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Part 1

Landlord Requirements

A. Landlord Reporting and Disclosure.

§101. Definitions. The following words, when used in this Part 1A, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

LANDLORD - any person who grants a lease or otherwise permits the use of his real estate or portion thereof for a consideration, monetary or otherwise.

PERSON - any natural person, partnership, association, firm or corporation.

TENANT - person or persons who has or have the use of real estate of a landlord and is or are responsible for the giving of any type of consideration therefore, but excluding those who are tenants for a period of less than thirty (30) days.

(Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §A1)

§102. Reporting Required. All landlords within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Part, or, in case of real estate thereafter acquired or thereafter rented or becoming available for rental, within thirty (30) days after the acquisition, rental or availability for rental therefore, as the case may be, shall report to the Borough Secretary in writing, addressed to him/her at the municipal building located at 14 S. Market Street, Elizabethville, Pennsylvania, during regular business hours, the number of parcels or units of real estate presently or hereafter rented or available for rental, a description (by address, unit or apartment number and/or some other meaningful method) of said parcels or units and the names of its tenants at the time of such report, together with a designation as to which unit or parcel is occupied by each. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §A2)

§103. Report of Changes. Any change in the occupancy of real estate rented or leased to in the identity of the tenants from that shown in the report of the landlord, as required in §102, shall be reported by the landlord to the Borough Secretary within ten (10) days after such change. It is intended hereby that landlords shall report a new tenant or a tenant who rents or leases a different unit or parcel of real estate and when a unit or parcel of their real estate becomes vacant. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §A3)

§104. Report Forms. The Borough Secretary may require the landlords to complete the "Status of Occupancy Report Form," which is attached to this Part as Exhibit A and may require the information set forth above and such other pertinent information that the Borough Council, by resolution, may direct the Borough Secretary to incorporate into said report form. The failure to have such report forms or make such forms available, however, shall not excuse the obligation of landlords to provide the information required herein. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §A4)

§105. Violations and Penalties. Any landlord violating any of the provisions of this Part 1A or who furnishes false information to the Borough or who uses a false name or address in any report required by this Part, upon conviction thereof before any magisterial district judge, shall be sentenced, to, pay a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §A5)

B. Residential Rental Unit Registration and Inspection Law.

§111. Title. This Part 1B shall be known as the "Residential Rental Unit Registration and Inspection Law." (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B1)

§112. Definitions. As used in this Part 1B, the following words shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

AGENT - any person, corporation, co-partnership, association or fiduciary who or which, for monetary consideration, aids in the rental of property as defined herein. When used in Part 1B in a clause proscribing any activity or imposing a penalty, the term, as applied to partnerships and associations, shall mean each partner and, as applied to corporations, the officers thereof.

CODES - the International Property Maintenance Code, 2006 Edition, Chapters 3 through 8 (attached hereto), as published by the International Code Council, as amended from time to time.

OWNER - any person, agent, operator, firm, corporation, partnership, association, property management group, housing authority or fiduciary having legal, equitable or other interest in any real property, or recorded in the official records of the State, County or municipality as holding title to the property; or otherwise having control of the property, including the guardian of the estate of any such person and the executor or administrator of such person's estate. When used in this Part 1B in a clause proscribing any activity or imposing a penalty, the term, as applied to partnerships and associations, shall mean each partner and, as applied to corporation, the officers thereof.

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT REGISTRATION NUMBER - the distinct registration number assigned by the code enforcement office to a residential rental unit.

(Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B2)

§113. Registration Required; Specifications.

1. No owner or agent shall own or operate a residential rental unit unless and until a current registration license, for each specific unit and use thereof, has been issued to the owner or agent by the Borough Secretary.

2. The registration license required by subsection (1) shall be valid for the calendar year for which it is issued or, if issued during the calendar year, for the remainder of such calendar year. The license shall be renewable for successive calendar years when the licensed premises complies with the codes and all other applicable regulations. The license shall not be transferable and may be revoked, at any time, for noncompliance with the Codes or any other applicable regulations.

3. Every owner or agent owning or operating any building requiring a license under subsection (1) shall, on or before January 31 of each year, register such building and all such residential rental units with the Borough on forms provided by the Borough.

4. Any owner or agent who transfers legal title to and/or operational control over any building and/or residential unit, requiring a license under

subsection (1) shall give notice of such transfer, in writing, to the Borough Secretary within fourteen (14) business days after having transferred ownership of or operational control over such building and/or residential rental unit.

5. Failure to register the residential rental units with the Borough within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Part 1B or within thirty (30) days following the purchase or conversion of a structure to a rental property may constitute a violation of this Part 1B.

6. If dwelling is no longer utilized as a residential rental unit, the owner or agent shall notify the Borough of this change.

(Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B3)

§114. Occupancy Prohibited Without Certificate. No residential rental unit shall be occupied by other than the owner thereof unless a registration license has been obtained and a certificate of compliance, as required by the provisions of this Part 1B, is displayed at the structure in which the residential rental unit is located. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B4)

§115. Occupancy Prohibited Without Certificate.

1. Each residential rental unit shall be inspected by the Borough designee at least one (1) time in every twenty-four (24) month period, and, for such purposes and for any re-inspection required hereunder, the owner shall upon proper notice provide access to Borough representatives.

A. As for any residential rental unit unoccupied or occupied by the owner on or after the effective date hereof, a certificate of compliance shall be issued and displayed prior to occupancy of such residential rental unit by anyone other than the owner and subsequent inspections shall occur as set forth in subsection (B).

B. As for any residential rental unit occupied by other than the owner as of the effective date hereof and for all subsequent inspections, inspections required by this Part 1B shall be completed and the certificate of compliance issued and displayed not later than December 31 of the year for which inspection is required. In no event shall such an inspection be conducted prior to January 1 of the year for which inspection is required.

C. When a certificate of compliance has been issued prior to a residential rental unit being occupied other than by the owner, said residential rental unit shall not be subject to re-inspection under the terms of this Part 1B prior to the first applicable calendar year occurring after the calendar year subsequent to issuance of the initial certificate of compliance.

2. This inspection shall be for the purpose of determining compliance with the provisions of the Codes incorporated in and attached to this Part.

3. Failure of the owner to permit access, after reasonable notice, to conduct such inspection shall be deemed a violation of this Part 1B.

(Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B5)

§116. Certificate of Compliance. If the inspection of the residential rental unit disclosed no codes violations, the Borough designee shall issue a certificate of compliance to the owner within fourteen (14) days of the inspection. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B6)

§117. Certificate of Noncompliance. If the inspection of a residential rental unit discloses codes violations, the Borough designee shall issue a certificate of noncompliance within fourteen (14) days of said inspection. The certificate of noncompliance shall set forth the following:

- A. The street address or appropriate description of the subject property.
- B. The date of inspection.
- C. The identity of the inspector.
- D. A list of the codes violations.
- E. The number of days in which the owner is to accomplish repairs, including a provision allowing for a reasonable time extension upon the owner's showing of good faith compliance to the satisfaction of the Borough designee.
- F. Notice that, if the conditions are not repaired within the time specified, the residential rental unit may be placarded as unfit for human occupancy.

(Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B7)

§118. Re-inspection.

1. Upon the expiration of the time specified to accomplish repairs or upon notice from the owner that the repairs have been accomplished, whichever occurs first, the Borough designee shall re-inspect the subject residential rental unit.

2. In the event that such re-inspection discloses that the owner accomplished the repairs, the Borough designee shall issue a certificate of compliance to the owner in accordance with §116 of this Part 1B.

3. In the event that such re-inspection discloses that the owner failed to accomplish the repairs, the Borough designee shall issue a new certificate of noncompliance, in accordance with §117 of this Part 1B.

(Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B8)

§119. Certificate Application and Fee. Upon application for a certificate of compliance and the payment to the Borough of a fee in an amount as established from time to time by resolution of Borough Council, the Borough designee shall review the pertinent Borough records and inspect the subject premises in accordance with §116 of this Part 1B. All inspection fees shall be paid prior to the inspection regardless of the number of units. Failure to pay inspection fees shall be deemed a failure and/or refusal to comply with the provisions contained herein, and will be subject to the penalty contained in §114 of this Part 1B. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B9)

§120. Height of Weeds and Plant Growth. In Section 302.4 of the General Requirements of the Code, the height of weeds and plant growth shall not exceed six (6) inches. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B20)

§121. Nonliability of Borough. The issuance of a certificate of compliance is not a representation by the borough that the residential rental unit and/or building in which it is located is in compliance with the fire prevention, building, mechanical, property maintenance, electrical or plumbing codes. The issuance of a certificate of compliance indicates that the residential rental unit did not have any obvious and visible dangerous conditions as of the date of the inspection. However, neither the enactment of this Part 1B nor the issuance of a certificate of compliance shall impose any liability upon the Borough for any errors or omissions which resulted in the issuance of such certificate, nor shall the Borough bear any liability not otherwise imposed by law. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B21)

§122. Appeals. The owner of a residential rental unit aggrieved by a decision of the Borough designee may, within thirty (30) days or the time fixed for repair, whichever is shorter, appeal the decision to the Elizabethville Borough Council. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B22)

§123. Codes Violations. Nothing in this Part 1B shall preclude or prohibit the Borough designee from identifying any violations of the fire prevention, building, mechanical, property maintenance, electrical or plumbing codes which exist and noting the same on any inspection report. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B23)

§124. Delegation of Authority. Appropriate Borough officials are authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary to effectuate this Part 1B. (Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B24)

§125. Violation and Penalties.

1. Any owner or agent who has violated or permitted the violation of this Part 1B shall be subject to the following penalties:

A. For first violation, upon conviction thereof, to a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars plus costs: and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days.

2. Each violation of this Part 1B and each day the same is continued shall be deemed a separate offense. A separate violation shall exist for each unregistered or uncertified residential rental unit and be deemed a separate offense.

3. In addition to the placarding of the premises, rent withholding and other civil remedies available to the Borough, the Borough may seek the enforcement of any order for corrections from the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County.

(Ord. 334, 3/8/2010, §B25)



## EXHIBIT A -STATUS OF OCCUPANCY REPORT FORM

Elizabethville Borough has adopted an Ordinance requiring all landlords to provide Elizabethville Borough with the addresses of all rental units and the names and addresses of the tenants occupying said rental units, and also to provide the Borough with any change in tenants as they occur. This form assists the landlord in providing said information to the Borough.

1. Name & Address of Landlord: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2.

Address of Unit	Name(s) of Current Occupant(s) (All occupants age 18 or over)	Effective Date of Occupancy

3. The following portion of the form is to be used when there is a change of a tenant in an occupied unit:

Address of Unit	Name of Former Tenant(s)	Forwarding Address of Former Tenant	Name of New Tenant(s) (Age 18 or over)	Date of Occupancy of New Tenant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Landlord



## CHAPTER 3

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 301 GENERAL

**301.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum conditions and the responsibilities of persons for maintenance of structures, equipment and exterior property.

**301.2 Responsibility.** The owner of the premises shall maintain the structures and exterior property in compliance with these requirements, except as otherwise provided for in this code. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant or permit another person to occupy premises which are not in a sanitary and safe condition and which do not comply with the requirements of this chapter. Occupants of a dwelling unit, rooming unit or housekeeping unit are responsible for keeping in a clean, sanitary and safe condition that part of the dwelling unit, rooming unit, housekeeping unit or premises which they occupy and control.

**301.3 Vacant structures and land.** All vacant structures and premises thereof or vacant land shall be maintained in a clean, safe, secure and sanitary condition as provided herein so as not to cause a blighting problem or adversely affect the public health or safety.

### SECTION 302 EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS

**302.1 Sanitation.** All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property which such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

**302.2 Grading and drainage.** All premises shall be graded and maintained to prevent the erosion of soil and to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or within any structure located thereon.

**Exception:** Approved retention areas and reservoirs.

**302.3 Sidewalks and driveways.** All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

**302.4 Weeds.** All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of (jurisdiction to insert height in inches). All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Upon failure of the owner or agent having charge of a property to cut and destroy weeds after service of a notice of violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 106.3 and as prescribed by the authority having jurisdiction. Upon failure to comply with the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction or contractor hired by the jurisdiction shall be authorized to enter upon the

property in violation and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs of such removal shall be paid by the owner or agent responsible for the property.

**302.5 Rodent harborage.** All structures and exterior property shall be kept free from rodent harborage and infestation. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes which will not be injurious to human health. After extermination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent reinfestation.

**302.6 Exhaust vents.** Pipes, ducts, conductors, fans or blowers shall not discharge gases, steam, vapor, hot air, grease, smoke, odors or other gaseous or particulate wastes directly upon abutting or adjacent public or private property or that of another tenant.

**302.7 Accessory structures.** All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.

**302.8 Motor vehicles.** Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

**Exception:** A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes.

**302.9 Defacement of property.** No person shall willfully or wantonly damage, mutilate or deface any exterior surface of any structure or building on any private or public property by placing thereon any marking, carving or graffiti.

It shall be the responsibility of the owner to restore said surface to an approved state of maintenance and repair.

### SECTION 303 SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

**303.1 Swimming pools.** Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.

**303.2 Enclosures.** Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48 inches (1219 mm) in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool. Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching. Where the self-latching device is less than 54 inches (1372 mm) above the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate. Self-closing and self-latching gates shall be maintained such that the gate will positively close and latch when released from an open position of 6 inches (152 mm) from the gatepost. No existing pool enclosure

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shall be removed, replaced or changed in a manner that reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier.

**Exception:** Spas or hot tubs with a safety cover that complies with ASTM F 1346 shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

### SECTION 304 EXTERIOR STRUCTURE

**304.1 General.** The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

**304.2 Protective treatment.** All exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences shall be maintained in good condition. Exterior wood surfaces, other than decay-resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted. All siding and masonry joints as well as those between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors, and skylights shall be maintained weather resistant and water tight. All metal surfaces subject to rust or corrosion shall be coated to inhibit such rust and corrosion and all surfaces with rust or corrosion shall be stabilized and coated to inhibit future rust and corrosion. Oxidation stains shall be removed from exterior surfaces. Surfaces designed for stabilization by oxidation are exempt from this requirement.

**[F] 304.3 Premises identification.** Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).

**304.4 Structural members.** All structural members shall be maintained free from deterioration, and shall be capable of safely supporting the imposed dead and live loads.

**304.5 Foundation walls.** All foundation walls shall be maintained plumb and free from open cracks and breaks and shall be kept in such condition so as to prevent the entry of rodents and other pests.

**304.6 Exterior walls.** All exterior walls shall be free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials; and maintained weatherproof and properly surface coated where required to prevent deterioration.

**304.7 Roofs and drainage.** The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not have defects that admit 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.

**304.8 Decorative features.** All cornices, belt courses, corbels, terra cotta trim, wall facings and similar decorative features shall be maintained in good repair with proper anchorage and in a safe condition.

**304.9 Overhang extensions.** All overhang extensions including, but not limited to canopies, marquees, signs, metal awnings, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts shall be maintained in good repair and be properly anchored so as to be kept in a sound condition. When required, all exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.

**304.10 Stairways, decks, porches and balconies.** Every exterior stairway, deck, porch and balcony, and all appurtenances attached thereto, shall be maintained structurally sound, in good repair, with proper anchorage and capable of supporting the imposed loads.

**304.11 Chimneys and towers.** All chimneys, cooling towers, smoke stacks, and similar appurtenances shall be maintained structurally safe and sound, and in good repair. All exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.

**304.12 Handrails and guards.** Every handrail and guard shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.

**304.13 Window, skylight and door frames.** Every window, skylight, door and frame shall be kept in sound condition, good repair and weather tight.

**304.13.1 Glazing.** All glazing materials shall be maintained free from cracks and holes.

**304.13.2 Openable windows.** Every window, other than a fixed window, shall be easily openable and capable of being held in position by window hardware.

**304.14 Insect screens.** During the period from [DATE] to [DATE], every door, window and other outside opening required for ventilation of habitable rooms, food preparation areas, food service areas or any areas where products to be included or utilized in food for human consumption are processed, manufactured, packaged or stored shall be supplied with approved tightly fitting screens of not less than 16 mesh per inch (16 mesh per 25 mm), and every screen door used for insect control shall have a self-closing device in good working condition.

**Exception:** Screens shall not be required where other approved means, such as air curtains or insect repellent fans, are employed.

**304.15 Doors.** All exterior doors, door assemblies and hardware shall be maintained in good condition. Locks at all entrances to dwelling units and sleeping units shall tightly secure the door. Locks on means of egress doors shall be in accordance with Section 702.3.

**304.16 Basement hatchways.** Every basement hatchway shall be maintained to prevent the entrance of rodents, rain and surface drainage water.

**304.17 Guards for basement windows.** Every basement window that is openable shall be supplied with rodent shields, storm windows or other approved protection against the entry of rodents.

**304.18 Building security.** Doors, windows or hatchways for dwelling units, room units or housekeeping units shall be provided with devices designed to provide security for the occupants and property within.

**304.18.1 Doors.** Doors providing access to a dwelling unit, rooming unit or housekeeping unit that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with a deadbolt lock designed to be readily openable from the side from which egress is to be made without the need for keys, special knowledge or effort and shall have a lock throw of not less than 1 inch (25 mm). Such deadbolt locks shall be installed according to the manufacturer's specifications and maintained in good working order. For the purpose of this section, a sliding bolt shall not be considered an acceptable deadbolt lock.

**304.18.2 Windows.** Operable windows located in whole or in part within 6 feet (1828 mm) above ground level or a walking surface below that provide access to a dwelling unit, rooming unit or housekeeping unit that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with a window sash locking device.

**304.18.3 Basement hatchways.** Basement hatchways that provide access to a dwelling unit, rooming unit or housekeeping unit that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with devices that secure the units from unauthorized entry.

### SECTION 305 INTERIOR STRUCTURE

**305.1 General.** The interior of a structure and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition. Occupants shall keep that part of the structure which they occupy or control in a clean and sanitary condition. Every owner of a structure containing a rooming house, housekeeping units, a hotel, a dormitory, two or more dwelling units or two or more nonresidential occupancies, shall maintain, in a clean and sanitary condition, the shared or public areas of the structure and exterior property.

**305.2 Structural members.** All structural members shall be maintained structurally sound, and be capable of supporting the imposed loads.

**305.3 Interior surfaces.** All interior surfaces, including windows and doors, shall be maintained in good, clean and sanitary condition. Peeling, chipping, flaking or abraded paint shall be repaired, removed or covered. Cracked or loose plaster, decayed wood and other defective surface conditions shall be corrected.

**305.4 Stairs and walking surfaces.** Every stair, ramp, landing, balcony, porch, deck or other walking surface shall be maintained in sound condition and good repair.

**305.5 Handrails and guards.** Every handrail and guard shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.

**305.6 Interior doors.** Every interior door shall fit reasonably well within its frame and shall be capable of being opened and closed by being properly and securely attached to jambs, headers or tracks as intended by the manufacturer of the attachment hardware.

### SECTION 306 HANDRAILS AND GUARDRAILS

**306.1 General.** Every exterior and interior flight of stairs having more than four risers shall have a handrail on one side of the stair and every open portion of a stair, landing, balcony, porch, deck, ramp or other walking surface which is more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor or grade below shall have guards. Handrails shall not be less than 30 inches (762 mm) high or more than 42 inches (1067 mm) high measured vertically above the nosing of the tread or above the finished floor of the landing or walking surfaces. Guards shall not be less than 30 inches (762 mm) high above the floor of the landing, balcony, porch, deck, or ramp or other walking surface.

**Exception:** Guards shall not be required where exempted by the adopted building code.

### SECTION 307 RUBBISH AND GARBAGE

**307.1 Accumulation of rubbish or garbage.** All exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.

**307.2 Disposal of rubbish.** Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of all rubbish in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such rubbish in approved containers.

**307.2.1 Rubbish storage facilities.** The owner of every occupied premises shall supply approved covered containers for rubbish, and the owner of the premises shall be responsible for the removal of rubbish.

**307.2.2 Refrigerators.** Refrigerators and similar equipment not in operation shall not be discarded, abandoned or stored on premises without first removing the doors.

**307.3 Disposal of garbage.** Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of garbage in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such garbage in an approved garbage disposal facility or approved garbage containers.

**307.3.1 Garbage facilities.** The owner of every dwelling shall supply one of the following: an approved mechanical food waste grinder in each dwelling unit; an approved incinerator unit in the structure available to the occupants in each dwelling unit; or an approved leakproof, covered, outside garbage container.

**307.3.2 Containers.** The operator of every establishment producing garbage shall provide, and at all times cause to be utilized, approved leakproof containers provided with close-fitting covers for the storage of such materials until removed from the premises for disposal.

### SECTION 308 EXTERMINATION

**308.1 Infestation.** All structures shall be kept free from insect and rodent infestation. All structures in which insects or rodents are found shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes that will not be injurious to human health. After extermination, proper precautions shall be taken to prevent reinfestation.

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**308.2 Owner.** The owner of any structure shall be responsible for extermination within the structure prior to renting or leasing the structure.

**308.3 Single occupant.** The occupant of a one-family dwelling or of a single-tenant nonresidential structure shall be responsible for extermination on the premises.

**308.4 Multiple occupancy.** The owner of a structure containing two or more dwelling units, a multiple occupancy, a rooming house or a nonresidential structure shall be responsible for extermination in the public or shared areas of the structure and exterior property. If infestation is caused by failure of an occupant to prevent such infestation in the area occupied, the occupant shall be responsible for extermination.

**308.5 Occupant.** The occupant of any structure shall be responsible for the continued rodent and pest-free condition of the structure.

**Exception:** Where the infestations are caused by defects in the structure, the owner shall be responsible for extermination.

## CHAPTER 4

# LIGHT, VENTILATION AND OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS

### SECTION 401 GENERAL

**401.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum conditions and standards for light, ventilation and space for occupying a structure.

**401.2 Responsibility.** The owner of the structure shall provide and maintain light, ventilation and space conditions in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant, or permit another person to occupy, any premises that do not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

**401.3 Alternative devices.** In lieu of the means for natural light and ventilation herein prescribed, artificial light or mechanical ventilation complying with the *International Building Code* shall be permitted.

### SECTION 402 LIGHT

**402.1 Habitable spaces.** Every habitable space shall have at least one window of approved size facing directly to the outdoors or to a court. The minimum total glazed area for every habitable space shall be 8 percent of the floor area of such room. Wherever walls or other portions of a structure face a window of any room and such obstructions are located less than 3 feet (914 mm) from the window and extend to a level above that of the ceiling of the room, such window shall not be deemed to face directly to the outdoors nor to a court and shall not be included as contributing to the required minimum total window area for the room.

**Exception:** Where natural light for rooms or spaces without exterior glazing areas is provided through an adjoining room, the unobstructed opening to the adjoining room shall be at least 8 percent of the floor area of the interior room or space, but not less than 25 square feet (2.33 m<sup>2</sup>). The exterior glazing area shall be based on the total floor area being served.

**402.2 Common halls and stairways.** Every common hall and stairway in residential occupancies, other than in one- and two-family dwellings, shall be lighted at all times with at least a 60-watt standard incandescent light bulb for each 200 square feet (19 m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area or equivalent illumination, provided that the spacing between lights shall not be greater than 30 feet (9144 mm). In other than residential occupancies, means of egress, including exterior means of egress, stairways shall be illuminated at all times the building space served by the means of egress is occupied with a minimum of 1 footcandle (11 lux) at floors, landings and treads.

**402.3 Other spaces.** All other spaces shall be provided with natural or artificial light sufficient to permit the maintenance of sanitary conditions, and the safe occupancy of the space and utilization of the appliances, equipment and fixtures.

### SECTION 403 VENTILATION

**403.1 Habitable spaces.** Every habitable space shall have at least one openable window. The total openable area of the window in every room shall be equal to at least 45 percent of the minimum glazed area required in Section 402.1.

**Exception:** Where rooms and spaces without openings to the outdoors are ventilated through an adjoining room, the unobstructed opening to the adjoining room shall be at least 8 percent of the floor area of the interior room or space, but not less than 25 square feet (2.33 m<sup>2</sup>). The ventilation openings to the outdoors shall be based on a total floor area being ventilated.

**403.2 Bathrooms and toilet rooms.** Every bathroom and toilet room shall comply with the ventilation requirements for habitable spaces as required by Section 403.1, except that a window shall not be required in such spaces equipped with a mechanical ventilation system. Air exhausted by a mechanical ventilation system from a bathroom or toilet room shall discharge to the outdoors and shall not be recirculated.

**403.3 Cooking facilities.** Unless approved through the certificate of occupancy, cooking shall not be permitted in any rooming unit or dormitory unit, and a cooking facility or appliance shall not be permitted to be present in the rooming unit or dormitory unit.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where specifically approved in writing by the code official.
2. Devices such as coffee pots and microwave ovens shall not be considered cooking appliances.

**403.4 Process ventilation.** Where injurious, toxic, irritating or noxious fumes, gases, dusts or mists are generated, a local exhaust ventilation system shall be provided to remove the contaminating agent at the source. Air shall be exhausted to the exterior and not be recirculated to any space.

**403.5 Clothes dryer exhaust.** Clothes dryer exhaust systems shall be independent of all other systems and shall be exhausted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

### SECTION 404 OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS

**404.1 Privacy.** Dwelling units, hotel units, housekeeping units, rooming units and dormitory units shall be arranged to provide privacy and be separate from other adjoining spaces.

**404.2 Minimum room widths.** A habitable room, other than a kitchen, shall not be less than 7 feet (2134 mm) in any plan dimension. Kitchens shall have a clear passageway of not less

than 3 feet (914 mm) between counterfronts and appliances or counterfronts and walls.

**404.3 Minimum ceiling heights.** Habitable spaces, hallways, corridors, laundry areas, bathrooms, toilet rooms and habitable basement areas shall have a clear ceiling height of not less than 7 feet (2134 mm).

**Exceptions:**

1. In one- and two-family dwellings, beams or girders spaced not less than 4 feet (1219 mm) on center and projecting not more than 6 inches (152 mm) below the required ceiling height.
2. Basement rooms in one- and two-family dwellings occupied exclusively for laundry, study or recreation purposes, having a ceiling height of not less than 6 feet 8 inches (2033 mm) with not less than 6 feet 4 inches (1932 mm) of clear height under beams, girders, ducts and similar obstructions.
3. Rooms occupied exclusively for sleeping, study or similar purposes and having a sloped ceiling over all or part of the room, with a clear ceiling height of at least 7 feet (2134 mm) over not less than one-third of the required minimum floor area. In calculating the floor area of such rooms, only those portions of the floor area with a clear ceiling height of 5 feet (1524 mm) or more shall be included.

**404.4 Bedroom and living room requirements.** Every bedroom and living room shall comply with the requirements of Sections 404.4.1 through 404.4.5.

**404.4.1 Room area.** Every living room shall contain at least 120 square feet (11.2 m<sup>2</sup>) and every bedroom shall contain at least 70 square feet (6.5 m<sup>2</sup>).

**404.4.2 Access from bedrooms.** Bedrooms shall not constitute the only means of access to other bedrooms or habitable spaces and shall not serve as the only means of egress from other habitable spaces.

**Exception:** Units that contain fewer than two bedrooms.

**404.4.3 Water closet accessibility.** Every bedroom shall have access to at least one water closet and one lavatory without passing through another bedroom. Every bedroom in a dwelling unit shall have access to at least one water closet and lavatory located in the same story as the bedroom or an adjacent story.

**404.4.4 Prohibited occupancy.** Kitchens and nonhabitable spaces shall not be used for sleeping purposes.

**404.4.5 Other requirements.** Bedrooms shall comply with the applicable provisions of this code including, but not limited to, the light, ventilation, room area, ceiling height and room width requirements of this chapter; the plumbing facilities and water-heating facilities requirements of Chapter 5; the heating facilities and electrical receptacle requirements of Chapter 6; and the smoke detector and emergency escape requirements of Chapter 7.

**404.5 Overcrowding.** The number of persons occupying a dwelling unit shall not create conditions that, in the opinion of

the code official, endanger the life, health, safety or welfare of the occupants.

**404.6 Efficiency unit.** Nothing in this section shall prohibit an efficiency living unit from meeting the following requirements:

1. A unit occupied by not more than two occupants shall have a clear floor area of not less than 220 square feet (20.4 m<sup>2</sup>). A unit occupied by three occupants shall have a clear floor area of not less than 320 square feet (29.7 m<sup>2</sup>). These required areas shall be exclusive of the areas required by Items 2 and 3.
2. The unit shall be provided with a kitchen sink, cooking appliance and refrigeration facilities, each having a clear working space of not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in front. Light and ventilation conforming to this code shall be provided.
3. The unit shall be provided with a separate bathroom containing a water closet, lavatory and bathtub or shower.
4. The maximum number of occupants shall be three.

**404.7 Food preparation.** All spaces to be occupied for food preparation purposes shall contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare and serve foods in a sanitary manner. There shall be adequate facilities and services for the sanitary disposal of food wastes and refuse, including facilities for temporary storage.



## CHAPTER 5

# PLUMBING FACILITIES AND FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 501 GENERAL

**501.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum plumbing systems, facilities and plumbing fixtures to be provided.

**501.2 Responsibility.** The owner of the structure shall provide and maintain such plumbing facilities and plumbing fixtures in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant or permit another person to occupy any structure or premises which does not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

### [P] SECTION 502 REQUIRED FACILITIES

**502.1 Dwelling units.** Every dwelling unit shall contain its own bathtub or shower, lavatory, water closet and kitchen sink which shall be maintained in a sanitary, safe working condition. The lavatory shall be placed in the same room as the water closet or located in close proximity to the door leading directly into the room in which such water closet is located. A kitchen sink shall not be used as a substitute for the required lavatory.

**502.2 Rooming houses.** At least one water closet, lavatory and bathtub or shower shall be supplied for each four rooming units.

**502.3 Hotels.** Where private water closets, lavatories and baths are not provided, one water closet, one lavatory and one bathtub or shower having access from a public hallway shall be provided for each ten occupants.

**502.4 Employees' facilities.** A minimum of one water closet, one lavatory and one drinking facility shall be available to employees.

**502.4.1 Drinking facilities.** Drinking facilities shall be a drinking fountain, water cooler, bottled water cooler or disposable cups next to a sink or water dispenser. Drinking facilities shall not be located in toilet rooms or bathrooms.

### [P] SECTION 503 TOILET ROOMS

**503.1 Privacy.** Toilet rooms and bathrooms shall provide privacy and shall not constitute the only passageway to a hall or other space, or to the exterior. A door and interior locking device shall be provided for all common or shared bathrooms and toilet rooms in a multiple dwelling.

**503.2 Location.** Toilet rooms and bathrooms serving hotel units, rooming units or dormitory units or housekeeping units, shall have access by traversing not more than one flight of stairs and shall have access from a common hall or passageway.

**503.3 Location of employee toilet facilities.** Toilet facilities shall have access from within the employees' working area. The required toilet facilities shall be located not more than one story above or below the employees' working area and the path of travel to such facilities shall not exceed a distance of 500 feet (152 m). Employee facilities shall either be separate facilities or combined employee and public facilities.

**Exception:** Facilities that are required for employees in storage structures or kiosks, which are located in adjacent structures under the same ownership, lease or control, shall not exceed a travel distance of 500 feet (152 m) from the employees' regular working area to the facilities.

**503.4 Floor surface.** In other than dwelling units, every toilet room floor shall be maintained to be a smooth, hard, nonabsorbent surface to permit such floor to be easily kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

### [P] SECTION 504 PLUMBING SYSTEMS AND FIXTURES

**504.1 General.** All plumbing fixtures shall be properly installed and maintained in working order, and shall be kept free from obstructions, leaks and defects and be capable of performing the function for which such plumbing fixtures are designed. All plumbing fixtures shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and functional condition.

**504.2 Fixture clearances.** Plumbing fixtures shall have adequate clearances for usage and cleaning.

**504.3 Plumbing system hazards.** Where it is found that a plumbing system in a structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants or the structure by reason of inadequate service, inadequate venting, cross connection, backsiphonage, improper installation, deterioration or damage or for similar reasons, the code official shall require the defects to be corrected to eliminate the hazard.

### SECTION 505 WATER SYSTEM

**505.1 General.** Every sink, lavatory, bathtub or shower, drinking fountain, water closet or other plumbing fixture shall be properly connected to either a public water system or to an approved private water system. All kitchen sinks, lavatories, laundry facilities, bathtubs and showers shall be supplied with hot or tempered and cold running water in accordance with the *International Plumbing Code*.

**[P] 505.2 Contamination.** The water supply shall be maintained free from contamination, and all water inlets for plumbing fixtures shall be located above the flood-level rim of the fixture. Shampoo basin faucets, janitor sink faucets and other hose bibs or faucets to which hoses are attached and left in

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place, shall be protected by an approved atmospheric-type vacuum breaker or an approved permanently attached hose connection vacuum breaker.

**505.3 Supply.** The water supply system shall be installed and maintained to provide a supply of water to plumbing fixtures, devices and appurtenances in sufficient volume and at pressures adequate to enable the fixtures to function properly, safely, and free from defects and leaks.

**505.4 Water heating facilities.** Water heating facilities shall be properly installed, maintained and capable of providing an adequate amount of water to be drawn at every required sink, lavatory, bathtub, shower and laundry facility at a temperature of not less than 110°F (43°C). A gas-burning water heater shall not be located in any bathroom, toilet room, bedroom or other occupied room normally kept closed, unless adequate combustion air is provided. An approved combination temperature and pressure-relief valve and relief valve discharge pipe shall be properly installed and maintained on water heaters.

### [P] SECTION 506 SANITARY DRAINAGE SYSTEM

**506.1 General.** All plumbing fixtures shall be properly connected to either a public sewer system or to an approved private sewage disposal system.

**506.2 Maintenance.** Every plumbing stack, vent, waste and sewer line shall function properly and be kept free from obstructions, leaks and defects.

### [P] SECTION 507 STORM DRAINAGE

**507.1 General.** Drainage of roofs and paved areas, yards and courts, and other open areas on the premises shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.

## CHAPTER 6

# MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 601 GENERAL

**601.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum mechanical and electrical facilities and equipment to be provided.

**601.2 Responsibility.** The owner of the structure shall provide and maintain mechanical and electrical facilities and equipment in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant or permit another person to occupy any premises which does not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

### SECTION 602 HEATING FACILITIES

**602.1 Facilities required.** Heating facilities shall be provided in structures as required by this section.

**602.2 Residential occupancies.** Dwellings shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68°F (20°C) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms based on the winter outdoor design temperature for the locality indicated in Appendix D of the *International Plumbing Code*. Cooking appliances shall not be used to provide space heating to meet the requirements of this section.

**Exception:** In areas where the average monthly temperature is above 30°F (-1°C), a minimum temperature of 65°F (18°C) shall be maintained.

**602.3 Heat supply.** Every owner and operator of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more dwelling units or sleeping units on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the occupants thereof shall supply heat during the period from [DATE] to [DATE] to maintain a temperature of not less than 68°F (20°C) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms, and toilet rooms.

#### Exceptions:

1. When the outdoor temperature is below the winter outdoor design temperature for the locality, maintenance of the minimum room temperature shall not be required provided that the heating system is operating at its full design capacity. The winter outdoor design temperature for the locality shall be as indicated in Appendix D of the *International Plumbing Code*.
2. In areas where the average monthly temperature is above 30°F (-1°C) a minimum temperature of 65°F (18°C) shall be maintained.

**602.4 Occupiable work spaces.** Indoor occupiable work spaces shall be supplied with heat during the period from [DATE] to [DATE] to maintain a temperature of not less than 65°F (18°C) during the period the spaces are occupied.

#### Exceptions:

1. Processing, storage and operation areas that require cooling or special temperature conditions.
2. Areas in which persons are primarily engaged in vigorous physical activities.

**602.5 Room temperature measurement.** The required room temperatures shall be measured 3 feet (914 mm) above the floor near the center of the room and 2 feet (610 mm) inward from the center of each exterior wall.

### SECTION 603 MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

**603.1 Mechanical appliances.** All mechanical appliances, fireplaces, solid fuel-burning appliances, cooking appliances and water heating appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe working condition, and shall be capable of performing the intended function.

**603.2 Removal of combustion products.** All fuel-burning equipment and appliances shall be connected to an approved chimney or vent.

**Exception:** Fuel-burning equipment and appliances which are labeled for unvented operation.

**603.3 Clearances.** All required clearances to combustible materials shall be maintained.

**603.4 Safety controls.** All safety controls for fuel-burning equipment shall be maintained in effective operation.

**603.5 Combustion air.** A supply of air for complete combustion of the fuel and for ventilation of the space containing the fuel-burning equipment shall be provided for the fuel-burning equipment.

**603.6 Energy conservation devices.** Devices intended to reduce fuel consumption by attachment to a fuel-burning appliance, to the fuel supply line thereto, or to the vent outlet or vent piping therefrom, shall not be installed unless labeled for such purpose and the installation is specifically approved.

### SECTION 604 ELECTRICAL FACILITIES

**604.1 Facilities required.** Every occupied building shall be provided with an electrical system in compliance with the requirements of this section and Section 605.

**604.2 Service.** The size and usage of appliances and equipment shall serve as a basis for determining the need for additional facilities in accordance with the *ICC Electrical Code*. Dwelling units shall be served by a three-wire, 120/240 volt, single-

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phase electrical service having a rating of not less than 60 amperes.

**604.3 Electrical system hazards.** Where it is found that the electrical system in a structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants or the structure by reason of inadequate service, improper fusing, insufficient receptacle and lighting outlets, improper wiring or installation, deterioration or damage, or for similar reasons, the code official shall require the defects to be corrected to eliminate the hazard.

### SECTION 605 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

**605.1 Installation.** All electrical equipment, wiring and appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe and approved manner.

**605.2 Receptacles.** Every habitable space in a dwelling shall contain at least two separate and remote receptacle outlets. Every laundry area shall contain at least one grounded-type receptacle or a receptacle with a ground fault circuit interrupter. Every bathroom shall contain at least one receptacle. Any new bathroom receptacle outlet shall have ground fault circuit interrupter protection.

■ **605.3 Luminaires.** Every public hall, interior stairway, toilet room, kitchen, bathroom, laundry room, boiler room and furnace room shall contain at least one electric luminaire.

### SECTION 606 ELEVATORS, ESCALATORS AND DUMBWAITERS

■ **606.1 General.** Elevators, dumbwaiters and escalators shall be maintained in compliance with ASME A17.1. The most current certification of inspection shall be on display at all times within the elevator or attached to the escalator or dumbwaiter, or the certificate shall be available for public inspection in the office of the building operator. The inspection and tests shall be performed at not less than the periodical intervals listed in ASME A17.1, Appendix N, except where otherwise specified by the authority having jurisdiction.

**606.2 Elevators.** In buildings equipped with passenger elevators, at least one elevator shall be maintained in operation at all times when the building is occupied.

**Exception:** Buildings equipped with only one elevator shall be permitted to have the elevator temporarily out of service for testing or servicing.

### SECTION 607 DUCT SYSTEMS

**607.1 General.** Duct systems shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall be capable of performing the required function.

## CHAPTER 7

# FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 701 GENERAL

**701.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum conditions and standards for fire safety relating to structures and exterior premises, including fire safety facilities and equipment to be provided.

**701.2 Responsibility.** The owner of the premises shall provide and maintain such fire safety facilities and equipment in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant or permit another person to occupy any premises that do not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

### [F] SECTION 702 MEANS OF EGRESS

**702.1 General.** A safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel shall be provided from any point in a building or structure to the public way. Means of egress shall comply with the *International Fire Code*.

**702.2 Aisles.** The required width of aisles in accordance with the *International Fire Code* shall be unobstructed.

**702.3 Locked doors.** All means of egress doors shall be readily openable from the side from which egress is to be made without the need for keys, special knowledge or effort, except where the door hardware conforms to that permitted by the *International Building Code*.

**702.4 Emergency escape openings.** Required emergency escape openings shall be maintained in accordance with the code in effect at the time of construction, and the following. Required emergency escape and rescue openings shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys or tools. Bars, grilles, grates or similar devices are permitted to be placed over emergency escape and rescue openings provided the minimum net clear opening size complies with the code that was in effect at the time of construction and such devices shall be releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool or force greater than that which is required for normal operation of the escape and rescue opening.

### [F] SECTION 703 FIRE-RESISTANCE RATINGS

**703.1 Fire-resistance-rated assemblies.** The required fire-resistance rating of fire-resistance-rated walls, fire stops, shaft enclosures, partitions and floors shall be maintained.

**703.2 Opening protectives.** Required opening protectives shall be maintained in an operative condition. All fire and smokestop doors shall be maintained in operable condition.

Fire doors and smoke barrier doors shall not be blocked or obstructed or otherwise made inoperable.

### [F] SECTION 704 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

**704.1 General.** All systems, devices and equipment to detect a fire, actuate an alarm, or suppress or control a fire or any combination thereof shall be maintained in an operable condition at all times in accordance with the *International Fire Code*.

**704.2 Smoke alarms.** Single or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed and maintained in Groups R-2, R-3, R-4 and in dwellings not regulated in Group R occupancies, regardless of occupant load at all of the following locations:

1. On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.
2. In each room used for sleeping purposes.
3. In each story within a dwelling unit, including basements and cellars but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

Single or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed in other groups in accordance with the *International Fire Code*.

**704.3 Power source.** In Group R occupancies and in dwellings not regulated as Group R occupancies, single-station smoke alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring provided that such wiring is served from a commercial source and shall be equipped with a battery backup. Smoke alarms shall emit a signal when the batteries are low. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than as required for overcurrent protection.

**Exception:** Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in buildings where no construction is taking place, buildings that are not served from a commercial power source and in existing areas of buildings undergoing alterations or repairs that do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available which could provide access for building wiring without the removal of interior finishes.

**704.4 Interconnection.** Where more than one smoke alarm is required to be installed within an individual dwelling unit in Group R-2, R-3, R-4 and in dwellings not regulated as Group R occupancies, the smoke alarms shall be interconnected in such

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a manner that the activation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual unit. The alarm shall be clearly audible in all bedrooms over background noise levels with all intervening doors closed.

### **Exceptions:**

1. Interconnection is not required in buildings which are not undergoing alterations, repairs, or construction of any kind.
2. Smoke alarms in existing areas are not required to be interconnected where alterations or repairs do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available which could provide access for interconnection without the removal of interior finishes.

## CHAPTER 8

# REFERENCED STANDARDS

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 102.7.

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
A17.1—2000	Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators with A17.1a 2002 Addenda .....	606.1

American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Three Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10016-5990

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
F1346—91 (2003)	Performance Specifications for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs .....	303.2

ASTM International  
100 Barr Harbor Drive  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ICC EC—06	ICC Electrical Code® — Administrative Provisions .....	201.3, 604.2
IBC—06	International Building Code® .....	102.3, 201.3, 401.3, 702.3
IFC—06	International Fire Code® .....	201.3, 702.1, 702.2, 704.1, 704.2
IFGC—06	International Fuel Gas Code® .....	102.3
IMC—06	International Mechanical Code® .....	102.3, 201.3
IPC—06	International Plumbing Code® .....	201.3, 505.1, 602.2, 602.3
IZC—06	International Zoning Code® .....	102.3, 201.3

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