

**Recommended Amendments to the
2021 International Existing Building Code**
City of Denton, Texas

The following sections, paragraphs, and sentences of the *2021 International Existing Building Code* are hereby amended as follows: Standard type is text from the IEBC. Underlined type is text inserted. ~~Line through type is deleted text from IEBC.~~ A double asterisk (**) at the beginning of a section identifies an amendment carried over from the 2015 edition of the code and a triple asterisk (***) identifies a new or revised amendment with the 2021 code.

****Section 101.1 Title; change to read as follows:**

101.1. Title. These regulations shall be known as the *Existing Building Code* of the ~~[NAME OF JURISDICTION]~~ City of Denton, hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

(Reason: Standard insertion point: [insert] to assist with local adoption.)

****Section 102.4; change to read as follows:**

[A] 102.4 Referenced codes and standards. The codes, when specifically adopted, and standards referenced in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections 102.4.1 and 102.4.2.

(Reason: To not inadvertently adopt other codes (i.e. Wildland Urban Interface Code etc...) by reference.)

*****Section 103.1; change to read as follows:**

103.1 Creation of agency. The ~~[INSERT NAME OF DEPARTMENT]~~ Building Safety Department is hereby created and the executive official in charge thereof shall be known as the code official. The function of the agency shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

(Reason: Standard insertion point: [insert] to assist with local adoption.)

****Section 112; change entire section to read as follows:**

112.1 General. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the building official, code official, or fire marshal relative to the application and interpretation of the requirements of this Code and all other applicable codes of the City of Denton, there shall be a health and building standards commission; see ARTICLE X, Chapter 2-260, 2-261, and 2-262 of the Denton Municipal Code.

(Reason: Local appeals board procedures consistent with Denton Code of Ordinances. No change.)

****Section 202; amend definition of Existing Building as follows:**

Existing Building - A building, structure, or space, with an approved final inspection issued under a code edition which is at least 2 published code editions preceding the currently adopted building code; or a

change of occupancy.

(Reason: To prevent potential abuses in new construction and shell buildings.)

****Section 202; amend definition of Existing Structure as follows:**

Existing Structure- A building, structure, or space, with an approved final inspection issued under a code edition which is at least 2 published code editions preceding the currently adopted building code; or a change of occupancy.

(Reason: To prevent potential abuses in new construction and shell buildings.)

****Section 306.1; adds an exception to read as follows:**

Exception: Components of projects regulated by and registered with Architectural Barriers Division of Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

(Reason: To coordinate with the IEBC and State Law.)

****Section 406.1; add a code reference to read as follows:**

406.1 Material. Existing electrical wiring and equipment undergoing *repair* shall be allowed to be repaired or replaced with like material, in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 70.

(Reason: To ensure compliance with the NEC relative to any electrical repairs/replacement.)

****Section 702.7; add a code reference to read as follows:**

702.7 Materials and methods. All new work shall comply with the materials and methods requirements in the *International Building Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Mechanical Code, National Electrical Code, and International Plumbing Code*, as applicable, that specify material standards, detail of installation and connection, joints, penetrations, and continuity of any element, component, or system in the building.

(Reason: To provide a more complete list of potentially adopted codes.)

*****Section 802.5.1; change to read as follows:**

802.5.1 Minimum requirement. Every portion of a floor, ~~such as a balcony or a loading dock, open-sided walking surfaces, including mezzanines, equipment platforms, aisles, stairs, ramps and landings that is~~ more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor or grade below and is not provided with guards, or those in which the existing guards are judged to be in danger of collapsing, shall be provided with guards.

(Reason: To be consistent with Building Code requirements for guards and unsafe conditions.)

****Section 803.2.6; change exception to read as follows:**

Exception: Supervision is not required where the Fire Code does not require such for new construction. for the following:

1. ~~Underground gate valve with roadway boxes.~~
2. ~~Halogenated extinguishing systems.~~
3. ~~Carbon dioxide extinguishing systems.~~
4. ~~Dry and wet chemical extinguishing systems.~~
5. ~~Automatic sprinkler systems installed in accordance~~

with NFPA 13R where a common supply main is used to supply both domestic and automatic sprinkler systems and a separate shutoff valve for the automatic sprinkler system is not provided.

(Reason: The published exceptions are over-reaching and will result in inconsistencies among supervised protection systems and cause confusion for first responders as well.)

****Section 805.2; remove Exception #1**

Exception 1. Where the work area and the means of egress serving it complies with NFPA101.

(Reason: NFPA 101 is not a commonly adopted code in the region and enforcement could be problematic.)

*****Section 1301.3.2; change to read as follows:**

1301.3.2 Compliance with other codes. Buildings that are evaluated in accordance with this section shall comply with the International Fire Code. ~~and International Property Maintenance Code.~~

(Reason: The International Property Maintenance Code is not an adopted Code at this time.)

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