

2006-2007 ICC CODE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

ERRATA & WITHDRAWALS TO THE 2006/2007 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CODES

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The following is a list of errata to the published monograph entitled "2006/2007 Proposed Changes to the 2006 Editions of the International Codes."

This listing is organized based on the order of codes as published.

REVISIONS TO TENTATIVE ORDERS OF DISCUSSION:

VOLUME I:

IBC FIRE SAFETY: Delete FS186-06/07 and move to IBC Structural Hearing Order
IBC STRUCTURAL: Add FS186-06/07 after FS198-06/07
Delete S34-06/07 (Withdrawn by proponent)

VOLUME II:

IECC: Add Part I after EC106-06/07
IMC: Add EC106-06/07, Part II after M86-06/07
IRC-M-P: Add RB131-06/07, Part III, after RB131-06/07, Part II

TENTATIVE ORDER OF DISCUSSION

2006-2007 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

FIRE SAFETY

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TENTATIVE ORDER OF DISCUSSION

2006-2007 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

STRUCTURAL

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IBC – GENERAL (VOLUME I)

G153-06/07: Replace the proposal with the following:

509.2 Group S-2 enclosed or open parking garage with Group A, B, M, R or S above. A ~~basement and/or the first story above grade plane~~ of a building shall be considered as a two separate and distinct buildings for the purpose of determining area limitations, continuity of fire walls, limitation of number of stories and type of construction ~~when~~ where all of the following conditions are met:

1. ~~The basement and/or the first story above grade plane is of Type IA construction and is separated from the buildings~~ are separated above with a horizontal assembly having a minimum 3-hour fire-resistance rating.
2. The building below the horizontal assembly is no more than one story above grade plane.
3. The building below the horizontal assembly is of Type IA construction.
4. Shaft, stairway, ramp ~~or~~ and escalator enclosures through the horizontal assembly shall have not less than a 2-hour fire-resistance rating with opening protectives in accordance with Table 715.4.

Exception: Where the enclosure walls below the horizontal assembly have not less than a 3-hour fire-resistance rating with opening protectives in accordance with Table 715.4, the enclosure walls extending above the horizontal assembly shall be permitted to have a 1-hour fire-resistance rating, provided:

1. The building above the horizontal assembly is not required to be of Type I construction;
 2. The enclosure connects less than four stories; and
 3. The enclosure opening protectives above the horizontal assembly have a minimum 1-hour fire protection rating.
- ~~3-5.~~ The building above the horizontal assembly shall be permitted to have multiple Group A uses, each with an occupant load of less than 300, or Group B, M, R or S uses.
- ~~4-6.~~ The building below the horizontal assembly is a Group S-2 enclosed or open parking garage, used for the parking and storage of private motor vehicles.

Exceptions:

1. Entry lobbies, mechanical rooms and similar uses incidental to the operation of the building shall be permitted.
 2. Multiple Group A uses, each with an occupant load of less than 300, or Group B or M uses shall be permitted, in addition to those uses incidental to the operation of the building (including storage areas), provided that the entire structure below the horizontal assembly is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system.
- ~~5-7.~~ The maximum building height in feet shall not exceed the limits set forth in Section 503 for the building having the smaller allowable height as measured from the grade plane.

509.3 Group S-2 enclosed parking garage with Group S-2 open parking garage above. A Group S-2 enclosed parking garage with no more than one story above grade plane and located in the basement or first story below a Group S-2 open parking garage shall be classified as a separate and distinct building for the purpose of determining the type of construction ~~when~~ where the following conditions are met:

1. The allowable area of the ~~structure building~~ shall be such that the sum of the ratios of the actual area divided by the allowable area for each separate occupancy shall not exceed 1.0.
2. The Group S-2 enclosed parking garage is of Type I or II construction and is at least equal to the fire-resistance requirements of the Group S-2 open parking garage.
3. The height and the number of ~~the floors above the basement~~ tiers of the Group S-2 open parking garage shall be limited as specified in Table 406.3.5.
4. The floor assembly separating the Group S-2 enclosed parking garage and Group S-2 open parking garage shall be protected as required for the floor assembly of the Group S-2 enclosed parking garage. Openings between the Group S-2 enclosed parking garage and Group S-2 open parking garage, except exit openings, shall not be required to be protected.
5. The Group S-2 enclosed parking garage is used exclusively for the parking or storage of private motor vehicles, but shall be permitted to contain an office, waiting room and toilet room having a total area of not more than 1,000 square feet (93 m²), and mechanical equipment rooms incidental to the operation of the building.

(Reason statement and cost impact remain unchanged)

FIRE CODE (IFC) – VOLUME I

F59-06/07: Replace the proposal with the following:

F59–06/07

703.1.2; 703.1.3 (New)

Proponent: Vickie Lovell, representing Air Movement and Control Association

1. Revise as follows:

703.1.2 Smoke barriers and smoke partitions. Required smoke barriers and smoke partitions shall be maintained to prevent the passage of smoke, ~~and~~ All openings protected with approved smoke barrier doors or smoke dampers shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 105.

2. Add new text as follows:

703.1.3 Fire walls, fire barriers and fire partitions. Required fire walls, fire barriers and fire partitions shall be maintained to prevent the passage of fire. All openings protected with approved doors or fire dampers shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 80.

3. Add referenced standard to Chapter 45 as follows:

NFPA

105-03 – Standard for Installation of Smoke Door Assemblies

Reason: The maintenance for smoke doors and smoke dampers is covered by NFPA 105. Additionally the scope of NFPA 80 has been changed and expanded to include the maintenance requirements of fire dampers. This most recent editions of these standards will be voted on in June at the NFPA meeting. A copy of the final document will be provided to ICC staff and the committee if the document passes successfully and is authorized for publication by the NFPA standards Council.

Cost Impact: The code change proposal will not increase the cost of construction.

Public Hearing: Committee:	AS	AM	D
Assembly:	ASF	AMF	DF

F168-06/07, Item 5: The correct edition of the proposed referenced standard is “UL 1313-93 – with revisions through May 2003”

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TENTATIVE ORDER OF DISCUSSION

2006-2007 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE

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TENTATIVE ORDER OF DISCUSSION

2006-2007 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL

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RB38-06/07: Replace the proponent's reason statement with the following:

Reason: The intent of this proposal is to clarify the code. Some code readers assume that if the building in question is constructed in an area with wind design speeds equal to or greater than those give in Section R301.2.1.1, no portion of the building is required to comply with the IRC. The wording being proposed will make clear that only the structural portions of the building fall outside the requirements contained in the code.

RB64-06/07: Replace the first paragraph of Section R303.7 with the following:

R303.7 Required glazed openings. Required glazed openings shall ~~open~~ directly face onto a street or public alley, or a yard or court located on the same lot as the building.

(No change to exceptions or remainder of proposal)

RB76-06/07: Add proponent as follows: (The proponent was inadvertently left off of the proposal)

Proponent: Joseph Holland, Hoover Treaded Wood Products

RB124-06/07: Replace the proposal with the following:

Revise as follows:

R319.3 Fasteners. Fasteners for pressure-preservative and fire-retardant-treated wood shall be of hot-dipped zinc-coated galvanized steel, stainless steel, silicon bronze or copper. The coating weights for zinc-coated fasteners shall be in accordance with ASTM A153.

Exceptions:

1. One-half-inch (12.7 mm) diameter or larger steel bolts.
2. Fasteners ~~other than nails and timber rivets~~ shall be permitted to be of mechanically deposited zinc-coated steel with coating weights in accordance with ASTM B 695, Class 55, minimum.

(Reason and cost impact remain unchanged)

RB127-06/07: Replace Cost Impact with the following:

Cost Impact: In some areas, the code change proposal will increase the cost of construction. Estimates indicate that this change could increase the construction cost of a home by 2%-4%³. This cost is not trivial; however, homeowners would be protected from structural termite damage for the life of the home, a liability that typically costs the homeowner between \$2,000 and \$10,000⁴ when infested with the FST. Costs of building with termite resistant structural members can also be reduced through discounts offered to builders on their Builders Risk insurance premiums when using termite resistant structural materials that are also fire resistant. Homeowner's insurance premiums may also be reduced for the same reason.

3. The two to four percent increase for home construction costs has been confirmed by the Louisiana Formosan Termite Initiative, the National Association of Home Builder's Research Center (NAHBRC), the Portland Cement Association (PCA), and the Southern Pine Council (SPC). Assumptions and details of the studies conducted and/or cited by these organizations can be found at

<<http://www.southernpine.com/termiteinfo3.shtml#comparative>>,

<http://www.toolbase.org/Docs/MainNav/Energy/2936_steel_vs_wood.pdf?TrackID=&CategoryID=107&DocumentID=2936> and

<http://www.nahb.org/fileUpload_details.aspx?contentID=18475>.

4. Shanklin, Mary. "Termites: Home Wreckers Have Free Rein, Whatever You Do May Not Be Enough." Orlando Sentinel. Orlando, Fla.: May 16, 1999. pg. A.1.
