 208/240-volt dedicated branch circuit for electric vehicle supply equipment that is terminated at a receptacle, a junction box or electric vehicle supply equipment within the parking space.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT (EVSE). The electrical conductors and equipment external to the electric vehicle that provide a connection between an electric vehicle and a power source to provide electric vehicle charging.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT (EVSE) INSTALLED SPACE. A parking space with electric vehicle supply equipment capable of supplying current at 40 amps at 208/240 volt.

ENERGY ANALYSIS. A method for estimating the annual energy use of the *proposed design* and *standard reference design* based on estimates of energy use.

ENERGY COST. The total estimated annual cost for purchased energy for the building functions regulated by this code, including applicable demand charges.

ENERGY IMPACT OFFSET FUND. A city-approved and city-managed offset fund providing a payment option in lieu of complying with city program renewable energy and/or offset requirements.

ENERGY SIMULATION TOOL. An *approved* software program or calculation-based methodology that projects the annual energy use of a *building*.

ERI REFERENCE DESIGN. A version of the *rated design* that meets the minimum requirements of the 2006 *International Energy Conservation Code*.

EXTERIOR WALL. Walls including both above-grade walls and *basement walls*.

FENESTRATION. Products classified as either *vertical fenestration* or *skylights*.

Skylights. Glass or other transparent or translucent glazing material installed at a slope of less than 60 degrees (1.05 rad) from horizontal.

Vertical fenestration. Windows that are fixed or operable, opaque doors, glazed doors, glazed block and combination opaque/glazed doors composed of glass or other transparent or translucent glazing materials and installed at a slope of not less than 60 degrees (1.05 rad) from horizontal.

FENESTRATION PRODUCT, SITE-BUILT. A fenestration designed to be made up of field-glazed or field-assembled units using specific factory cut or otherwise factory-formed framing and glazing units. Examples of site-built fenestration include storefront systems, curtain walls and atrium roof systems.

HEATED SLAB. Slab-on-grade construction in which the heating elements, hydronic tubing, or hot air distribution system is in contact with, or placed within or under, the slab.

HIGH-EFFICACY LIGHT SOURCES. Compact fluorescent lamps, light-emitting diode (LED) lamps, T-8 or smaller diameter linear fluorescent lamps, other lamps with an efficacy of not less than **65 lumens per watt, or luminaires with an efficacy of not less than 45 lumens per watt.**

HISTORIC BUILDING. Any building or structure that is one or more of the following:

1. Listed, or certified as eligible for listing by the State Historic Preservation Officer or the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, in the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Designated as historic under an applicable state or local law.
3. Certified as a contributing resource within a National Register-listed, state-designated or locally designated historic district.

INFILTRATION. The uncontrolled inward air leakage into a *building* caused by the pressure effects of wind or the effect of differences in the indoor and outdoor air density or both.

INSULATED SIDING. A type of continuous insulation with manufacturer-installed insulating material as an integral part of the cladding product having an *R*-value of not less than R-2.

LABELED. Equipment, materials or products to which have been affixed a label, seal, symbol or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, *approved* agency or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of the production of such labeled items and whose labeling indicates either that the equipment, material or product meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

LISTED. Equipment, materials, products or services included in a list published by an organization acceptable to the *code official* and concerned with evaluation of products or services that maintains periodic inspection of production of *listed* equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services and whose listing states either that the equipment, material, product or service meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

LOW-VOLTAGE LIGHTING. Lighting equipment powered through a transformer such as a cable conductor, a rail conductor and track lighting.

MANUAL. Capable of being operated by personal intervention (see “Automatic”).

OFF-SITE SOLAR SUBSCRIPTION. A 20-year subscription to a solar generation facility where the beneficial use of the electricity generated by the facility belongs to subscribers to the solar generation facility as authorized in §40-2-127, C.R.S.

OPAQUE DOOR. A door that is not less than 50-percent opaque in surface area.

PROPOSED DESIGN. A description of the proposed *building* used to estimate annual energy use for determining compliance based on total building performance.

RATED DESIGN. A description of the proposed *building* used to determine the energy rating index.

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READILY ACCESSIBLE. Capable of being reached quickly for operation, renewal or inspection without requiring those to whom ready access is requisite to climb over or remove obstacles or to resort to portable ladders or access equipment (see “Accessible”).

REPAIR. The reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing *building* for the purpose of its maintenance or to correct damage.

REROOFING. The process of recovering or replacing an existing roof covering. See “Roof recover” and “Roof replacement.”

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING. For this code, includes detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses, and *Group R-2, R-3 and R-4* buildings three stories or less in height above grade plane **with separate means of egress.**

ROOF ASSEMBLY. A system designed to provide weather protection and resistance to design loads. The system consists of a roof covering and roof deck or a single component serving as both the roof covering and the roof deck. A roof assembly includes the roof covering, underlayment and roof deck, and can also include a thermal barrier, an ignition barrier, insulation or a vapor retarder.

ROOF RE-COVER. The process of installing an additional roof covering over a prepared existing roof covering without removing the existing roof covering.

ROOF REPAIR. Reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing roof for the purposes of its maintenance.

ROOF REPLACEMENT. The process of removing the existing roof covering, repairing any damaged substrate and installing a new roof covering.

R-VALUE (THERMAL RESISTANCE). The inverse of the time rate of heat flow through a body from one of its bounding surfaces to the other surface for a unit temperature difference between the two surfaces, under steady state conditions, per unit area ($h \cdot ft^2 \cdot ^\circ F/Btu$) [$(m^2 \cdot K)/W$].

SERVICE WATER HEATING. Supply of hot water for purposes other than comfort heating.

SOLAR HEAT GAIN COEFFICIENT (SHGC). The ratio of the solar heat gain entering the space through the fenestration assembly to the incident solar radiation. Solar heat gain includes directly transmitted solar heat and absorbed solar radiation that is then reradiated, conducted or convected into the space.

SOLAR-READY ZONE. A section or sections of the roof or building overhang designated and reserved for the future installation of a solar photovoltaic or solar thermal system.

STANDARD REFERENCE DESIGN. A version of the *proposed design* that meets the minimum requirements of this code and is used to determine the maximum annual energy use requirement for compliance based on total building performance.

SUBSTANTIAL STRUCTURAL ALTERATION. An alteration in which the gravity load-carrying structural elements altered within a five-year period support more than 30 percent of the total floor area and roof area of the building or structure. The areas to be counted toward the 30 percent shall

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include mezzanines, penthouses, and in-filled courts and shafts tributary to the altered structural elements.

SUNROOM. A one-story structure attached to a dwelling with a glazing area in excess of 40 percent of the gross area of the structure's *exterior walls* and roof.

THERMAL ISOLATION. Physical and space conditioning separation from *conditioned spaces*. The *conditioned spaces* shall be controlled as separate zones for heating and cooling or conditioned by separate equipment.

THERMOSTAT. An automatic control device used to maintain temperature at a fixed or adjustable setpoint.

U-FACTOR (THERMAL TRANSMITTANCE). The coefficient of heat transmission (air to air) through a building component or assembly, equal to the time rate of heat flow per unit area and unit temperature difference between the warm side and cold side air films (Btu/h • ft² • °F) [W/(m² • K)].

VENTILATION. The natural or mechanical process of supplying conditioned or unconditioned air to, or removing such air from, any space.

VENTILATION AIR. That portion of supply air that comes from outside (outdoors) plus any recirculated air that has been treated to maintain the desired quality of air within a designated space.

VISIBLE TRANSMITTANCE [VT]. The ratio of visible light entering the space through the fenestration product assembly to the incident visible light, Visible Transmittance, includes the effects of glazing material and frame and is expressed as a number between 0 and 1.

WHOLE HOUSE MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEM. An exhaust system, supply system, or combination thereof that is designed to mechanically exchange indoor air with outdoor air when operating continuously or through a programmed intermittent schedule to satisfy the whole house ventilation rates.

ZONE. A space or group of spaces within a *building* with heating or cooling requirements that are sufficiently similar so that desired conditions can be maintained throughout using a single controlling device.

CHAPTER 3 [RE]

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

User note:

About this chapter: Chapter 3 covers general regulations for energy conservation features of buildings. The climate zone for a building is established by geographic location tables and figures in this chapter.

SECTION R301 CLIMATE ZONES

R301.1 General. This code shall apply only to projects located in *Climate Zone 5B*.

SECTION R302 DESIGN CONDITIONS

R302.1 Interior design conditions. The interior design temperatures used for heating and cooling load calculations shall be a maximum of 72°F (22°C) for heating and minimum of 75°F (24°C) for cooling.

SECTION R303 MATERIALS, SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

R303.1 Identification. Materials, systems and equipment shall be identified in a manner that will allow a determination of compliance with the applicable provisions of this code.

R303.1.1 Building thermal envelope insulation. An *R*-value identification mark shall be applied by the manufacturer to each piece of *building thermal envelope* insulation that is 12 inches (305 mm) or greater in width. Alternatively, the insulation installers shall provide a certification that indicates the type, manufacturer and *R*-value of insulation installed in each element of the *building thermal envelope*. For blown-in or sprayed fiberglass and cellulose insulation, the initial installed thickness, settled thickness, settled *R*-value, installed density, coverage area and number of bags installed shall be indicated on the certification. For sprayed polyurethane foam (SPF) insulation, the installed thickness of the areas covered and the *R*-value of the installed thickness shall be indicated on the certification. For insulated siding, the *R*-value shall be on a label on the product's package and shall be indicated on the certification. The insulation installer shall sign, date and post the certification in a conspicuous location on the job site.

Exception: For roof insulation installed above the deck, the *R*-value shall be labeled as required by the material standards specified in Table 1508.2 of the *International Building Code* or Table R906.2 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.

R303.1.1.1 Blown-in or sprayed roof and ceiling insulation. The thickness of blown-in or sprayed fiberglass and cellulose roof and ceiling insulation shall be

at not less than one for every 300 square feet (28 m²) < throughout the attic space. The markers shall be affixed to the trusses or joists and marked with the minimum initial installed thickness with numbers not less than 1 inch (25 mm) in height. Each marker shall face the attic access opening. The thickness and installed *R*-value of sprayed polyurethane foam insulation shall be indicated on the certification provided by the insulation installer.

R303.1.2 Insulation mark installation. Insulating materials shall be installed such that the manufacturer's *R*-value mark is readily observable at inspection.

R303.1.3 Fenestration product rating. *U*-factors of fenestration products such as windows, doors and *skylights* shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 100.

Exception: Where required, garage door *U*-factors shall be determined in accordance with either NFRC 100 or ANSI/DASMA 105.

U-factors shall be determined by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer.

Products lacking such a labeled *U*-factor shall be assigned a default *U*-factor from Table R303.1.3(1) or R303.1.3(2). The *solar heat gain coefficient* (SHGC) and *visible transmittance* (VT) of glazed fenestration products such as windows, glazed doors and *skylights* shall be determined in accordance with NFRC 200 by an accredited, independent laboratory, and labeled and certified by the manufacturer. Products lacking such a labeled SHGC or VT shall be assigned a default SHGC or VT from Table R303.1.3(3).

R303.1.4 Insulation product rating. The thermal resistance, *R*-value, of insulation shall be determined in accordance with Part 460 of US-FTC CFR Title 16 in units of h • ft² • °F/Btu at a mean temperature of 75°F (24°C).

R303.1.4.1 Insulated siding. The thermal resistance, *R*-value, of insulated siding shall be determined in accordance with ASTM C1363. Installation for testing shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

R303.2 Installation. Materials, systems and equipment shall be installed in accordance with the **Grade I insulation installation requirements in RESNET/ICC 301** and the *International Building Code* or the *International Residential Code*, as applicable.

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R303.2.1 Protection of exposed foundation insulation.

Insulation applied to the exterior of *basement walls*, crawl space walls and the perimeter of slab-on-grade floors shall have a rigid, opaque and weather-resistant protective covering to prevent the degradation of the insulation's thermal performance. The protective covering shall cover the exposed exterior insulation and extend not less than 6 inches (153 mm) below grade.

R303.3 Maintenance information. Maintenance instructions shall be furnished for equipment and systems that require preventive maintenance. Required regular maintenance actions shall be clearly stated and incorporated on a readily *accessible* label. The label shall include the title or publication number for the operation and maintenance manual for that particular model and type of product.

TABLE R303.1.3(1)
DEFAULT GLAZED WINDOW,
GLASS DOOR AND SKYLIGHT *U*-FACTORS

FRAME TYPE	WINDOW AND GLASS DOOR		SKYLIGHT	
	Single pane	Double pane	Single	Double
Metal	1.20	0.80	2.00	1.30
Metal with Thermal Break	1.10	0.65	1.90	1.10
Nonmetal or Metal Clad	0.95	0.55	1.75	1.05
Glazed Block	0.60			

TABLE R303.1.3(2)
DEFAULT OPAQUE DOOR *U*-FACTORS

DOOR TYPE	OPAQUE <i>U</i> -FACTOR
Uninsulated Metal	1.20
Insulated Metal	0.60
Wood	0.50
Insulated, nonmetal edge, not exceeding 45% glazing, any glazing double pane	0.35

TABLE R303.1.3(3)
DEFAULT GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC AND VT

	SINGLE GLAZED		DOUBLE GLAZED		GLAZED BLOCK
	Clear	Tinted	Clear	Tinted	
SHGC	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
VT	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6

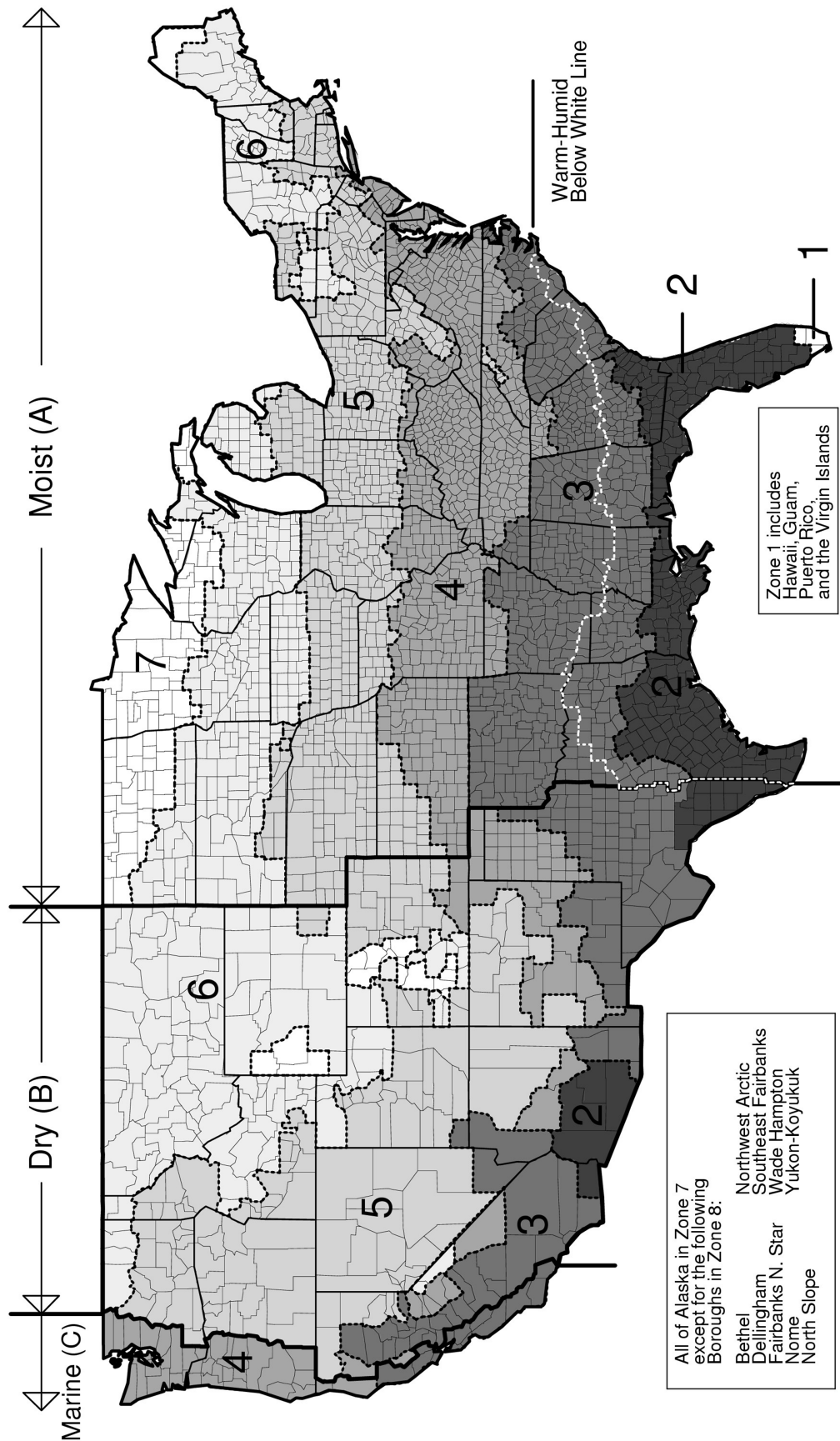


FIGURE R301.1
CLIMATE ZONES

CHAPTER 4 [RE]

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY

User note:

About this chapter: Chapter 4 provides requirements for the thermal envelope of a building, including minimum insulation values for walls, ceiling and floors; maximum fenestration U-factors; minimum fenestration solar heat gain coefficients; and methods for determining building assembly and a total building U-factor. A performance alternative and an energy rating alternative are also provided to allow for energy code compliance other than by the prescriptive method.

SECTION R401 GENERAL

R401.1 Scope. This chapter applies to *residential buildings*.

R401.2 Compliance. New buildings less than or equal to 500 square feet of *conditioned floor area* shall comply with either Item 1 or Item 2 of this section. New buildings greater than 500 square feet of *conditioned floor area* shall comply with Item 2.

1. Sections R401 through R404 and R407.
2. The energy rating index (ERI) approach in Sections R406 and R407.

R401.3 Documentation (Mandatory).

R401.3.1 Certificate. A permanent certificate shall be completed by the builder or other *approved* party and posted on a wall in the space where the furnace is located, a utility room or an *approved* location inside the *building*. Where located on an electrical panel, the certificate shall not cover or obstruct the visibility of the circuit directory label, service disconnect label or other required labels. The certificate shall indicate the predominant *R*-values of insulation installed in or on ceilings, roofs, walls, foundation components such as slabs, *basement walls*, crawl space walls and floors and ducts outside *conditioned spaces*; *U*-factors of fenestration and the *solar heat gain coefficient* (SHGC) of fenestration, and the results from any required duct system and *building envelope* air leakage testing performed on the *building*. Where there is more than one value for each component, the certificate shall indicate the value covering the largest area. The certificate shall indicate the types and efficiencies of heating, cooling and service water heating equipment. Where a gas-fired unvented room heater, electric furnace or baseboard electric heater is installed in the residence, the certificate shall indicate “gas-fired unvented room heater,” “electric furnace” or “baseboard electric heater,” as appropriate. An efficiency shall not be indicated for gas-fired unvented room heaters, electric furnaces and electric baseboard heaters. **The ERI, both with and without on-site generation, as determined in accordance with Section R406, shall be listed on the certificate.**

R401.3.2 Homeowner’s manual. The builder or owner’s agent shall provide the owner with a binder of all equipment and appliance manufacturers’ installation manuals, except for manuals that are required to be affixed to the equipment. These include the energy assessment report and ERI certificate. **If the code official approved a com-**

munity solar garden subscription attributed to the property as a means to meet the requirements of this chapter, the manual shall include any requirements for a continued subscription to a community solar garden necessary to meet the requirements of this chapter.

SECTION R402 BUILDING THERMAL ENVELOPE

R402.1 General (Prescriptive). The *building thermal envelope* shall comply with the requirements of Sections R402.1.1 through R402.1.5.

Exceptions:

1. The following low-energy *buildings*, or portions thereof, separated from the remainder of the building by *building thermal envelope* assemblies complying with this section shall be exempt from the *building thermal envelope* provisions of Section R402.
 - 1.1. Those with a peak design rate of energy usage less than 3.4 Btu/h • ft² (10.7 W/m²) or 1.0 watt/ft² of floor area for space-conditioning purposes.
 - 1.2. Those that do not contain *conditioned space*.
2. Log homes designed in accordance with ICC 400.

R402.1.1 Vapor retarder. Wall assemblies in the *building thermal envelope* shall comply with the vapor retarder requirements of Section R702.7 of the *International Residential Code* or Section 1404.3 of the *International Building Code*, as applicable.

R402.1.2 Insulation and fenestration criteria. The *building thermal envelope* shall meet the requirements of Table R402.1.2, based on the *climate zone* specified in Chapter 3.

R402.1.3 R-value computation. Insulation material used in layers, such as framing *cavity insulation* or continuous insulation, shall be summed to compute the corresponding component *R*-value. The manufacturer’s settled *R*-value shall be used for blown-in insulation. Computed *R*-values shall not include an *R*-value for other building materials or air films. Where insulated siding is used for the purpose of complying with the continuous insulation requirements of Table R402.1.2, the manufacturer’s labeled *R*-value for the insulated siding shall be reduced by R-0.6.

R402.1.4 U-factor alternative. An assembly with a *U*-factor equal to or less than that specified in Table R402.1.4 shall be an alternative to the *R*-value in Table R402.1.2.

R402.1.5 Total UA alternative. Where the total *building thermal envelope* UA, the sum of *U*-factor times assembly area, is less than or equal to the total UA resulting from multiplying the *U*-factors in Table R402.1.4 by the same assembly area as in the proposed *building*, the *building* shall be considered to be in compliance with Table R402.1.2. The UA calculation shall be performed using a method consistent with the ASHRAE *Handbook of Fundamentals* and shall include the thermal bridging effects of framing materials. In addition to UA compliance, the SHGC requirements shall be met.

R402.2 Specific insulation requirements (Prescriptive). In addition to the requirements of Section R402.1, insulation shall meet the specific requirements of Sections R402.2.1 through R402.2.13.

R402.2.1 Ceilings with attic spaces. Where Section R402.1.2 requires R-49 insulation in the ceiling, installing R-38 over 100 percent of the ceiling area requiring insulation shall satisfy the requirement for R-49 insulation wherever the full height of uncompressed R-38 insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves. This reduction shall not apply to the *U*-factor alternative approach in Section R402.1.4 and the Total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

R402.2.2 Ceilings without attic spaces. Where Section R402.1.2 requires insulation *R*-values greater than R-30 in the ceiling and the design of the roof/ceiling assembly does not allow sufficient space for the required insulation, the minimum required insulation *R*-value for such roof/ceiling assemblies shall be R-30. Insulation shall extend over the

top of the wall plate to the outer edge of such plate and shall not be compressed. This reduction of insulation from the requirements of Section R402.1.2 shall be limited to 500 square feet (46 m²) or 20 percent of the total insulated ceiling area, whichever is less. This reduction shall not apply to the *U*-factor alternative approach in Section R402.1.4 and the Total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

R402.2.3 Eave baffle. For air-permeable insulations in vented attics, a baffle shall be installed adjacent to soffit and eave vents. Baffles shall maintain an opening equal or greater than the size of the vent. The baffle shall extend over the top of the attic insulation. The baffle shall be permitted to be any solid material.

R402.2.4 Access hatches and doors. Access doors from *conditioned spaces* to *unconditioned spaces* such as attics and crawl spaces shall be weatherstripped and insulated to a level equivalent to the insulation on the surrounding surfaces. Access that prevents damaging or compressing the insulation shall be provided to all equipment. Where loose-fill insulation is installed, a wood-framed or equivalent baffle or retainer shall be installed to prevent the loose-fill insulation from spilling into the living space when the attic access is opened. The baffle or retainer shall provide a permanent means of maintaining the installed *R*-value of the loose-fill insulation.

Exception: Vertical doors providing access from *conditioned spaces* to *unconditioned spaces* that comply with the fenestration requirements of Table R402.1.2.

**TABLE R402.1.2
INSULATION AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT^a**

FENESTRATION <i>U</i> -FACTOR ^b	SKYLIGHT ^b <i>U</i> -FACTOR	GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC ^{b, c}	CEILING <i>R</i> -VALUE	WOOD FRAME WALL <i>R</i> -VALUE	MASS WALL <i>R</i> -VALUE ⁱ	FLOOR <i>R</i> -VALUE	BASEMENT ^c WALL <i>R</i> -VALUE	SLAB ^d <i>R</i> -VALUE & DEPTH	CRAWL SPACE ^e WALL <i>R</i> -VALUE
0.27	0.50	0.40	49	20 or 13+5 ^h	13/17	30 ^g	15/19	10, 2 ft	15/19

NR = Not Required.

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

- R*-values are minimums. *U*-factors and SHGC are maximums. Where insulation is installed in a cavity that is less than the label or design thickness of the insulation, the installed *R*-value of the insulation shall be not less than the *R*-value specified in the table.
- The fenestration *U*-factor column excludes skylights. The SHGC column applies to all glazed fenestration.
- "10/13" means R-10 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home or R-13 cavity insulation on the interior of the basement wall. "15/19" means R-15 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home or R-19 cavity insulation at the interior of the basement wall. Alternatively, compliance with "15/19" shall be R-13 cavity insulation on the interior of the basement wall plus R-5 continuous insulation on the interior or exterior of the home.
- R-5 insulation shall be provided under the full slab area of a heated slab in addition to the required slab edge insulation *R*-value for slabs, as indicated in the table. The slab edge insulation for heated slabs shall not be required to extend below the slab.
- There are no SHGC requirements in the Marine Zone.
- Basement wall insulation is not required in warm-humid locations as defined by Figure R301.1.
- Alternatively, insulation sufficient to fill the framing cavity and providing not less than an *R*-value of R-19.
- The first value is cavity insulation, the second value is continuous insulation. Therefore, as an example, "13+5" means R-13 cavity insulation plus R-5 continuous insulation.
- Mass walls shall be in accordance with Section R402.2.5. The second *R*-value applies where more than half of the insulation is on the interior of the mass wall.

**TABLE R402.1.4
EQUIVALENT *U*-FACTORS^a**

FENESTRATION <i>U</i> -FACTOR	SKYLIGHT <i>U</i> -FACTOR	CEILING <i>U</i> -FACTOR	FRAME WALL <i>U</i> -FACTOR	MASS WALL <i>U</i> -FACTOR ^b	FLOOR <i>U</i> -FACTOR	BASEMENT WALL <i>U</i> -FACTOR	CRAWL SPACE WALL <i>U</i> -FACTOR
0.27	0.50	0.026	0.045	0.056	0.029	0.042	0.042

a. Nonfenestration *U*-factors shall be obtained from measurement, calculation or an approved source.

b. Mass walls shall be in accordance with Section R402.2.5. Where more than half the insulation is on the interior, the mass wall *U*-factors shall not exceed 0.065.

R402.2.5 Mass walls. Mass walls where used as a component of the *building thermal envelope* shall be one of the following:

1. Above-ground walls of concrete block, concrete, insulated concrete form, masonry cavity, brick but not brick veneer, adobe, compressed earth block, rammed earth, solid timber or solid logs.
2. Any wall having a heat capacity greater than or equal to 6 Btu/ft² • °F (123 kJ/m² • K).

R402.2.6 Steel-frame ceilings, walls and floors. Steel-frame ceilings, walls, and floors shall comply with the insulation requirements of Table R402.2.6 or the *U*-factor requirements of Table R402.1.4. The calculation of the *U*-factor for a steel-frame envelope assembly shall use a series-parallel path calculation method.

**TABLE R402.2.6
STEEL-FRAME CEILING, WALL
AND FLOOR INSULATION R-VALUES**

WOOD FRAME R-VALUE REQUIREMENT	COLD-FORMED STEEL-FRAME EQUIVALENT R-VALUE ^a
Steel Truss Ceilings^b	
R-30	R-38 or R-30 + 3 or R-26 + 5
R-38	R-49 or R-38 + 3
R-49	R-38 + 5
Steel Joist Ceilings^b	
R-30	R-38 in 2 × 4 or 2 × 6 or 2 × 8 R-49 in any framing
R-38	R-49 in 2 × 4 or 2 × 6 or 2 × 8 or 2 × 10
Steel-Framed Wall, 16 inches on center	
R-13	R-13 + 4.2 or R-21 + 2.8 or R-0 + 9.3 or R-15 + 3.8 or R-21 + 3.1
R-13 + 3	R-0 + 11.2 or R-13 + 6.1 or R-15 + 5.7 or R-19 + 5.0 or R-21 + 4.7
R-20	R-0 + 14.0 or R-13 + 8.9 or R-15 + 8.5 or R-19 + 7.8 or R-19 + 6.2 or R-21 + 7.5
R-20 + 5	R-13 + 12.7 or R-15 + 12.3 or R-19 + 11.6 or R-21 + 11.3 or R-25 + 10.9
R-21	R-0 + 14.6 or R-13 + 9.5 or R-15 + 9.1 or R-19 + 8.4 or R-21 + 8.1 or R-25 + 7.7
Steel Framed Wall, 24 inches on center	
R-13	R-0 + 9.3 or R-13 + 3.0 or R-15 + 2.4
R-13 + 3	R-0 + 11.2 or R-13 + 4.9 or R-15 + 4.3 or R-19 + 3.5 or R-21 + 3.1
R-20	R-0 + 14.0 or R-13 + 7.7 or R-15 + 7.1 or R-19 + 6.3 or R-21 + 5.9
R-20 + 5	R-13 + 11.5 or R-15 + 10.9 or R-19 + 10.1 or R-21 + 9.7 or R-25 + 9.1
R-21	R-0 + 14.6 or R-13 + 8.3 or R-15 + 7.7 or R-19 + 6.9 or R-21 + 6.5 or R-25 + 5.9
Steel Joist Floor	
R-13	R-19 in 2 × 6, or R-19 + 6 in 2 × 8 or 2 × 10
R-19	R-19 + 6 in 2 × 6, or R-19 + 12 in 2 × 8 or 2 × 10

a. The first value is cavity insulation *R*-value, the second value is continuous insulation *R*-value. Therefore, for example, "R-30+3" means R-30 cavity insulation plus R-3 continuous insulation.

b. Insulation exceeding the height of the framing shall cover the framing.

R402.2.7 Walls with partial structural sheathing. Where Section R402.1.2 requires continuous insulation on *exterior walls* and structural sheathing covers 40 percent or less of the gross area of all *exterior walls*, the required continuous insulation *R*-value shall be permitted to be reduced by an amount necessary, but not more than R-3 to result in a consistent total sheathing thickness on areas of the walls covered by structural sheathing. This reduction shall not apply to the *U*-factor alternative in Section R402.1.4 and the Total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

R402.2.8 Floors. Floor framing-cavity insulation shall be installed to maintain permanent contact with the underside of the subfloor decking.

Exception: As an alternative, the floor framing-cavity insulation shall be in contact with the topside of sheathing or continuous insulation installed on the bottom side of floor framing where combined with insulation that meets or exceeds the minimum wood frame wall *R*-value in Table R402.1.2 and that extends from the bottom to the top of all perimeter floor framing members.

R402.2.9 Basement walls. Walls associated with conditioned basements shall be insulated from the top of the *basement wall* down to 10 feet (3048 mm) below grade or to the basement floor, whichever is less. Walls associated with unconditioned basements shall comply with this requirement except where the floor overhead is insulated in accordance with Sections R402.1.2 and R402.2.8.

R402.2.10 Slab-on-grade floors. Slab-on-grade floors with a floor surface less than 12 inches (305 mm) below grade shall be insulated in accordance with Table R402.1.2. The insulation shall extend downward from the top of the slab on the outside or inside of the foundation wall. Insulation located below grade shall be extended the distance provided in Table R402.1.2 by any combination of vertical insulation, insulation extending under the slab or insulation extending out from the *building*. Insulation extending away from the *building* shall be protected by pavement or by not less than 10 inches (254 mm) of soil. The top edge of the insulation installed between the *exterior wall* and the edge of the interior slab shall be permitted to be cut at a 45-degree (0.79 rad) angle away from the *exterior wall*. Slab-edge insulation is not required in jurisdictions designated by the *code official* as having a very heavy termite infestation.

R402.2.11 Crawl space walls. As an alternative to insulating floors over crawl spaces, crawl space walls shall be insulated provided that the crawl space is not vented to the outdoors. Crawl space wall insulation shall be permanently fastened to the wall and shall extend downward from the floor to the finished grade elevation and then vertically or horizontally for not less than an additional 24 inches (610 mm). Exposed earth in unvented crawl space foundations shall be covered with a continuous Class I vapor retarder in accordance with the *International Building Code* or *International Residential Code*, as applicable. Joints of the vapor retarder shall overlap by 6 inches (153 mm) and be sealed or taped. The edges of the vapor retarder shall extend not less than 6 inches (153 mm) up stem walls and shall be attached to the stem walls.

R402.2.12 Masonry veneer. Insulation shall not be required on the horizontal portion of a foundation that supports a masonry veneer.

R402.2.13 Sunroom insulation. *Sunrooms* enclosing *conditioned space* shall meet the insulation requirements of this code.

Exception: For *sunrooms* with *thermal isolation*, and enclosing *conditioned space*, the following exceptions to the insulation requirements of this code shall apply:

1. The minimum ceiling insulation *R*-value shall be R-24.
2. The minimum wall insulation *R*-value shall be R-13. Walls separating a *sunroom* with a *thermal isolation* from *conditioned space* shall comply with the *building thermal envelope* requirements of this code.

R402.3 Fenestration (Prescriptive). In addition to the requirements of Section R402, fenestration shall comply with Sections R402.3.1 through R402.3.5.

R402.3.1 U-factor. An area-weighted average of fenestration products shall be permitted to satisfy the *U*-factor requirements.

R402.3.2 Glazed fenestration SHGC. An area-weighted average of fenestration products more than 50-percent glazed shall be permitted to satisfy the SHGC requirements.

Dynamic glazing shall be permitted to satisfy the SHGC requirements of Table R402.1.2 provided that the ratio of the higher to lower labeled SHGC is greater than or equal to 2.4, and the dynamic glazing is automatically controlled to modulate the amount of solar gain into the space in multiple steps. Dynamic glazing shall be considered separately from other fenestration, and area-weighted averaging with other fenestration that is not dynamic glazing shall be prohibited.

Exception: Dynamic glazing shall not be required to comply with this section where both the lower and higher labeled SHGC comply with the requirements of Table R402.1.2.

R402.3.3 Glazed fenestration exemption. Not greater than 15 square feet (1.4 m²) of glazed fenestration per dwelling unit shall be exempt from the *U*-factor and SHGC requirements in Section R402.1.2. This exemption shall not apply to the *U*-factor alternative in Section R402.1.4 and the Total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

R402.3.4 Opaque door exemption. One side-hinged opaque door assembly not greater than 24 square feet (2.22 m²) in area shall be exempt from the *U*-factor requirement in Section R402.1.2. This exemption shall not apply to the *U*-factor alternative in Section R402.1.4 and the Total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5.

R402.3.5 Sunroom fenestration. *Sunrooms* enclosing *conditioned space* shall comply with the fenestration requirements of this code.

Exception: For *sunrooms* with *thermal isolation* and enclosing *conditioned space*, the fenestration *U*-factor shall not exceed 0.45 and the *skylight U*-factor shall not exceed 0.70.

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New fenestration separating the *sunroom* with *thermal isolation* from *conditioned space* shall comply with the *building thermal envelope* requirements of this code.

R402.4 Air leakage (Mandatory). The *building thermal envelope* shall be constructed to limit air leakage in accordance with the requirements of Sections R402.4.1 through R402.4.5.

R402.4.1 Building thermal envelope. The *building thermal envelope* shall comply with Sections R402.4.1.1 and R402.4.1.2. The sealing methods between dissimilar materials shall allow for differential expansion and contraction.

R402.4.1.1 Installation. The components of the *building thermal envelope* as indicated in Table R402.4.1.1 shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the criteria indicated in Table R402.4.1.1, as applicable to the method of construction. Where required by the *code official*, an *approved* third party shall inspect all components and verify compliance.

R402.4.1.2 Testing. The *building* or dwelling unit shall be tested and verified as having an air leakage rate not exceeding three air changes per hour. Testing shall be conducted in accordance with RESNET/ICC 380, ASTM E779 or ASTM E1827 and reported at a pressure of 0.2 inch w.g. (50 Pascals). Where required by the *code official*, testing shall be conducted by an *approved* third party. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the *code official*. Testing shall be performed at any time after creation of all penetrations of the *building thermal envelope*.

During testing:

1. Exterior windows and doors, fireplace and stove doors shall be closed, but not sealed, beyond the intended weatherstripping or other infiltration control measures.
2. Dampers including exhaust, intake, makeup air, backdraft and flue dampers shall be closed, but not sealed beyond intended infiltration control measures.
3. Interior doors, where installed at the time of the test, shall be open.
4. Exterior or interior terminations for continuous ventilation systems shall be sealed.
5. Heating and cooling systems, where installed at the time of the test, shall be turned off.
6. Supply and return registers, where installed at the time of the test, shall be fully open.

R402.4.2 Fireplaces. New wood-burning fireplaces shall have tight-fitting flue dampers or doors, and outdoor combustion air. Where using tight-fitting doors on factory-built fireplaces *listed* and *labeled* in accordance with UL 127, the doors shall be tested and *listed* for the fireplace.

R402.4.3 Fenestration air leakage. Windows, *skylights* and sliding glass doors shall have an air infiltration rate of not greater than 0.3 cfm per square foot (1.5 L/s/m²), and

for swinging doors, not greater than 0.5 cfm per square foot (2.6 L/s/m²), when tested in accordance with NFRC 400 or AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440 by an accredited, independent laboratory and *listed* and labeled by the manufacturer.

Exception: Site-built windows, *skylights* and doors.

R402.4.4 Rooms containing fuel-burning appliances.

- > Where open combustion air ducts provide combustion air to open combustion fuel-burning appliances, the appliances and combustion air opening shall be located outside the *building thermal envelope* or enclosed in a room that is isolated from inside the thermal envelope. Such rooms shall be sealed and insulated in accordance with the envelope requirements of Table R402.1.2, where the walls, floors and ceilings shall meet not less than the *basement wall R-value* requirement. The door into the room shall be fully gasketed and any water lines and ducts in the room insulated in accordance with Section R403. The combustion air duct shall be insulated where it passes through *conditioned space* to an *R-value* of not less than R-8.

Exceptions:

1. Direct vent appliances with both intake and exhaust pipes installed continuous to the outside.
2. Fireplaces and stoves complying with Section R402.4.2 and Section R1006 of the *International Residential Code*.

R402.4.5 Recessed lighting. Recessed luminaires installed in the *building thermal envelope* shall be sealed to limit air leakage between conditioned and *unconditioned spaces*. Recessed luminaires shall be IC-rated and *labeled* as having an air leakage rate of not greater than 2.0 cfm (0.944 L/s) when tested in accordance with ASTM E283 at a pressure differential of 1.57 psf (75 Pa). Recessed luminaires shall be sealed with a gasket or caulked between the housing and the interior wall or ceiling covering.

R402.5 Maximum fenestration U-factor and SHGC (Mandatory).

- > The area-weighted average maximum fenestration *U-factor* permitted using tradeoffs from Section R402.1.5 shall be 0.48 in *Climate Zones* 4 and 5 and 0.75 in *Climate Zones* 4 through 8 for *skylights*.

SECTION R403 SYSTEMS

R403.1 Controls (Mandatory). Not less than one thermostat shall be provided for each separate heating and cooling system.

R403.1.1 Programmable thermostat. The thermostat controlling the primary heating or cooling system of the dwelling unit shall be capable of controlling the heating and cooling system on a daily schedule to maintain differ-

ent temperature setpoints at different times of the day. This thermostat shall include the capability to set back or temporarily operate the system to maintain *zone* temperatures of not less than 55°F (13°C) to not greater than 85°F (29°C). The thermostat shall be programmed initially by the manufacturer with a heating temperature setpoint of not greater than 70°F (21°C) and a cooling temperature setpoint of not less than 78°F (26°C).

R403.1.2 Heat pump supplementary heat (Mandatory).

Heat pumps having supplementary electric-resistance heat shall have controls that, except during defrost, prevent supplemental heat operation when the heat pump compressor can meet the heating load.

R403.1.3 Continuously burning pilot lights. The natural gas systems and equipment listed here are not permitted to have continuously burning pilot lights:

1. Fan-type central furnaces.
2. Household cooking appliances.

Exception: Household cooking appliances without electrical supply voltage connections where each pilot light consumes less than 150 Btu/hr.

3. Pool heaters.
4. Spa heaters.
5. Fireplaces.

R403.2 Hot water boiler outdoor temperature setback.

Hot water boilers that supply heat to the *building* through one- or two-pipe heating systems shall have an outdoor setback control that decreases the boiler water temperature based on the outdoor temperature.

R403.3 Ducts. Ducts and air handlers shall be installed in accordance with Sections R403.3.1 through R403.3.7.

R403.3.1 Insulation (Prescriptive). Supply and return ducts in attics shall be insulated to an *R-value* of not less than R-8 for ducts 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter and larger and not less than R-6 for ducts smaller than 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter. Supply and return ducts in other portions of the *building* shall be insulated to not less than R-6 for ducts 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter and not less than R-4.2 for ducts smaller than 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter.

Exception: Ducts or portions thereof located completely inside the *building thermal envelope*.

R403.3.2 Sealing (Mandatory). Ducts, air handlers and filter boxes shall be sealed. Joints and seams shall comply with either the *International Mechanical Code* or *International Residential Code*, as applicable.

R403.3.2.1 Sealed air handler. Air handlers shall have a manufacturer's designation for an air leakage of not greater than 2 percent of the design airflow rate when tested in accordance with ASHRAE 193.

**TABLE R402.4.1.1
AIR BARRIER AND INSULATION INSTALLATION^a**

COMPONENT	AIR BARRIER CRITERIA	INSULATION INSTALLATION CRITERIA
General requirements	A continuous air barrier shall be installed in the building envelope. The exterior thermal envelope contains a continuous air barrier. Breaks or joints in the air barrier shall be sealed.	Air-permeable insulation shall not be used as a sealing material.
Ceiling/attic	The air barrier in any dropped ceiling or soffit shall be aligned with the insulation and any gaps in the air barrier shall be sealed. Access openings, drop down stairs or knee wall doors to unconditioned attic spaces shall be sealed.	The insulation in any dropped ceiling/soffit shall be aligned with the air barrier.
Walls	The junction of the foundation and sill plate shall be sealed. The junction of the top plate and the top of exterior walls shall be sealed. Knee walls shall be sealed.	Cavities within corners and headers of frame walls shall be insulated by completely filling the cavity with a material having a thermal resistance, <i>R</i> -value, of not less than R-3 per inch. Exterior thermal envelope insulation for framed walls shall be installed in substantial contact and continuous alignment with the air barrier.
Windows, skylights and doors	The space between framing and skylights, and the jambs of windows and doors, shall be sealed.	—
Rim joists	Rim joists shall include the air barrier.	Rim joists shall be insulated.
Floors, including cantilevered floors and floors above garages	The air barrier shall be installed at any exposed edge of insulation.	Floor framing cavity insulation shall be installed to maintain permanent contact with the underside of subfloor decking. Alternatively, floor framing cavity insulation shall be in contact with the top side of sheathing, or continuous insulation installed on the underside of floor framing; and shall extend from the bottom to the top of all perimeter floor framing members.
Crawl space walls	Exposed earth in unvented crawl spaces shall be covered with a Class I vapor retarder with overlapping joints taped.	Crawl space insulation, where provided instead of floor insulation, shall be permanently attached to the walls.
Shafts, penetrations	Duct shafts, utility penetrations, and flue shafts opening to exterior or unconditioned space shall be sealed.	—
Narrow cavities	—	Batts to be installed in narrow cavities shall be cut to fit or narrow cavities shall be filled with insulation that on installation readily conforms to the available cavity space.
Garage separation	Air sealing shall be provided between the garage and conditioned spaces.	—
Recessed lighting	Recessed light fixtures installed in the building thermal envelope shall be sealed to the finished surface.	Recessed light fixtures installed in the building thermal envelope shall be air tight and IC rated.
Plumbing and wiring	—	In exterior walls, batt insulation shall be cut neatly to fit around wiring and plumbing, or insulation, that on installation readily conforms to available space, shall extend behind piping and wiring.
Shower/tub on exterior wall	The air barrier installed at exterior walls adjacent to showers and tubs shall separate the wall from the shower or tub.	Exterior walls adjacent to showers and tubs shall be insulated.
Electrical/phone box on exterior walls	The air barrier shall be installed behind electrical and communication boxes. Alternatively, air-sealed boxes shall be installed.	—
HVAC register boots	HVAC supply and return register boots that penetrate building thermal envelope shall be sealed to the subfloor, wall covering or ceiling penetrated by the boot.	—
Concealed sprinklers	Where required to be sealed, concealed fire sprinklers shall only be sealed in a manner that is recommended by the manufacturer. Caulking or other adhesive sealants shall not be used to fill voids between fire sprinkler cover plates and walls or ceilings.	—

a. Inspection of log walls shall be in accordance with the provisions of ICC 400.

R403.3.3 Duct testing (Mandatory). Ducts shall be pressure tested to determine air leakage by one of the following methods:

1. Rough-in test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure if installed at the time of the test. Registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.
2. Postconstruction test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure. Registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test.

Exception: A duct air-leakage test shall not be required where the ducts and air handlers are located entirely within the building thermal envelope.

A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the *code official*.

R403.3.4 Duct leakage (Prescriptive). The total leakage of the ducts, where measured in accordance with Section R403.3.3, shall be as follows:

1. Rough-in test: The total leakage shall be less than or equal to 4 cubic feet per minute (113.3 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area where the air handler is installed at the time of the test. Where the air handler is not installed at the time of the test, the total leakage shall be less than or equal to 3 cubic feet per minute (85 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area.
2. Postconstruction test: Total leakage shall be less than or equal to 4 cubic feet per minute (113.3 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area.

R403.3.5 Building cavities (Mandatory). Building framing cavities shall not be used as ducts or plenums.

R403.3.6 Ducts buried within ceiling insulation. Where supply and return air ducts are partially or completely buried in ceiling insulation, such ducts shall comply with all of the following:

1. The supply and return ducts shall have an insulation *R*-value not less than R-8.
2. At all points along each duct, the sum of the ceiling insulation *R*-value against and above the top of the duct, and against and below the bottom of the duct, shall be not less than R-19, excluding the *R*-value of the duct insulation.

R403.3.6.1 Effective *R*-value of deeply buried ducts.

Where using a simulated energy performance analysis, sections of ducts that are: installed in accordance with Section R403.3.6; located directly on, or within 5.5 inches (140 mm) of the ceiling; surrounded with blown-in attic insulation having an *R*-value of R-30 or greater and located such that the top of the duct is not less than 3.5 inches (89 mm) below the top of the insulation, shall be considered as having an effective duct insulation *R*-value of R-25.

R403.3.7 Ducts located in conditioned space. For ducts to be considered as inside a conditioned space, such ducts shall comply with either of the following:

1. The duct system shall be located completely within the continuous air barrier and within the building thermal envelope.
2. The ducts shall be buried within ceiling insulation in accordance with Section R403.3.6 and all of the following conditions shall exist:
 - 2.1. The air handler is located completely within the *continuous air barrier* and within the building thermal envelope.
 - 2.2. The duct leakage, as measured either by a rough-in test of the ducts or a post-construction total system leakage test to outside the building thermal envelope in accordance with Section R403.3.4, is less than or equal to 1.5 cubic feet per minute (42.5 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area served by the duct system.
 - 2.3. The ceiling insulation *R*-value installed against and above the insulated duct is greater than or equal to the proposed ceiling insulation *R*-value, less the *R*-value of the insulation on the duct.

R403.4 Mechanical system piping insulation (Mandatory). Mechanical system piping capable of carrying fluids greater than 105°F (41°C) or less than 55°F (13°C) shall be insulated to an *R*-value of not less than R-3.

R403.4.1 Protection of piping insulation. Piping insulation exposed to weather shall be protected from damage, including that caused by sunlight, moisture, equipment maintenance and wind. The protection shall provide shielding from solar radiation that can cause degradation of the material. Adhesive tape shall be prohibited.

R403.5 Service hot water systems. Energy conservation measures for service hot water systems shall be in accordance with Sections R403.5.1 through R403.5.4.

R403.5.1 Heated water circulation and temperature maintenance systems (Mandatory). Heated water circulation systems shall be in accordance with Section R403.5.1.1. Heat trace temperature maintenance systems shall be in accordance with Section R403.5.1.2. Automatic controls, temperature sensors and pumps shall be *accessible*. Manual controls shall be readily *accessible*.

R403.5.1.1 Circulation systems. Heated water circulation systems shall be provided with a circulation pump. The system return pipe shall be a dedicated return pipe or a cold water supply pipe. Gravity and thermosiphon circulation systems shall be prohibited. Controls for circulating hot water system pumps shall start the pump based on the identification of a demand for hot water within the occupancy. The controls shall automatically turn off the pump when the water in the circulation loop is at the desired temperature and when there is no demand for hot water.

R403.5.1.2 Heat trace systems. Electric heat trace systems shall comply with IEEE 515.1 or UL 515. Controls for such systems shall automatically adjust the energy input to the heat tracing to maintain the desired water temperature in the piping in accordance with the times when heated water is used in the occupancy.

R403.5.2 Demand recirculation water systems. *Demand recirculation water systems* shall have controls that comply with both of the following:

1. The controls shall start the pump upon receiving a signal from the action of a user of a fixture or appliance, sensing the presence of a user of a fixture or sensing the flow of hot or tempered water to a fixture fitting or appliance.
2. The controls shall limit the temperature of the water entering the cold water piping to not greater than 104°F (40°C).

R403.5.3 Hot water pipe insulation (Prescriptive). Insulation for hot water piping with a thermal resistance, R-value, of not less than R-3 shall be applied to the following:

1. Piping $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (19.1 mm) and larger in nominal diameter.
2. Piping serving more than one dwelling unit.
3. Piping located outside the *conditioned space*.
4. Piping from the water heater to a distribution manifold.
5. Piping located under a floor slab.
6. Buried piping.
7. Supply and return piping in recirculation systems other than demand recirculation systems.

R403.5.4 Drain water heat recovery units. Drain water heat recovery units shall comply with CSA B55.2. Drain water heat recovery units shall be tested in accordance with CSA B55.1. Potable water-side pressure loss of drain water heat recovery units shall be less than 3 psi (20.7 kPa) for individual units connected to one or two showers. Potable water-side pressure loss of drain water heat recovery units shall be less than 2 psi (13.8 kPa) for individual units connected to three or more showers.

R403.6 Mechanical ventilation (Mandatory). The *building* shall be provided with ventilation that complies with the requirements of the *International Residential Code* or *International Mechanical Code*, as applicable, or with other *approved* means of ventilation. Outdoor air intakes and exhausts shall have automatic or gravity dampers that close when the ventilation system is not operating.

R403.6.1 Whole-house mechanical ventilation system fan efficacy. Fans used to provide whole-house mechanical ventilation shall meet the efficacy requirements of Table R403.6.1.

Exception: Where an air handler that is integral to tested and *listed* HVAC equipment is used to provide whole-house mechanical ventilation, the air handler shall be powered by an electronically commutated motor.

R403.7 Equipment sizing and efficiency rating (Mandatory). Heating and cooling equipment shall be sized in accordance with ACCA Manual S based on *building* loads calculated in accordance with ACCA Manual J or other *approved* heating and cooling calculation methodologies. New or replacement heating and cooling equipment shall have an efficiency rating equal to or greater than the minimum required by federal law for the geographic location where the equipment is installed.

R403.8 Systems serving multiple dwelling units (Mandatory). Systems serving multiple dwelling units shall comply with Sections C403 and C404 of the *International Energy Conservation Code*—Commercial Provisions instead of Section R403.

R403.9 Snow melt and ice system controls (Mandatory). Snow- and ice-melting systems, supplied through energy service to the building, shall **comply with Sections R403.9.1 and R403.9.2.**

R403.9.1 Controls. Snow melt and ice systems shall include automatic controls capable of shutting off the system when the pavement temperature is greater than 50°F (10°C) and precipitation is not falling, and an automatic or manual control that will allow shutoff when the outdoor temperature is greater than 40°F (4.8°C).

R403.9.2 Renewable energy offset. Energy use by snow and ice melt systems shall be offset by on-site renewable energy generation equipment designed to provide 34,425 BTUs per square foot of installed ice melt system per year. Plans shall be submitted that detail the type, size and location of the on-site renewable energy generation equipment.

Note: A separate building permit is required for on-site renewable energy generation equipment.

R403.10 Pools and permanent spa energy consumption (Mandatory). The energy consumption of pools and permanent spas shall be in accordance with Sections R403.10.1 through R403.10.3.

R403.10.1 Heaters. The electric power to heaters shall be controlled by a readily *accessible* on-off switch that is an integral part of the heater mounted on the exterior of the heater, or external to and within 3 feet (914 mm) of the heater. Operation of such switch shall not change the setting of the heater thermostat. Such switches shall be in addition to a circuit breaker for the power to the heater. **Heated pools shall be heated by solar thermal or other equipment that does not rely directly or indirectly on the burning of fossil fuels or shall have their energy use offset by on-site renewable energy generation equipment equivalent to the energy use of the swimming pool.**

Exceptions:

1. Unheated pools.
2. Pools having less than 200 square feet (18.6 m²) of water surface area are exempt from the requirements to provide renewable energy.

R403.10.2 Time switches. Time switches or other control methods that can automatically turn off and on according to a preset schedule shall be installed for heaters and pump motors. Heaters and pump motors that have built-in time switches shall be in compliance with this section.

Exceptions:

1. Where public health standards require 24-hour pump operation.
2. Pumps that operate solar- and waste-heat-recovery pool heating systems.

R403.10.3 Covers. Outdoor heated pools and outdoor permanent spas shall be provided with a vapor-retardant cover or other *approved* vapor-retardant means.

Exception: Where more than 75 percent of the energy for heating, computed over an operation season of not less than three calendar months, is from a heat pump or an on-site renewable energy system, covers or other vapor-retardant means shall not be required.

R403.10.4 Filters. Swimming pool filters shall be cartridge-type filters.

R403.10.5 Pumps. Swimming pool pumps shall be multi-speed pumps.

R403.10.6 Load calculations. For the purpose of calculating the energy use of swimming pools, the following are assumed:

1. Swimming pool season.
 - 1.1. Outdoor pools: 3 months.
 - 1.2. Indoor pools: 12 months.
2. Pool heating temperature: 82°F (28°C) or less.
3. On-site renewable energy requirements: 29,000 BTUs per square foot of pool surface area per year.

Note: This section is not intended to limit the season or temperature of swimming pools.

R403.11 Portable spas (Mandatory). The energy consumption of electric-powered portable spas shall be controlled by the requirements of APSP 14.

R403.12 Residential pools and permanent residential spas. Residential swimming pools and permanent residential spas that are accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses three stories or less in height above grade plane and that are available only to the household and its guests shall be in accordance with APSP 15.

R403.13 Spas (Mandatory). Any energy use by indoor or outdoor spas must be offset by on-site renewable energy generation equivalent to the energy use by the spa. Plans must show the annual energy use of the spa, the calculation method used to determine the expected energy use, and the on-site renewable energy system(s) which will be used to offset the energy used by the spa. All spas must be equipped with an insulated cover that is listed to provide a minimum *R*-value of at least 12.

Exception: Spas and hot tubs which have been tested and listed for compliance with the requirements of the Califor-

nia Energy Commission (CEC) Title 20 (Standby power for portable electric spas shall not be greater than $5[V^2/3]$ watts where *V* = the total volume of the spa in gallons), and are less than 64 square feet in surface area shall be exempted from the requirement to offset their energy usage by on-site renewable energy generation. Spas larger than 64 sq. ft. in surface area that are certified to meet the requirements of the CEC shall offset their requirements at the rate of 140,000 BTUs per square foot per year.

R403.13.1 Design criteria for spas. The requirements of this Section apply to spas that do not meet the exception in Section R403.13.

Spa Season: 12 months

On-Site Renewable Energy Requirements: 430,000 BTUs per square foot per year.

SECTION R404 ELECTRICAL POWER AND LIGHTING SYSTEMS

R404.1 Lighting equipment (Mandatory). Not less than 90 percent of the permanently installed lighting fixtures shall contain only high-efficacy *light sources*.

R404.1.1 Lighting equipment (Mandatory). Fuel gas lighting systems shall not have continuously burning pilot lights.

R404.1.2 Building grounds lighting efficacy. Connected exterior lighting for Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 buildings shall comply with Section C405.5 of this code.

Exceptions:

1. Solar-powered lamps not connected to any electrical service.
2. Luminaires controlled by a motion sensor.

R404.2 Electric vehicle (EV) charging for new construction. The building shall be provided with electric vehicle (EV) charging in accordance with this section and the *National Electrical Code* (NFPA 70). Where parking spaces are added or modified without an increase in building size, only the new parking spaces are subject to this requirement. The number of parking spaces can be determined by actual spaces provided or consistent with Boulder's Municipal Code, Title 9: Land Use Code, Chapter 9: Development Standards, 9-9-6: Parking Standards.

R404.2.1 One- and two-family dwellings and townhouses. Each dwelling unit with a dedicated attached or detached garage shall be provided with at least one electric vehicle ready space. The branch circuit shall be identified as "EV Ready" in the service panel or subpanel directory, and the termination location shall be marked as "EV Ready."

R404.2.2 Group-R occupancies. Group-R occupancies with three or more dwelling units and/or sleeping units shall be provided with electric vehicle charging in accordance with Table R404.2.2. Calculations for the number of spaces shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

TABLE R404.2.2

	NUMBER OF EV READY SPACES	NUMBER OF EV CAPABLE SPACES	NUMBER OF EVSE INSTALLED SPACES
1–25 spaces	1	None	None
> 25 spaces	10% of spaces	40% of spaces	5% of spaces (minimum one dual port charging station)

R404.2.3 Identification. Construction documents shall designate all EV capable spaces, EV ready spaces and electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) installed spaces and indicate the locations of conduit and termination points serving them. The circuits or spaces reserved for the circuits for EV capable spaces, EV ready spaces and EVSE installed spaces shall be clearly identified in the panel or subpanel directory. The conduit for EV capable spaces shall be clearly identified at both the panel or subpanel and the termination point at the parking space.

R404.2.4 Accessible parking. Where new EVSE installed spaces and/or new EV ready spaces and new accessible parking, as defined by the *City of Boulder Building Code*, Chapter 11, are both provided, parking facilities shall be designed so that at least one accessible parking space shall be EV ready or EVSE installed.

SECTION R405 RESERVED

SECTION R406 ENERGY RATING INDEX COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVE

R406.1 Scope. This section establishes criteria for compliance using an Energy Rating Index (ERI) analysis.

R406.2 Mandatory requirements. Compliance with this section requires that the provisions identified in Sections R401 through R404 indicated as “Mandatory” and Section R403.5.3 be met. The *building thermal envelope* shall be greater than or equal to levels of efficiency in Table 402.1.2 or 402.1.4.

Exception: Supply and return ducts not completely inside the *building thermal envelope* shall be insulated to an R-value of not less than R-6.

R406.3 Energy Rating Index. The Energy Rating Index (ERI) shall be determined in accordance with RESNET/ICC 301 except for buildings covered by the *International Residential Code*.

Energy used to recharge or refuel a vehicle used for transportation on roads that are not on the building site shall not be included in the *ERI reference design* or the *rated design*.

R406.4 ERI-based compliance. Compliance based on an ERI analysis requires that the *rated design* be shown to have an ERI less than or equal to the appropriate value indicated in Table R406.4 and Figure R406.4 when compared to the *ERI reference design*.

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TABLE R406.4
MAXIMUM ENERGY RATING INDEX

CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA	ENERGY RATING INDEX*
500 to 1,499	50
1,500 to 2,499	50 – (SQFT floor area – 1,500) * 0.008
2,500 to 2,999	42 – (SQFT floor area – 4,000) * 0.04
> 3,000	0

- a. The exact Energy Rating Index requirements may be calculated using the City of Boulder ERI Calculator for New Buildings by entering the building floor area. The City of Boulder ERI Calculator for New Buildings can be found at www.BoulderEnergyCode.com.

R406.4.1 Renewable energy. Renewable energy systems may contribute to compliance using the ERI analysis of Section R406.4

R406.4.2 On-site renewable energy. Renewable energy systems used for compliance with Section 406.4 must be permanently installed on the property of the building.

Exceptions:

- 1. Offsite renewable energy.** The *code official* shall have the authority to approve the purchase of an *off-site solar subscription* to meet the requirements of Section R406.4 where meeting the required ERI on the property of the building is technically infeasible, which is a condition that exists where the following requirements have been met:

- a. It has been demonstrated to the *code official* that it is not possible to install an on-site solar array that is unshaded for more than 70 percent of daylight hours annually.
- b. The building has demonstrated an ERI of 50 or less for new construction without on-site renewable energy production or 60 or less for alterations without on-site renewable energy production.
- c. The submittal documents for such request shall include an ERI compliance report that includes the size and annual kWh production of the hypothetical on-site renewable energy system that would be required to achieve an ERI score of 0.

The property of the building shall be identified in the contract as the physical location to which the subscription is attributed.

- 2. Energy impact offset fund.** Where meeting the required ERI on the property of the building is technically infeasible and *off-site solar subscriptions* are unavailable, the *code official* shall have the authority to approve a one-time contribution to the City of Boulder’s Energy Impact Offset Fund equal to or greater than the value calculated in accordance with Equation 4-1, which is reasonably and approximately equivalent to the

energy offset that would be achieved through the original requirements of R406.4.2, Exception 1, Offsite Renewable Energy.

$$\text{EIO} = \text{AP} \times 20 \text{ years} \times \$0.0216 \quad (\text{Equation 4-1})$$

where:

EIO = Energy impact offset.

AP = Annual production in kWh/yr of the hypothetical on-site renewable system required to achieve the building's ERI score.

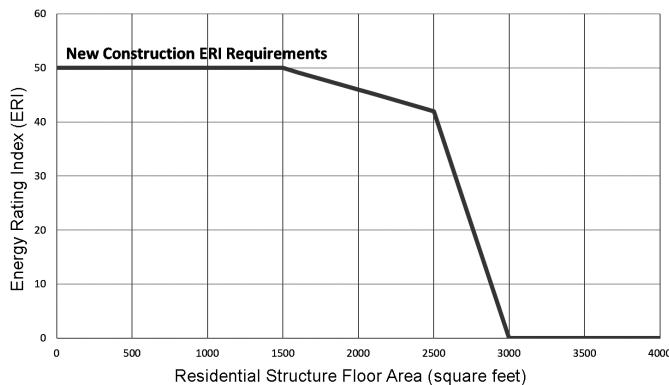


FIGURE R406.4

R406.5 Verification by approved agency. Verification of compliance with Section R406 shall be completed by an *approved* third party.

R406.6 Documentation. Documentation of the software used to determine the ERI and the parameters for the *residential building* shall be in accordance with Sections R406.6.1 through R406.6.3.

R406.6.1 Compliance software tools. Software tools used for determining ERI shall be Approved Software Rating Tools in accordance with RESNET/ICC 301.

R406.6.2 Compliance report. Compliance software tools shall generate a report that documents that the ERI of the *rated design* complies with Sections R406.3 and R406.4. The compliance documentation shall include the following information:

1. Address or other identification of the residential building.
2. An inspection checklist documenting the building component characteristics of the *rated design*. The inspection checklist shall show results for both the *ERI reference design* and the *rated design*, and shall document all inputs entered by the user necessary to reproduce the results.
3. Name of individual completing the compliance report.
4. Name and version of the compliance software tool.

Exception: Where an otherwise identical building model is offered in multiple orientations, compliance for any orientation shall be permitted by documenting that

the building meets the performance requirements in each of the four (north, east, south and west) cardinal orientations.

R406.6.3 Additional documentation. The *code official* shall be permitted to require the following documents:

1. Documentation of the building component characteristics of the *ERI reference design*.
2. A certification signed by the builder providing the building component characteristics of the *rated design*.
3. Documentation of the actual values used in the software calculations for the *rated design*.

R406.6.4 Specific approval. Performance analysis tools meeting the applicable sections of Section R406 shall be *approved*. Documentation demonstrating the approval of performance analysis tools in accordance with Section R406.6.1 shall be provided.

R406.6.5 Input values. Where calculations require input values not specified by Sections R402, R403 and R404, those input values shall be taken from RESNET/ICC 301.

SECTION R407 SOLAR READINESS

R407.1 General. New detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses with not less than 600 square feet (55.74 m²) of roof area oriented between 110 degrees and 270 degrees true north shall comply with this section.

Exceptions:

1. New residential buildings with a permanently installed on-site renewable energy system.
2. A building with a *solar-ready zone* that is shaded for more than 70 percent of daylight hours annually.

R407.2 Construction document requirements. Construction documents shall indicate the *solar-ready zone*.

R407.3 Solar-ready zone area. The total *solar-ready zone* area shall be not less than 300 square feet (27.87 m²), exclusive of mandatory access or setback areas as required by the *International Fire Code*. New townhouses three stories or less in height above grade plane and with a total floor area less than or equal to 2,000 square feet (185.8 m²) per dwelling shall have a *solar-ready zone* area of not less than 150 square feet (13.94 m²). The *solar-ready zone* shall be composed of areas not less than 5 feet (1524 mm) in width and not less than 80 square feet (7.43 m²), exclusive of access or setback areas as required by the *International Fire Code*.

R407.3.1 Obstructions. *Solar-ready zones* shall be free from obstructions, including but not limited to vents, chimneys and roof-mounted equipment.

R407.3.2 Roof load documentation. The structural design loads for roof dead load and roof live load shall be clearly indicated on the construction documents.

R407.4 Interconnection pathway. Construction documents shall indicate pathways for routing of conduit or plumbing

from the *solar-ready zone* to the electrical service panel or service hot water system.

R407.5 Electrical service reserved space. The main electrical service panel shall have a reserved space to allow installation of a dual pole circuit breaker for future solar electric installation and shall be labeled "For Future Solar Electric." The reserved space shall be positioned at the opposite (load) end from the input feeder location or main circuit location.

R407.6 Construction documentation certificate. A permanent certificate, indicating the *solar-ready zone* and other requirements of this section, shall be posted near the electrical distribution panel, water heater or other conspicuous location by the builder or *registered design professional*.

CHAPTER 5 [RE]

EXISTING BUILDINGS

User note:

About this chapter: Many buildings are renovated or altered in numerous ways that could affect the energy use of the building as a whole. Chapter 5 requires the application of certain parts of Chapter 4 in order to maintain, if not improve, the conservation of energy by the renovated or altered building.

SECTION R501 GENERAL

R501.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall control the *alteration, repair, addition* and change of occupancy of existing *buildings* and structures.

R501.1.1 Additions, alterations, or repairs: General. *Additions, alterations, or repairs* to an existing *building, building system* or portion thereof shall comply with Section R502, R503 or R504. Unaltered portions of the existing *building* or *building supply system* shall not be required to comply with this code.

R501.2 Existing buildings. Except as specified in this chapter, this code shall not be used to require the removal, *alteration* or abandonment of, nor prevent the continued use and maintenance of, an existing *building* or *building system* lawfully in existence at the time of adoption of this code.

R501.3 Maintenance. *Buildings* and structures, and parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. Devices and systems that are required by this code shall be maintained in conformance to the code edition under which installed. The owner or the owner's authorized agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of *buildings* and structures. The requirements of this chapter shall not provide the basis for removal or abrogation of energy conservation, fire protection and safety systems and devices in existing structures.

R501.4 Compliance. *Alterations, repairs, additions* and changes of occupancy to, or relocation of, existing *buildings* and structures shall comply with the provisions for *alterations, repairs, additions* and changes of occupancy or relocation, respectively, in this code and the *International Residential Code, International Building Code, International Existing Building Code, International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Private Sewage Disposal Code* and NFPA 70.

R501.4.1 Consecutive permits. Any two or more *building permits* for the same dwelling unit that are applied for in any 24-month period shall be considered as one permit for the purpose of determining and meeting the requirements of Section R501.4.

Exceptions: Permits issued for *repairs only*.

R501.5 New and replacement materials. Except as otherwise required or permitted by this code, materials permitted

by the applicable code for new construction shall be used. Like materials shall be permitted for *repairs*, provided that hazards to life, health or property are not created. Hazardous materials shall not be used where the code for new construction would not allow their use in *buildings* of similar occupancy, purpose and location.

R501.6 Historic buildings. Provisions of this code relating to the construction, *repair, alteration, restoration* and movement of structures, and *change of occupancy* shall not be mandatory for *historic buildings* provided that a report has been submitted to the *code official* and signed by the owner, a *registered design professional*, or a representative of the State Historic Preservation Office or the historic preservation authority having jurisdiction, demonstrating that compliance with that provision would threaten, degrade or destroy the historic form, fabric or function of the *building*.

SECTION R502 ADDITIONS

R502.1 General. *Additions* to an existing *building, building system* or portion thereof shall conform to the provisions of this code as those provisions relate to new construction without requiring the unaltered portion of the existing *building* or *building system* to comply with this code. *Additions* shall not create an unsafe or hazardous condition or overload existing *building systems*. *Additions* shall be in accordance with Section R502.1.1. *Additions with more than 1,000 square feet of conditioned floor area shall also comply with Section R502.1.2.*

R502.1.1 Prescriptive compliance. *Additions* shall comply with Sections R502.1.1.1 through R502.1.1.4.

R502.1.1.1 Building envelope. New *building envelope assemblies* that are part of the *addition* shall comply with Sections R402.1, R402.2, R402.3.1 through R402.3.5, and R402.4.

Exception: Where *unconditioned space* is changed to *conditioned space*, the *building envelope* of the addition shall comply where the Total UA, as determined in Section R402.1.5, of the existing *building* and the *addition*, and any *alterations* that are part of the project, is less than or equal to the Total UA generated for the existing *building*.

R502.1.1.2 Heating and cooling systems. New heating, cooling and duct systems that are part of the *addition* shall comply with Section R403.

Exception: Where ducts from an existing heating and cooling system are extended to an *addition*, duct systems with less than 40 linear feet (12.19 m) in *unconditioned spaces* shall not be required to be tested in accordance with Section R403.3.3.

R502.1.1.3 Service hot water systems. New service hot water systems that are part of the *addition* shall comply with Section R403.5.

R502.1.1.4 Lighting. New lighting systems that are part of the *addition* shall comply with Section R404.1.

R502.1.2 ERI compliance. The entire building (the *addition* and the existing structure) shall have an ERI calculated consistent with the following:

1. $ERI = 115 - (\text{points per total finished floor area}) - (\text{points per \% increase in total finished floor area})$.
2. The ERI (points per total finished floor area) shall be established consistent with the requirements of Table R502.1.2(1). The point values of Table R502.1.2(1) are applied in ranges and only within those ranges. For example, for a home with a total conditioned square footage of 2,200 square feet, the first 1,999 square feet would have 0.016 ERI points per square foot while the next 201 square feet or would have 0.007 ERI points per square foot.
3. The ERI points for each percentage of increase in square footage shall be established consistent with the requirements of Table R502.1.2(2). The point values of Table R502.1.2(2) are applied in ranges and only within those ranges. For example, an addition that creates a 30-percent increase in square footage will have 25 percent of the increase associated with 80 points and the next 5 percent of the increase associated with 10 ERI points per percentage increase.
4. The applicable ERI shall be determined in accordance with the ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301—2014 Standard.
5. Table R502.1.2(3) summarizes the ERI requirements, but is illustrative only as it does not show the applicable ERI for all possible scenarios.
6. For the purposes of this section, the term “total finished floor area” refers to the square footage of the *building* after any demolition and *additions* associated with the project are completed.

TABLE R502.1.2(1)
ERI POINTS PER TOTAL FINISHED FLOOR AREA

FLOOR AREA RANGE (square feet)	ERI POINTS (per square foot)
1,000 to 1,999	0.016
2,000 to 3,999	0.007
≥ 4,000	0.019

TABLE R502.1.2(2)
**ERI POINTS PER ONE PERCENT INCREASE
IN TOTAL FINISHED FLOOR AREA**

% OF ADDITION TO TOTAL FINISHED FLOOR AREA	ERI POINTS (per percentage increase)
< 26%	80
26% to 75%	10
> 75%	15

SECTION R503 ALTERATIONS

R503.1 General. *Alterations* to any *building* or structure shall comply with the requirements of **this section**. *Alterations* shall be such that the existing *building* or structure is not less conforming to the provisions of this code than the existing *building* or structure was prior to the *alteration*.

Alterations shall not create an unsafe or hazardous condition or overload existing building systems. *Alterations* shall be such that the existing *building* or structure does not use more energy than the existing *building* or structure prior to the *alteration*. *Alterations* to existing *buildings* shall comply with Sections R503.1.1 through R503.2. **Level 3 alterations** shall also comply with Section R503.3. **Level 4 alterations** shall also comply with Section R503.4.

R503.1.1 Building envelope. *Building envelope* assemblies that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Section R402.1.2 or R402.1.4, Sections R402.2.1 through R402.2.13, R402.3.1, R402.3.2, R402.4.3 and R402.4.5.

Exception: The following *alterations* shall not be required to comply with the requirements for new construction provided that the energy use of the *building* is not increased:

1. Storm windows installed over existing fenestration.
2. Existing ceiling, wall or floor cavities exposed during construction provided that these cavities are filled with insulation.
3. Construction where the existing roof, wall or floor cavity is not exposed.
4. Roof re-cover.
5. Roofs without insulation in the cavity and where the sheathing or insulation is exposed during reroofing shall be insulated either above or below the sheathing.
6. Surface-applied window film installed on existing single pane fenestration assemblies to reduce solar heat gain provided that the code does not require the glazing or fenestration assembly to be replaced.

R503.1.1.1 Replacement fenestration. Where some or all of an existing fenestration unit is replaced with a new fenestration product, including sash and glazing, the replacement fenestration unit shall meet the applicable requirements for *U*-factor and SHGC as specified

TABLE R502.1.2(3)
SUMMARY TABLE OF ENERGY RATING INDEX REQUIREMENTS
FOR EXISTING STRUCTURES TO WHICH AN ADDITION IS ADDED (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

		Percent of Increase in Square Footage																			
		5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%	75%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%
Total Proposed Conditioned Square Footage	500	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	750	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	1000	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	1250	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	70	69	68	67	67
	1500	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	67	66	66	65	64	63	63
	1750	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	64	63	63	62	62	61	60	59	59
	2000	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	61	61	60	60	59	59	58	57	56	56	55	55
	2250	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	60	59	59	58	58	57	57	56	55	55	54	53	53
	2500	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	59	58	58	57	57	56	56	55	54	54	53	52	51	51
	2750	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	57	56	56	55	55	54	54	53	53	52	51	50	50	50
	3000	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	56	55	55	54	54	53	53	52	52	51	50	49	49	48	48
	3250	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	54	53	53	52	52	51	51	50	50	49	48	48	47	46	46
	3500	NR	NR	NR	NR	53	52	52	51	51	50	50	49	49	48	47	47	46	45	44	44
	3750	NR	NR	NR	NR	51	50	50	49	49	48	48	47	47	46	46	45	44	43	43	43
	4000	NR	NR	NR	NR	49	49	48	48	47	47	46	46	45	45	44	44	43	42	41	41
	4250	NR	NR	NR	NR	45	44	44	43	43	42	42	41	41	40	39	38	37	37	36	36
	4500	NR	NR	NR	NR	40	39	39	38	38	37	37	36	36	35	35	34	33	33	32	31
	4750	NR	NR	NR	NR	35	35	34	34	33	33	32	32	31	31	40	29	29	28	27	26
	5000	NR	NR	NR	34	30	30	29	29	28	28	27	27	26	26	25	25	24	23	22	22

*NR = Not Required

in Table R402.1.2. Where more than one replacement *fenestration* unit is to be installed, an area-weighted average of the *U*-factor, SHGC or both of all replacement *fenestration* units shall be an alternative that can be used to show compliance.

R503.1.2 Heating and cooling systems. New heating, cooling and duct systems that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Section R403.

Exception: Where ducts from an existing heating and cooling system are extended, duct systems with less than 40 linear feet (12.19 m) in *unconditioned spaces* shall not be required to be tested in accordance with Section R403.3.3.

R503.1.3 Service hot water systems. New service hot water systems that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Section R403.5.

R503.1.4 Lighting. New lighting systems that are part of the *alteration* shall comply with Section R404.1.

Exception: Alterations that replace less than 50 percent of the luminaires in a space, provided that such *alterations* do not increase the installed interior lighting power.

R503.2 Change in space conditioning. Any nonconditioned or low-energy space that is altered to become *conditioned space* shall be required to be brought into full compliance with this code.

Exception: Where the *energy rating index compliance alternative* in Section R406 is used to comply with this section, the annual energy cost of the *proposed design* is permitted to be 110 percent of the annual energy cost otherwise allowed by Section R406.

R503.3 Level 3 alteration. Where the *building* undergoes a *Level 3 alteration*, the *building* shall have an ERI in accordance with one of the following:

1. Demonstrate that the *rated design* of the altered *building* has an ERI less than or equal to 50.
2. Demonstrate that the ERI of the *rated design* for the altered *building* is not less than 30 percent lower than the ERI of the *rated design* for the *building* before the *alteration*, and not higher than an ERI of 85.

R503.4 Level 4 alteration. Where the *building* undergoes a *Level 4 alteration*, the *building* shall comply with Section R406 as new construction. *Rated designs* are permitted to be 10 percent greater than allowed by Section R406.4.

SECTION R504 REPAIRS

R504.1 General. *Buildings*, structures and parts thereof shall be repaired in compliance with Section R501.3 and this section. Work on nondamaged components necessary for the required *repair* of damaged components shall be considered to be part of the *repair* and shall not be subject to the requirements for *alterations* in this chapter. Routine maintenance required by Section R501.3, ordinary *repairs* exempt from *permit*, and abatement of wear due to normal service conditions shall not be subject to the requirements for *repairs* in this section.

R504.2 Application. For the purposes of this code, the following shall be considered to be *repairs*:

1. Glass-only replacements in an existing sash and frame.
2. Roof *repairs*.
3. *Repairs* where only the bulb, ballast or both within the existing luminaires in a space are replaced provided that the replacement does not increase the installed interior lighting power.

SECTION R505 CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY OR USE

R505.1 General. Spaces undergoing a change in occupancy that would result in an increase in demand for either fossil fuel or electrical energy shall comply with this code.

R505.2 General. Any space that is converted to a dwelling unit or portion thereof from another use or occupancy shall comply with this code.

Exception: Where ERI-based compliance in Section R406.4 is used to comply with this section, the building shall comply with Section R406 as new construction. Rated designs are permitted to be 10 percent greater than allowed by Section R406.4.

CHAPTER 6 [RE]

REFERENCED STANDARDS

User note:

About this chapter: This code contains numerous references to standards promulgated by other organizations that are used to provide requirements for materials and methods of construction. Chapter 6 contains a comprehensive list of all standards that are referenced in this code. These standards, in essence, are part of this code to the extent of the reference to the standard.

This chapter lists the standards that are referenced in various sections of this document. The standards are listed herein by the promulgating agency of the standard, the standard identification, the effective date and title, and the section or sections of this document that reference the standard. The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in Section R107

AAMA

American Architectural Manufacturers Association
1827 Walden Office Square
Suite 550
Schaumburg, IL 60173-4268

AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/IS.2/A C440—17: North American Fenestration Standard/Specifications for Windows, Doors and Unit Skylights
R402.4.3

ACCA

Air Conditioning Contractors of America
2800 Shirlington Road, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22206

Manual J—16: Residential Load Calculation Eighth Edition
R403.7

Manual S—14: Residential Equipment Selection
R403.7

APSP

The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals
2111 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500
Alexandria, VA 22314

ANSI/APSP/ICC 14—2014: American National Standard for Portable Electric Spa Energy Efficiency
R403.11

ANSI/APSP/ICC 15a—2011: American National Standard for Residential Swimming Pool and Spa Energy Efficiency—includes Addenda A Approved January 9, 2013
R403.12

ASHRAE

ASHRAE
1791 Tullie Circle NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

ASHRAE—2017: ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals
R402.1.5

ASHRAE 193—2010(RA 2014): Method of Test for Determining the Airtightness of HVAC Equipment
R403.3.2.1

ASTM

ASTM International
100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700
West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959

C1363—11: Standard Test Method for Thermal Performance of Building Materials and Envelope Assemblies by Means of a Hot Box Apparatus

R303.1.4.1
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REFERENCED STANDARDS

ASTM—continued

E283—04(2012): Test Method for Determining the Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen

R402.4.4

E779—10: Standard Test Method for Determining Air Leakage Rate by Fan Pressurization

R402.4.1.2

E1827—11: Standard Test Methods for Determining Airtightness of Building Using an Orifice Blower Door

R402.4.1.2

CSA

CSA Group

8501 East Pleasant Valley Road

Cleveland, OH 44131-5516

AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/LS.2/A440—17: North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors and Unit Skylights

R402.4.3

CSA B55.1—2015: Test Method for Measuring Efficiency and Pressure Loss of Drain Water Heat Recovery Units

R403.5.4

CSA B55.2—2015: Drain Water Heat Recovery Units

R403.5.4

DASMA

Door & Access Systems Manufacturers Association

1300 Sumner Avenue

Cleveland, OH 44115-2851

105—2016: Test Method for Thermal Transmittance and Air Infiltration of Garage Doors and Rolling Doors

R303.1.3

HVI

Home Ventilating Institute

1000 North Rand Road, Suite 214

Wauconda, IL 60084

916—09: Airflow Test Procedure

Table R403.6.1

ICC

International Code Council, Inc.

500 New Jersey Avenue NW

6th Floor

Washington, DC 20001

ANSI/APSP/ICC 14—2014: American National Standard for Portable Electric Spa Energy Efficiency

R403.11

ANSI/APSP/ICC 15a—2011: American National Standard for Residential Swimming Pool and Spa Energy Efficiency—includes Addenda A Approved January 9, 2013

R403.12

IBC—18: International Building Code®

R201.3, R303.1.1, R303.2, R402.1.1, R501.4

ICC 400—17: Standard on the Design and Construction of Log Structures

R402.1, Table R402.5.1.1

IEBC—18: International Existing Building Code®

R501.4

IECC—18: International Energy Conservation Code®

R101.4.1, R403.8

IECC—15: 2015 International Energy Conservation Code®

Table R406.4

IECC—09: 2009 International Energy Conservation Code®

R406.2

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ICC—continued

IECC—06: 2006 International Energy Conservation Code®

R202

IFC—18: International Fire Code®

R201.3, R501.4

IFGC—18: International Fuel Gas Code®

R201.3, R501.4

IMC—18: International Mechanical Code®

R201.3, R403.3.2, R403.3.6, R403.6, R501.4

IPC—18: International Plumbing Code®

R201.3, R501.4

IPSDC—18: International Private Sewage Disposal Code®

R501.4

IPMC—18: International Property Maintenance Code®

R501.4

IRC—18: International Residential Code®

R201.3, R303.1.1, R303.2, R402.1.1, R402.2.11, R403.3.2, R403.3.6, R403.6, R501.4

ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301—2014: Standard for the Calculation and Labeling of the Energy Performance of Low-rise Residential Buildings using an Energy Rating Index First Published March 7, 2014—Republished January 2016

R406.3

ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380—2016: Standard for Testing Airtightness for Building Enclosures, Airtightness of Heating and Cooling Air Distribution Systems and Airflow of Mechanical Ventilation Systems—Republished January 2016

R402.4.1.2

IEEE

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc.
3 Park Avenue, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10016-5997

515.1—2012: IEEE Standard for the Testing, Design, Installation and Maintenance of Electrical Resistance Trace Heating for Commercial Applications

R403.5.1.2

NFPA

National Fire Protection Association
1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02169-7471

70—17: National Electrical Code

R501.4

NFRC

National Fenestration Rating Council, Inc.
6305 Ivy Lane, Suite 140
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