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1001.2

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Revise as follows:

1001.2 Building operation and maintenance. Previously commissioned buildings and parts thereof, shall be operated and maintained in conformance to the code edition applicable at the time of construction. The owner shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of existing buildings. The requirements of this chapter shall not provide the basis for removal or abrogation of fire protection and safety systems and devices or for the lowering of fire safety requirements associated with building elements, insulation, interior finish or other materials contained in existing structures.

Reason: The code proposal clarifies that the intent of this section is to apply to both active and passive fire protection features. The present wording focuses exclusively on the fire protection systems (such as sprinklers, smoke alarms, smoke control systems and so on). Clearly they must remain in place when an existing building comes into compliance with the IgCC. However other fire safety features must also remain in place. In other words, it is not appropriate for changes to be made in order to comply with the IgCC that would lower fire safety features such as fire resistance ratings of building elements, fire ratings of roofs, flame spread and smoke development of interior finish, flame spread across exterior insulation systems, and so on.

Cost Impact: Will not increase the cost of construction

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