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UPDATE..... CONNECTICUT BUILDING & FIRE SAFETY CODES: September 14, 2010.

The State of Connecticut was obligated by statute to update both the **State Building Code and the State Fire Safety Code** by January 1, 2005, and thereafter as deemed necessary to incorporate subsequent revisions of the model codes. Legislation was passed in 2004, Public Act 04-59, which required that the Codes be updated in 2005 and that the State Building Code and Fire Safety Code be based on a nationally recognized model building code and fire code. PA 04-59 also mandated the adoption of a new State Fire Prevention Code in 2005, based on a nationally recognized fire prevention code. This was postponed until October 1, 2008 per PA 07-84, ran late, and is effective as of July 1, 2010. Subsequent revisions shall be not later than 18 months following the date of first publication of the subsequent revisions to the national model codes. There is a 2009 CT amendment to the Building and Fire Safety codes which has been approved and became effective August 1, 2009. **The documents adopted effective December 31st 2005, August 1, 2009, and July 1, 2010 are as follows:**

2005 CONNECTICUT STATE BUILDING CODE (CSBC):

International Building Code/2003 (ICC)

International Existing Building Code/2003 (ICC)

International Mechanical Code/2003 (ICC)

International Plumbing Code/2003 (ICC)

International Residential Code /2003 (ICC)

National Electrical Code, NFPA 70/2005 (NEC)

International Energy Conservation Code/2006 (ICC) [2009 CT amendments adopt the 2006 edition]

ICC/ANSI A117.1/2003 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities (ANSI)

Connecticut Supplement/2005/State Building Code. (2005 CSBC)

2009 Connecticut Amendment / State Building Code

2005 CONNECTICUT STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE (CSFSC):**New Construction, Alterations, Renovations, Changes of Use:**

International Fire Code/2003 (ICC)

Connecticut Supplement/2005/State Fire Safety Code. 2005 CSFSC Part III.

Existing Buildings / Occupancies:

National Fire Protection Association. Life Safety Code/2003 (NFPA 101)

Connecticut Supplement/2005/State Fire Safety Code. 2005 CSFSC Part IV.

Maintenance and Operational Issues:

National Fire Protection Association. Uniform Fire Code/2003. (NFPA 1)

Connecticut Supplement/2005/ State Fire Safety Code. 2005 CSFSC Part V.

2009 Connecticut Amendment / State Fire Safety Code

2010 CT FIRE PREVENTION CODE (CFPC):

National Fire Protection Association. Uniform Fire Code/2003. (NFPA 1)

2010 Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code – Regulations of CT State Agencies Section 29-291A-1 to 29-191a-10

Our State Building and Fire Safety Codes are based substantially on the International Codes Council (ICC) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) model codes and ASME model codes. These model codes are consensus codes, subject to changes based on input from their memberships, and are revised periodically.

The State of Connecticut's Codes and Standards Committee, an 18 member volunteer committee, [increased by 1 "Energy" member in 2009] has primary responsibility to keep the codes up to date with advances in technologies and improvements in construction materials. Due to the State of Connecticut Regulations Review Procedures, including the requirement for a public hearing on the proposed code changes, there is a built-in time delay between the publication of the Model Codes and the adoption of the new State Codes. In order to adapt the Model Codes for use in Connecticut, the State publishes the "Connecticut Amendments". These amendments are necessary to accomplish several important functions:

1. To coordinate the Model Codes with Connecticut General Statutes.
2. To change the Model Code provisions where there is a conflict between the Model Codes.
3. To coordinate the Model Code provisions with recent Federal Legislation.
4. To adapt the Model Codes to circumstances unique to the State of Connecticut.
5. To alter provisions of the Model Codes which are unclear, out of date or below the standards acceptable for the State of Connecticut.

A separate Task Force handles the Fire Prevention Code.

Other Regulations in effect:**CONNECTICUT STATE ELEVATOR CODE:** [As adopted by separate regulations in CT]

ASME A17.1 - Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators 1996 with 1997 & 1998 Amendments.

ASME A17.1- Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators. 2004. Part 5.2. Limited-Use/Limited-Application Elevators. LULA.

ASME A18.1- Safety Standards for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts. 2003.

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE: [Separate regulation, state written] <http://www.dir.ct.gov/dph/PHC/phc.doc>

Codes and Connecticut Amendments are available from AIA Connecticut (203) 865-2195, <http://www.aiact.org>. See also the CT State Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Emergency and Building Services web site at <http://www.state.ct.us/dps/DFEBS/> for additional news and updates.

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