

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

January 25, 2012

1. **Call to Order:** The Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee ("CAS") of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in the third floor conference room (room 348) at 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, Connecticut.

In Attendance: Louis Free, Chair Henry Miga
John Butkus Frederick Wajcs

Also present: Bruce Spiewak, AIA Connecticut
Daniel Veronick, Office of the State Building Inspector

2. **Minutes:**

Minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting were approved.

3. **Communications:**

No new correspondence was received since the last CAS meeting.

4. **Old Business**

1. **45-IRC** Dan Veronick to check with Dan Tierney on OSBI's recommendations regarding the proposed homeowner exemption revisions to Section R105.2 titled Work exempt from permit.

5. **New Business**

The CAS and OSBI reviewed and took action on the following sections of the 2009 International Residential Code.

1. **(Del) R311.7.3 Walkline.** Proposal to delete section without substitution is approved.
2. **(Amd) R311.7.4.1 Riser height.** Proposed amendment as written approved.
3. **(Amd) R311.7.4.2 Tread depth.** Proposed amendment as written approved.

4. **(Amd) R311.7.7.2 Continuity.** Proposed amendment as written approved.
5. **(Add) R312.1.1 Retaining wall guards.** Proposed amendment is approved with the following revision. In the last sentence add “,” after “grass”.
6. **Section R313 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems.** This section will be discussed at the next CAS meeting.
7. **(Amd) R314.3.1 Alterations, repairs and additions.** Proposed amendment is approved with the following revision. Delete Exception 3. Exception 3 is covered by Section R314.4, Exception 2.
8. **(Amd) R314.4 Power source.** Proposed amendment is rejected.
9. **(Amd) R315.1 Carbon monoxide alarms.** Proposed amendment is approved with the following revision. In the first sentence, delete “levels” and insert “level”.
10. **(Add) R315.1.1 Power source.** Proposed code section addition as written is approved.
11. **(Amd) R315.2 Alterations, repairs and additions.** Proposed amendment is approved with the following revision. Add Exception 4 with code language same as Section 314.3.1 Exception 2.
12. **(Amd) R319.1 Address numbers.** 2009 IRC expanded language may conflict with municipal ordinance. Proposed amendment as written approved.
13. **(Del) SECTION R320 – ACCESSIBILITY.** Delete section in its entirety and replace with **(Add) SECTION R320 – ACCESSIBILITY** is approved.
14. **(Add) R320.1 Scope.** Proposed code section addition is approved with the following revision. In the second to last sentence, delete “dwelling” and insert “townhouse” after “one-story above-grade”.
15. **(Add) R320.2 Single-story townhouses.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
16. **(Add) R320.3 Multi-story townhouses.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.

17. **(Add) R320.4 General exceptions.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
18. **(Add) R320.4.1 Site impracticality.** Proposed code section addition is approved with the following revision. Change Section number from "R322.4.1" to "R320.4.1".
19. **(Add) R320.4.2 Design flood elevation.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
20. **(Add) R320.5 Accessible route.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
21. **(Add) R320.6 Parking.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
22. **(Add) R320.6.1 Parking within or beneath a building.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
23. **(Add) R320.6.2 Automobile accessible parking spaces.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
24. **(Add) R320.6.3 Van accessible parking spaces.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
25. **(Add) R320.6.3.1 Van access clearance.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
26. **(Add) R320.7 Recreational facilities.** Proposed code section addition rejected. This is an IBC code requirement and is not applicable to the IRC.
27. **(Add) R320.8 Accessible common spaces.** Proposed code section addition rejected. This is an IBC code requirement and is not applicable to the IRC.
28. **(Amd) R321.1 Elevators.** Discussion tabled pending review by legal and the Bureau of Elevators.
29. **Chapter 4 – Foundation** tabled for future CAS meeting with Tom DiBlasi.
30. **(Add) N1101.4.1.1 Urea-formaldehyde insulation.** Proposed code section addition as written approved. OSBI to confirm threshold date of June 1, 1981.

31. **(Amd) N1101.8 Above code programs.** Proposed amendment as written approved.
32. **(Add) N1101.8.1 Compliance materials.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
33. **(Amd) N1102.2.11 Thermally isolated sunroom insulation.** Proposed amendment as written approved.
34. **(Del) N1102.3.5 Thermally isolated sunroom U-factor.** Proposal to delete section without substitution is approved.
35. **(Amd) N1103.2.3 Building cavities.** Proposed amendment as written approved.
36. **(Add) N1103.4.1 Pipe insulation.** Proposed code section addition as written approved.
37. **(Amd) N1103.8.3 Pool covers.** Proposed amendment as written approved.
38. **(Amd) M1301 Scope.** Proposed amendment is approved with the following revision. Change Section number from "M1301.1.1" to "M1301".
39. **(Amd) M1601.1.1 Above-ground duct system.** Proposed amendment is approved with the following revision. Delete Exception 7.
40. **(Amd) R404.4 Retaining Walls.** Dan Veronick requested the CAS to consider an amendment to the retaining wall section raising the retaining wall height from 24 inches to 36 inches so that this section agrees with the amendment to Section R105.2 titled Work exempt from permit, Item 3 under the heading "Building:". Proposed amendment is approved.
41. Dan Veronick distributed to CAS members pages 41 to 54 of the Amendments to the 2009 International Residential Code. These pages include proposed amendments to Chapter 34, Chapter 36, Chapter 38, Chapter 39, Chapter 41, Chapter 42, Chapter 44, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G, Appendix H, Appendix I, Appendix J, Appendix K, Appendix L, Appendix M and Appendix R (Wind Speeds and Seismic Design Categories).
42. Tom DiBlasi participation is required for review of amendments associated with Chapters 4, 6, 8 and 9.

43. Fred Wajcs will review that all code change proposals that were accepted for incorporation into Chapter 11 have been picked-up in the current Amendments to the 2009 International Residential Code.

6. **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2012 at 1:30 PM in Room 348.

Louis J. Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

KEY: ICC International Code Council IRC International Residential Code
 IBC International Building Code NEC National Electrical Code
 IEBC International Existing Building Code NFPA National Fire Protection Association

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