

# GG307-14

## 1005.1

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**Delete and substitute as follows:**

**1005.1 Historic buildings.** ~~The provisions of this code relating to the construction, repair, alteration, addition, restoration and movement of structures, and change of occupancy, where each individual provision is evaluated separately on its own merit, shall not be mandatory for historic buildings for any of the following conditions:~~

- ~~1. Where implementation of such provisions would require a change in the visible configuration of building components in a manner that is not in keeping with the building's historic nature, as determined by the code official; or~~
- ~~2. Where compliance with such provisions would produce a conflict with a building function that is fundamental to the historic nature of the building.~~

Provisions of this code relating to the construction, repair, alteration, restoration and movement of structures, and change of occupancy shall not be mandatory for historic buildings provided a report has been submitted to the code official and signed by a registered design professional, or a representative of the State Historic Preservation Office or the historic preservation authority having jurisdiction, demonstrating that compliance with that provision would threaten, degrade or destroy the historic form, fabric or function of the building.

**Reason:** The intent of this proposal is to align the IgCC with the IECC's provisions regarding historic buildings. A separate but related proposal has been submitted to similarly align Section 1105 for building sites.

The intent of this section of the IgCC is to require compliance with the code, to the extent feasible, given the historic fabric and function of the building.

In the Group B cycle in 2013, the ICC voting membership approved Item CE7-13, as modified by a Public Comment (AMPC), which addressed this same issue. The public comment was put forward by a coalition of representatives of several groups, including the Washington Association of Building Officials Technical Code Development Committee and the American Institute of Architects. This proposal replaces the existing IgCC text with text identical to that approved in CE7-13. This will accomplish the same intent, as far as how the code is applied to historic buildings, and creates consistency between the codes.

One difference between the current IgCC and this proposal is there are three entities that are allowed to substantiate the determination of the impacts of the code requirements on the historic nature of the site. This provides both flexibility and reliability for the reporting requirement. As in CE7-13, the code official receives the report, but the report is created by one of the three entities listed--a registered design professional, someone from the State Historic Preservation Office, or the entity who has authority over historic preservation in the jurisdiction.

**Cost Impact:** Will increase the cost of construction. Possible increase in cost to procure the required report.

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