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Session: 2018 IEBC Essentials - History
2018 IEBC Essentials – Part 1
Based on the International Existing Building Code® (IEBC®)

Introductions

- Instructor
  - Provided assistance to:
    - New Jersey
    - HUD
    - Maryland
    - New York
    - Rhode Island
  - Member of IEBC Code Development Committee

Description

- Discusses the development history of the IEBC
- Provides a basis for the correct use and application of the code.
Objectives

Upon completion, participants will be better able to:

▪ Recognize how the IEBC offers alternatives and incentives to building owners to maintain their buildings and to continue to initiate upgrades towards compliance with more contemporary editions of the codes.

▪ Identify the three different compliance methods offered by the IEBC.

Part I

History

Introduction to the IEBC

▪ Each of the legacy building codes had a separate chapter that dealt with existing buildings

▪ In 2003, the International Existing Building Code (IEBC) was introduced as a member of the ICC family of Codes

▪ At the time, existing buildings included in scope of both codes
Introduction to the IEBC

- Intent to have a comprehensive set of regulations for existing buildings consistent with and inclusive of the scope of the existing legacy codes.

- Technical content from the legacy codes, as well as other rehabilitation codes, was used as the basis for the development.

Introduction to Existing Building Codes

- The IEBC is founded on the following principles:
  - To encourage the use and reuse of existing buildings that adequately protect public health, safety and welfare;
  - Do not unnecessarily increase construction costs;
  - Do not restrict the use of new materials, products, or methods of new construction;
  - Do not give preferential treatment to particular types of classes of materials, products or methods of construction.

Introduction to Existing Building Codes

- The Legacy Codes each had a single chapter dealing with existing buildings.

- The International Existing Building Code was introduced into the ICC family of codes in 2003.

- Technical content of legacy codes promulgated by BOCA, ICBO, and SBCCI, as well as other rehab codes, was utilized as the basis for the development.
Using the IEBC

- Most Existing Buildings do not comply with the most currently published codes for new construction.
- The IEBC is intended as an alternative approach to repairs, alterations, additions and changes in occupancy to existing buildings.
- To expect compliance with the codes for new construction is unreasonable from both a physical perspective and is cost prohibitive.

Using the IEBC

- Regulating construction within existing buildings presents opportunities to ensure that new construction complies with currently adopted building codes and:
  - At a minimum, the current level of compliance is maintained or are improved, incrementally, to meet basic safety levels.
  - To accomplish this, the IEBC allows for options for controlled departure from full compliance with the "I" Codes for new construction.

Using the IEBC

- The Code provides for three main options for the owner/designer when dealing with alterations of existing buildings:
  - Option #1 – Prescriptive Compliance Method – Chapter 5 – This was formerly Chapter 34 of the IBC (2012 and earlier editions)
  - Option #2 – Work Area Compliance Method – Chapters 6-12
  - Option #3 – Performance Compliance Method – Chapter 13 – Was a provided in former chapter 34 of the IBC (2012 and earlier editions)
  - Section 301 provides a summary of these options and will be discussed in more detail later in the presentation.
Using the IEBC

Section 301.3 Exception

- Allows alterations to be done under the code adopted at the time of the original construction of the building or portion of the building
- New Structural members must comply with IBC
- Does not apply to alterations that constitute substantial improvement in flood hazard areas
- Does not apply to alterations in the Prescriptive Compliance Method or the Work Area Compliance Method.

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History of Rehabilitation Codes

- The origin of the IEBC started with the “Code for Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings” developed by the State of New Jersey
- Much reliance in developing the New Jersey code was placed on
  - Article 32 of the Massachusetts building code
  - The Uniform Code for Building Conservation (ICBO)
  - Chapter 34 of the BOCA National Building Code
History of Rehabilitation Codes

- In developing the code in New Jersey there was three criteria:
- Timeliness (few projects handled as special cases)
- Predictability (due process-no surprises-people need to know the law applicable to them and free of arbitrary treatment)
- Reasonableness (provide a reasonable level of safety without imposing excessive additional costs)

History of Rehabilitation Codes

- NARRP used by many states in the development of their rehab codes
- NARRP used as one of the source documents for the IEBC

History of Rehabilitation Codes

- Intent is to clarify requirements when different types of work is performed
- The work is initiated voluntarily by owner and by enforcement
- Additional improvements required as work increases proportionally.
- Expanded the term “alteration” into multiple categories
History of Rehabilitation Codes

Classification of Work

Classification of Work

IEBC Proportional Approach
General

- Chapter 4 – Compliance Alternatives
- Chapter 5 - Essentials

Compliance Alternatives

General
- Previous Editions of the IEBC provided for three methods of building rehabilitation
  - Prescriptive Compliance
  - Work Area Compliance
  - Performance Compliance
### Compliance Alternatives

**General, cont.**
- The Prescriptive compliance method utilizes requirements of the IFC and requires all aspects of the existing building to be in full compliance with the IFC.
- It is the most conservative of the compliance methods and used by most jurisdictions prior to the publication of the IEBC.
- Any new construction associated with this method must comply with the IBC/IRC.

### Compliance Alternatives

**General, Cont.,**
- The Work Area Compliance Method:
  - Did not exist prior to the creation of the building Rehabilitation Code.
  - Follows an incremental approach to gaining compliance.
  - Usually, the greater percentage of building being rehabilitated, the more requirements of the IBC that are triggered.
  - In some cases the requirements of the IBC are lessen while at the same time enhancing the safety of the existing building.

### Compliance Alternatives

**General Cont.,**
- The Performance Method:
  - Is a point based system.
  - Evaluates 21 safety parameters for equivalency to the IBC.
  - Was included in Chapter 34 of the IBC.
  - Was removed in the 2015 Edition of the IBC.
  - Dates back to BOCA National Building Code and incorporated in the 2000 IBC when the three legacy organizations merged into ICC.
Chapter 4 - Compliance Alternatives

- General Considerations
  - The IEBC is to be used only for buildings, or portions thereof, that have been previously used for its intended purpose – Section 104.4.1
  - A fundamental premise of the IEBC is that the building is in compliance with the IFC and the IPMC. – Section 101.7
    - Any existing violation of the IFC or IPMC should not hold up a permit being issued under the IEBC. Corrections should be handled separately.

Compliance Alternatives

- General Considerations
  - Structural Considerations are treated in more detail due to the fact that most jurisdictions do not address existing structural conditions
  - For example: Alterations Level 1 has no specific requirements for fire protection and means of egress other than maintaining the current level of safety. However, there are substantial provisions that address various structural items including re-roofing

Compliance Alternatives

- General Considerations
  - In addition to the specific compliance options addressed in the IEBC, owners and design professionals always have the option of using the IBC
Compliance Alternatives

- The Code Official can allow the Building Code, in existence at the time the building, or portion thereof, was originally built, to be used to determine compliance, in accordance with the exception to Section 301.1:
  - When using the option, it needs to be determined what code, if any, was in effect at the time of the original construction
  - The building is still required to comply with the current IFC and IPMC
  - If the owner chooses to do nothing, the building is acceptable
  - Any new work must comply with the IBC
  - Like materials are permitted to be used except for those no longer permitted by the current building code

Compliance Alternatives

- A further option applies only to Historic Buildings
  - Chapter 12 is included in the work area compliance method
  - Additional compliance options which recognize the need to maintain the historical aspects of the building as identified in reports required by Section 1201.2

Compliance Alternatives

- Options for the Owners and their design team
  - Section 301.3 of the IEBC directly allows for three options for the building owners and their designers when proposing alterations, additions, or changes of occupancy:
    - Prescriptive Compliance Method – Chapter 5
    - Work Area Compliance Method – Chapters 6-12
    - Performance Compliance Method – Chapter 13
  - Section 301.3, Exception – Allows for a fourth option, i.e. alterations can be made under the code as adopted at the time of the building's original construction
Compliance Alternatives

Section 301.3
- Clearly identifies that the applicant (owner or owners representative) has the choice of methods: not the code official
- Prohibits the use of various methods to be used in combination with each other.

Compliance Alternatives

- Of the five options allowed by the IEBC, the exception to Section 301.1 allowing the use of the code in effect at the time the building was constructed could be the most problematic.
  - The building would still be required to be in compliance with the current editions of the IFC or IPMC
  - Continued use of materials not permitted by current code
  - Be aware that Occupancy Classifications have changed with newer editions of the codes.

Compliance Alternatives

- Section 305.9 Historic Buildings – This section gives general guidance for Historic Buildings when dealing with alterations or changes of occupancy.
  - If it is determined that the proposed alteration or change in occupancy will threaten or destroy the historical significance of the facility related to accessible routes, entrances or toilet facilities, alternatives are granted.
  - The IEBC contains a specific chapter (Chapter 12) that applies to Historic Buildings related to the Work Area Method.
Compliance Alternatives

- No specific methodology for choosing compliance alternative however the following considerations may assist in choosing best approach for a given project:
- Is the building a relatively new building? If so, the Prescriptive Compliance Method may be applicable due to the requirements are based on more recent editions of the IBC/IRC.
- Is the proposed work limited to specific areas in the building? If so and there are items in the building that are not in compliance with recent editions of IBC/IRC the Work Area Compliance method may be more appropriate. It more prescriptively identifies what extent the building must comply with the IBC/IRC and the extent of compliance is proportional to the work proposed.

Compliance Alternatives

- Are there significant areas that do not comply with current building code requirements? Of the three options in the IEBC, the Performance Compliance Method may be desirable since it generally highlights more options for compliance.
Chapter 5 - Essentials

- Prescriptive Compliance Method
- Changes of Occupancy Classification
- Construction Safeguards

Essentials

- Prescriptive Compliance Method – Chapter 5
- Not included in original rehabilitation codes
- Was originally contained in Chapter 34 of the IBC
- ICC Board of Directors decided to delete Chapter 34
- Was retained as an optional compliance method in IEBC
- Was not coordinated with Work Area Compliance method

Essentials

- Prescriptive Compliance Method
  - When using this method the level of work being performed is critical when choosing this option
  - The following areas are addressed with this method
    - Additions – Section 502
    - Alterations – Section 503
    - Fire Escapes – Section 504
    - Windows and Emergency Escape Openings – Section 505
    - Changes of Occupancy – Section 506
    - Historic Buildings – Section 507
Essentials

- Prescriptive Compliance Method
  - All alterations shall comply with the IBC – Section 503.1
  - The question is to what extent does the alteration need to comply with the IBC.
  - This question can be more clearly determined if using the work area method.
  - Changes of Occupancy requirements of the IBC apply to the extent the code official determines the level of safety – Section 506.1.
  - Whereas the Work Area Compliance method utilizes the concept of risk and not all changes of occupancy classification need comply with the IBC.

- Work Area Method
  - Incorporates the concept of "work area" – reference Definition in Chapter 2.
  - Work area is that portion of the building which the owner desires to do the work:
    - Must be clearly identified on the construction documents
    - No requirements applied outside of work area (except for supplemental requirements for Alterations level 2 and Alterations level 3)
    - Incidental work outside work area does not trigger additional requirements but work has to comply with IBC.

- Changes of Occupancy Classification
  - Not a new concept from the legacy codes
  - What is new is the concept of determining the level of risk associated with the various occupancy classifications.
Chapter 10 contains three risk categories:

- **Means of Egress**—(Table 1011.4) Relative hazard was primarily based on travel distance; further distinction between levels 3 and 4 based on certain characteristics such as density, familiarity with surroundings, being awake or asleep, age, and potential impairments.

- **Heights and areas**—(Table 1011.5) original table published in NARRP based on BOCA National Building Code for type 2A construction—Now has five hazard levels.

- **Exterior Walls**—(Table 1011.6) relative hazard based on the exterior wall requirements contained in Chapter 6 of the IBC.
  - based on a comparable table in NARRP.
  - was based on the fire resistance ratings in the BOCA National Building Code at a fire separation distance of 5 feet.

Applying Chapter 10 Change of Occupancy

- Must understand the concepts of "Change of Use" (Section 1001.2.1) vs. "Change of Occupancy Classification" (Section 1001.2.2).
Essentials

- Construction Safeguards
- Regulated by both IBC and IFC
- The IEBC contains same requirements as the IBC
- Construction safeguards during rehab projects are more complex due to the fact that portions of the building are occupied.

General

- Can a building take advantage of the more relaxed provisions of the code before construction of the building has begun?

No. A building or portion thereof that has not been occupied previously or used for its intended purpose must comply with the provisions of the IBC.

Questions
Objectives

Upon completion, participants will be better able to:

- Recognize the classifications of work associated with existing buildings.
- Identify fire protection systems that need to be upgraded.
- Recognize vertical openings that need partial or complete enclosure.
- Identify thresholds that trigger additional requirements for the existing building.

Compliance Methods
Work Area Method

- Repairs
- Alteration Level 1
- Alteration Level 2
- Alteration Level 3
- Change of Occupancy
- Additions
- Relocated or Moved Buildings

Work Area Method

General, Cont.,
- "Work Area" is a legal term and, as such, is defined in the Chapter 2 Definitions of the IEBC.
- "That portion or portions of a building consisting of all reconfigured spaces as indicated on the construction documents. Work area excludes other portions of the building where incidental work entailed by the intended work must be performed and portions of the building where work not initially intended by the owner is specifically required by this code."

Work Area Method

General, Cont.,
- A key word in the definition is “reconfigured”.
- Either a space, component or system is being reconfigured in order to apply the work area method.
- Any lack of clarity in defining the Work Area can have significant impacts on the level of overall compliance with new construction requirements of the IBC.
Work Area Method

General, Cont.,
- Accessibility requirements have now been removed from the various Work Area Level chapters and relocated to Section 305 of Chapter 3, “Provisions for All Compliance Methods”.
- The relocation makes it clear that Accessibility requirements universally apply to each of the methods of building rehabilitation.

Repairs

- Previous editions of the IEBC included Repairs as a part of the Work Area Compliance Method.
- In the 2018 edition of the IEBC, Repairs are now an independent chapter, Chapter 4, attached to none of the compliance methods.
- Chapter 4 defines when “Repairs” can be made with like materials and methods or must comply with the IBC/IRC.

Repairs

General
- Section 401.2 - A guiding principle when making repairs is the work cannot make the building less compliant than it was before the repair was made.
Repairs

- **Section 402.1** – Replacement glazing must comply with Section 2406 of the IBC.

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Repairs

- **Structural** – Structural damage to a building can occur for a number of reasons, i.e., wind, earthquake, fire, flooding, falling trees, cars running into the building, etc.
- **Section 405.2.1** – Repairs to buildings with less than substantial structural damage can restore structural elements to pre-damaged condition.
- **Section 405.2.1.1** – Damage due to snow loading must be repaired in accordance with Section 1608 of the IBC.

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Repairs

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- Repairs to a building with structural damage must comply with specific codes to ensure safety and integrity.
- Section 405.2.1 outlines the criteria for repairs to buildings with less than substantial damage.
- Section 405.2.1.1 addresses the repair of damage caused by snow loading, requiring adherence to Section 1608 of the IBC.
Repairs

- Flood Hazard Areas
  - As defined by chapter 2
- Buildings that have sustained substantial structural damage must be brought into compliance with flood loads of the IBC Section 1612.

Repairs

Section 408 – Plumbing
- Materials and supplies prohibited by IPC cannot be used
- Replacement water closets must have a maximum water consumption of 1.6 gallons per flushing cycle
  - Except for blow-out design water closets having a maximum water consumption of 3.5 gallons per flushing cycle

Alterations – Level 1

- Work areas that involve removal and replacement or the covering of existing materials, elements, equipment or fixtures using new materials, elements, equipment or fixtures that serve the same purpose.
- Requirements for Level 1 Alterations are found in Chapter 7
Alterations – Level 1

General Requirements for Level 1 Alterations
- The Guiding Principle – Work cannot make building less compliant – Section 701.2
- Differs from other levels of Alterations - only involves replacement of components
- Does not include reconfiguration of rooms or spaces
- No area limitations
- Alterations, typically, must comply with new construction requirements of IBC/IRC

Alterations – Level 1

Section 702 - Building Elements and Materials
- Newly installed interior finish materials and trim must comply with Chapter 8 of IBC.
- Materials must comply with ASTM E84 or UL 723
- Three Categories
  - Class A: Flame spread index 0-25; Smoke Developed index of 0-450
  - Class B: Flame spread index 26-75; smoke developed index of 0-450
  - Class C: Flame spread index 76-200; smoke developed index of 0-450

Alterations – Level 1

- Foam Plastics, textiles, vinyl, HDPE, polypropylene require additional testing or have additional requirements:
  - Some foam plastics cannot be used as an interior finish except as met additional testing of NFPA 286, FM 4880, UL 1040, tested on a foam plastic assembly
  - Some textiles can only be used where sprinkler systems are installed
Alterations Level - 1

Floor Finishes
- Evaluated using a radiant panel in accordance with NFPA 253
- Traditional floor coverings are exempt from testing requirements
- If building has NFPA 13 or 13R sprinkler system, floor finishes with a reduced rating are approved.

Alterations – Level 1

- Floor finishes are categorized into three levels of radiant flux:
  - Class I: Critical radiant flux of 0.45 watts/cm² or greater – required in most Group "I" Occupancies unless suppressed.
  - Class II: Critical radiant flux of 0.22 watts/cm² or greater - required in all other occupancies except for F, R-3, R-4 and U
  - DOC FF-1 “pill test” (CPSC 16 CFR Part 1630)
Alterations – Level 1

Replacement Windows

- **Section 702.4** - Must include opening control devices complying with ASTM F2090 where all of the following apply:
  - Window is operable, and
  - Replacement includes replacement of the sash and frame, and
  - In R-2 and R-3 occupancies, top of the sill of the window opening is <36” above the finished floor, in 1 & 2 family, sill is <24” above finished floor
  - Window will allow a 4” sphere to pass through when window is in largest opened position
  - Height of top of the sill of the window opening above exterior grade immediately outside of window is >72”

 Alterations – Level 1

Section 702.6 - Materials and Methods

- All new work must comply with the applicable “I” Codes related to material standards, installation details, connections, penetrations, joints and continuity
- IEBC limits level of compliance with IFGC to:
  - Chapter 3, General Requirements except 303.7 & 306
  - Chapter 4, Gas Piping, except 401.8 and 402.3
  - Chapter 5, Chimneys and Vents
  - Chapter 6 Specific Appliances

 Alterations - Level 1

Reroofing – Section 705

- Recovering or replacement of existing roof coverings must comply with Chapter 15 of the IBC
  - Minimum slope requirements are not required to meet the 2% slope requirement provided they have positive roof drainage
  - Existing secondary drainage and scuppers acceptable if they have been properly maintained, if replaced they must comply with Section 1502 of IBC
  - Structural roof components must be capable of supporting replacement covering system and material and equipment loads during installation
Alterations – Level 1

- **Roof Replacement** – typically includes removal of all existing layers of coverings, exposing roof deck, except for existing ice barrier. Such ice barrier must be covered with a new ice barrier membrane.
- **New Roof Covering** over an existing roof covering is permitted where any of the following conditions are present:
  - New covering is installed per the manufacturer’s instructions, or
  - Complete and separate roofing systems designed to transmit loads directly to building’s structural system, or
  - Metal panels, metal shingles, concrete and clay tile installed over existing wood shakes, or
  - Roof protective coatings.

Alterations – Level 1

**Energy Conservation**

- IEBC does not require the entire building to comply with IECC when level 1 alterations are being conducted.
- The work associated with level 1 alterations must comply with IECC if applicable such as replacing windows or replacement of light fixtures.

Alterations – Level 2

- This level alteration are work areas that involve reconfiguration of rooms or areas.
- The aggregate area of work areas of level 2 alterations must be < 50% of the overall building area.
- Requirements for Alteration level 2 are found in Chapter 8 of the IEBC.
Alterations – Level 2

General
- Section 801.2 – Requirements of level 1 alterations are to be complied with when conducting level 2 alterations (incremental approach)
- Section 801.1, ex. Reconfiguration work that is solely for accessibility compliance only need comply with level 1 alterations

Alterations - Level 2

General, Cont.
- Section 801.3 - The Guiding Principal for Level 2 Alterations is that new work will comply with the IBC, except:
  - Where windows are added not required to meet light and ventilation
  - Newly installed electrical equipment shall comply with Section 807
  - Length of dead-end-corridors only required to meet Section 805.7
  - Ceiling height of newly created habitable areas and corridors can be 7
  - Newly installed escalators in below-grade transportation stations can have a clear width of 32”
  - New Structural members and connections shall be permitted to comply with Section 302

Alterations – Level 2

- Section 802 - Building - Elements and Materials
- Section 802.2.1 - Vertical Openings
  - All existing vertical openings connecting two or more floors must be enclosed with approved assemblies of one-hour fire-resistance-rated construction and approved protected openings.
  - Includes 14 exceptions:
    - When not required by IBC
    - Most exceptions for installation of fire protections systems; height and area limitations, etc.
    - One and two family dwelling and open parking garages and ramps
Alterations – Level 2

Section 802.2.2 - Supplemental Shaft and Floor Opening Enclosure Requirements
- Work area on any building story exceeds 50 percent of that gross floor area.
- Enclosure requirements of IEBC Section 803.2 apply to all vertical openings throughout the entire floor
- Apply only to portion of vertical openings on the floor where work area is located
- Does not apply to Stairways or vertical openings in tenant spaces entirely outside the work area.

Section 802.2.3 - Supplemental Stairway Enclosure Requirements
- When the work area on any building story exceeds 50 percent of that gross floor area, stairways serving mean of egress for the work area must:
  - Be enclosed with smoke tight construction.
  - Must be enclosed on highest work area story and all stories below.
  - Openings must be smoke protected assemblies but not fire protection rated.
  - Such Protectives must be self closing upon activation of fire alarm system.

Section 802.4.1 - Supplemental Interior Finish Requirements
- Aggregate of work areas on any building story >50% of the gross floor area of that story.
- Interior finish requirements of Section 803.4 apply to all exits and corridors, throughout the entire story containing the work area.
  - Except for interior finish within occupied tenant spaces on that story that are entirely outside of the work areas.
Alterations – Level 2

Section 802.5 – Guards

- Requirements for guards are found in Section 802.5 & 805.11 (means of egress)
- **Section 802.5.1** – Guards shall be provided where portions of a Level 2 Alterations work area:
  - Are more than 30 inches above the floor or exterior grade, and
  - Do not have a guard, or
  - The existing guards are considered to be in danger of failure

Alterations – Level 2

Guards, Cont.

- **Section 802.5.2** – Guards must comply with the prescriptive requirements of the IBC for new guards, including height, baluster spacing and impact resistance
- **Section 805.11** – Guards – requirements of 802.5 are extended to all means of egress paths leading from all work areas to, and including the level of exit discharge

Alterations – Level 2

Section 802.6 - Fire Resistance Ratings

- Where a complete automatic, supervised sprinkler system installed in accordance with NFPA 13 or NFPA 13R, as applicable, has been added;
  - Where approved by the code official.
  - Required fire-resistance ratings of the existing structural elements of the building are deemed to meet the requirements of the current building code.
  - Construction documents shall be submitted to indicate which building elements and materials that the applicant wants the code official to evaluate for compliance with the fire resistance requirements of the IBC.
Alterations – Level 2

Section 803.1.1 - Corridor Rating
- Rating of the corridor can be reduced in accordance with IBC if an automatic fire sprinkler system is installed throughout the floor.
- Sprinkler coverage throughout the story must also extend coverage to the stairway landings at the floor and intermediate landing immediately below.

Section 803.2.1 - Automatic Sprinkler Systems in High-Rise Buildings
- Automatic Sprinkler System shall be added where work areas:
  - Have exits or corridors shared by more than tenant
  - Have exits or corridors serving an occupant load of more than 30
  - Are located on a building story that has an adequate water supply from an existing standpipe or sprinkler riser serving that story
- Section 803.2.1.1 - Supplemental Requirements
  - Work Area >50% of aggregate area of floor
  - Sprinkler protection must be provided throughout the entire story
  - Occupied Tenant Spaces outside work area are exempt

Section 803.2.2 – Groups A, B, E, F-1, H, I, R-1, R-2, R-4 and S occupancies – Automatic Fire Sprinkler System required for Alterations level 2, where the work area:
- Includes Work areas involving exits and corridors shared by multiple tenants and having an occupant load of >30
- Work area is required to have automatic sprinkler protection where required by the IBC for new construction, and
- The work area or aggregate of the work areas exceeds 50 percent of the gross floor area of that specific story
Alterations – Level 2

Exception to Section 803.2.2

- The building does not have adequate water supply available without the installation of a fire pump
- If an automatic fire suppression system cannot be installed, the work area must be provided with a complete automatic smoke detection system
- The automatic smoke detection system must be installed throughout all occupiable spaces except for sleeping units or individual dwelling units

Alterations – Level 2

Section 803.4 - Fire Alarm and Detection

- Fire alarm systems are driven by type of occupancy
- Requirements of alterations level 2 are limited to work areas but may extend beyond the work areas
- General – Smoke detectors must be used unless prohibited by their listing – boiler rooms
- Must be installed in accordance with NFPA 72

Alterations – Level 2

Section 803.4.1 – Occupancy Requirements

- Existing previously approved fire alarm systems are allowed to remain.
- That portion of an existing fire alarm system within the Level 2 Alterations work areas must comply with current requirements of the IBC and NFPA 72.
- Existing alarm-notification devices shall be automatically activated throughout the building
- When the existing building is not provided with a fire alarm system, but the requirements of IEBC Section 803.4.1 require occupant notification within the work area, alarm notification devices shall be provided.
Alterations – Level 2

- Section 803.4.2 - Supplemental Fire Alarm System Requirements
- When a fire alarm system is required, and
- The aggregate of Level 2 Alterations work areas on a floor exceed 50 percent of the gross area of that specific floor, then
- The fire alarm system must be provided throughout that entire story
  - Except for occupied tenant spaces located entirely outside of the work area.

Carbon monoxide detection requirements are new to the 2018 IEBC
- Must be installed in Level 2 Alterations work areas in institutional health care and residential facilities where required by the IFC for existing Group I-1, I-2 and R occupancies.

Means of Egress
- Means of egress are driven by the type of occupancy.
- These requirements are limited to Level 2 Alterations work areas that include exits or corridors shared by more than one tenant
- Section 805.2 General
  - IEBC allows provisions of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code as an alternative
  - Where permitted by the local code official, means of egress complying with the requirements of the building code under which the building was constructed is permitted
Alterations – Level 2

- Section 805.5.3 – Other Corridor Openings
  - In any work area, any other sash, grille, or opening in a corridor shall be sealed with materials consistent with the corridor construction

- Supplemental requirements with exception

Alterations – Level 2

- Section 805.6 – Dead end corridors – in level 2 Alterations work areas:
  - Cannot exceed 35 feet unless permitted by IBC
  - In other than H occupancies and Assembly occupancies
    - An existing dead-end corridor can be a maximum of 50 ft if the building is equipped throughout with an automatic fire alarm system installed in accordance with the IBC
    - An existing dead corridor can be a maximum of 75 ft (21.36 m) if the building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with the IBC.

Alterations – Level 2

- Section 805.7 – Means of Egress lighting - Level 2 Alterations work areas must have means of egress lighting in accordance with the IBC for new construction

- Supplemental Requirements with exception

- Section 805.8 – Exit Signs - Level 2 Alterations work areas must have exit signs in accordance with the IBC for new construction

- Supplemental Requirements with exception
Alterations – Level 2

- Section 805.9 – Handrails
  Where existing stairways do not have a handrail or the existing handrails are considered to be in danger of failure, not less than one handrail complying with the prescriptive requirements of the IBC for new handrails must be provided.

- Section 806 – Structural
  Existing Structural Elements Resisting Lateral Loads - The Building Structure must meet Section 1609 and 1612 of the IBC when level 2 alteration work areas causes:
  - An increase in design lateral loads, or
  - The alteration creates prohibited structural irregularity as defined in ASCE 7, or
  - Where the alteration decreases the existing capacity of any lateral load-carrying structural element, Reduced seismic loads are allowed using the evaluation of the demand-capacity ratios.

- Section 806.4 – Voluntary Lateral Force-Resisting System Alterations
  Voluntary structural work intended to improve existing lateral force-resisting system, is not required to meet the IBC provided:
  - The capacity of existing structural systems is not reduced, and
  - Any new structural elements, whether connecting to existing or new structural elements, must comply with the IBC for new construction, and
  - New or relocated non-structural elements, whether connecting to existing or new structural elements, must comply with the IBC for new construction, and
  - The alterations cannot create a structural irregularity as defined by ASCE 7 or make any existing structural irregularity more severe.
Alterations – Level 2

- Section 809 – Plumbing
- When the occupant load of a building story is increased by more than 20 percent as a result of Level 2 Alterations work, plumbing fixtures for that story only must be provided as required by the International Plumbing Code (IPC) based on the increased occupant load.

Alterations – Level 2

- Section 810 – Energy Conservation
- Level 2 Alterations to existing buildings do not require the entire building to comply with the energy requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) or IRC.
- The work associated with the Level 2 Alteration project must comply with the IECC for new construction.

Alterations – Level 3

- General
- Alterations level 3 – Work areas that are >50% of the overall building area
- Requirements are found in Chapter 9
- Additional Building Features are triggered beyond the actual work areas and other parts of the building where no alterations are planned
- Guiding principle is that level 3 Alterations will comply with the IBC but remainder of the building can remain as is.
Alterations – Level 3

- Section 902 - Special Use and Occupancy
- Section 902.1 – High Rise Buildings – Recirculating air or exhaust systems with a capacity of >15,000 CFM shall be equipped with smoke or heat detection devices in accordance with the IMC
- Section 902.1.2 – Elevators for public use serving work areas – with a travel distance in excess of 25’, above or below main floor or the level for emergency response and access shall be provided with emergency operations in accordance with ASME A17.3.
- New Elevators shall be provided with Phase I and Phase II operations

Alterations – Level 3

- Section 904 - Fire Protection
- Section 904.1 - Automatic Sprinkler Systems are required in Alterations Level 3 as required for Level 2. In addition, Automatic Sprinkler Systems shall be provided:
  - In High Rise buildings when the building has sufficient water supply for the design and installation of the system, to the site. Section 904.1.1
  - In Rubbish and Linen Chutes located within the work area if required for rubbish and linen chutes by the IBC. Section 904.1.2
  - In work areas in occupancy groups where upholstered furniture and mattresses are manufactured, stored or displayed for display or sale

Alterations – Level 3

- Section 904.2 – Fire Alarm and Detection
  - Fire alarm and detection systems must be provided in compliance with IBC 907 (Fire Alarm and Detection Systems) as required for new construction.
  - Section 904.2.1 – Manual Fire Alarm Systems – Where required by the IBC for a specific occupancy, must be provided throughout the work areas.
  - The fire alarm system is not required to be extended into existing occupied tenant spaces on those floors that are located entirely outside of the work areas
Alterations – Level 3

- Section 905.2 & 905.3 – Means of Egress Lighting & Exit Signs
  - Is required from the highest work area floor to the floor of exit discharge within the exit enclosure in accordance with IBC.

Alterations – Level 3

- Structural - Section 906.2 – Existing Structural Elements resisting lateral loads
  - When Substantial Structural Alterations are being made, the lateral load-resisting system of the altered building must be evaluated and shown to comply with IBC Sections 1609 (Wind Loads) and 1613 (Earthquake Loads). Reduced seismic forces are allowed to be used as part of the design. Except:
    - Residential buildings where <5 dwelling or sleeping units are altered using the light-frame construction methods of the IBC or complying with the provisions of the IRC.
    - If the intended alteration only involves the lowest story of a building, only the lateral load-resisting components of this story and below need to comply. The remaining upper portion of the building can remain as is.

Alterations – Level 3

Section 907 – Energy Conservation

- Level 3 Alterations to existing buildings do not require the entire building to comply with the energy requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).
- The work associated with the Level 3 Alteration project must comply with the IECC for new construction.
Change of Occupancy

- Chapter 10 – Change of Occupancy - General
- The requirements of Chapter 10 are typically in addition to the requirements of Chapters 7, 8, and 9 (Incremental Approach)
- Section 1001.2.1 - Change of Use is typically repurposing a space within the same occupancy group or classification – Must Comply with Sections 1002 - 1010
- Section 1001.2.2 - Change of Occupancy Classification or Group is usually easier to comprehend. It is a change in either classification or group – Must Comply with Sections 1002 - 1011

Change of Occupancy

- General, Cont.
- Section 1001.2 - Change of Occupancy within a building that results in a different fire protection system requirement of Chapter 9 of the IBC – Requires Approval of the Code Official and a new Certificate of Occupancy issued once requirements are met
- Section 1001.3 - A new certificate of occupancy shall be issued once requirements associated with the new change of occupancy classification have been met.

Change of Occupancy

- Section 1002 – Special Use and Occupancy –
- The IEBC requires compliance with the IBC for any building or portion of a building that changes to one of the special uses identified in Chapter 4 of the IBC which include:
  - Covered or open malls
  - Special Amusement Buildings
  - Atriums
  - Incidental Use Areas
  - Hazardous Materials
  - Motor Vehicle-related occupancies
  - Ambulatory Care Facilities
  - Motion picture projection rooms
  - Group I-2
  - Occupancies
  - Stages and Platforms
  - Underground Buildings
Change of Occupancy Classification

- Section 1003.1 – Building Elements and Materials – Buildings or portions thereof, undergoing a Change of Occupancy Classification must comply with Section 1011.
- Section 1004.1 - Fire Protection – Buildings or Portions thereof, undergoing a Change of Occupancy Classification, must comply with Section 1011 or
- Where there is a change of occupancy within a space where there is a different fire protection threshold of chapter 9 of the IBC, must comply with Section 1011

Change of Occupancy

- Section 1008.1 – Mechanical - A building or a portion of a building undergoing a Change of Occupancy classification or undergoing a Change of Occupancy where there is an increased kitchen exhaust requirement or an increased mechanical ventilation requirement must comply with the respective chapters of the IMC based on the new occupancy.

Change of Occupancy Classification

- General – Change of Occupancy Classification
- Change of Occupancy classification is a change from one IBC group or sub-group to another group or sub-group.
- Section 1011.1.1.1 - Change of occupancy classification for a portion of the existing building without separation in accordance with IBC Section 508.3, the entire building must comply with Chapter 9 of the IBC and IEBC Section 1011
Change of Occupancy Classification

- Section 1011.1.1.2 - Where a portion of an existing building is changed to a new occupancy classification and the building follows a separated mixed-use approach as detailed in IBC Section 508.4, only the new occupancy areas must comply with the applicable occupancy requirements of Chapter 9 based on the new occupancies present in the building and with the requirements of IEBC Section 1011.
- Remainder of the building must be separated with fire barriers and/or rated horizontal assemblies per the IBC Table 508.4

Change of Occupancy Classification

- Section 1011.2 – Fire Protection Systems – A building or portion of a building undergoing a change of occupancy classification must comply with the fire protection thresholds for the new occupancy as required by Chapter 9 of the IBC and installed throughout the new occupancy

Change of Occupancy Classification

- Section 1011.2.2 – Fire Alarm and detection
- Where there is a change of occupancy classification, and there is a different threshold for the new occupancy in accordance with Chapter 9 of the IBC for fire alarm and detection systems to be added, such system shall be provided throughout the area where there is a change of occupancy.
- Any existing fire alarm appliances must be automatically activated throughout the building
Change of Occupancy Classification

Means of Egress Hazard Categories

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Change of Occupancy Classification

- Means of Egress – Change of Classification to a Higher Hazard
- Based on Table 1011.4 – Means of egress requirements must comply with chapter 10 of the IBC for the new occupancy, except
  - Enclosure of Stairways is permitted to comply with IEBC Sect. 903.1
  - When approved by Code Officer – Existing Stairways, including guards and handrails, complying with Chapter 9 of IEBC can continue
  - New stairways slope and pitch, rise and tread, when restricted by existing construction, can remain as previously constructed
  - Existing corridor walls of wood lath and plaster can remain or ½” gypsum wallboard
  - Existing Corridor openings can remain where permitted by IEBC Section 805.5
  - Existing dead-end corridors only need to meet requirements of IEBC Section 805.6
  - Existing operable windows with >4 sq. ft. of clear opening and minimum opening height and width of 22” and 20” respectively can continue as an EERO

Change of Occupancy Classification

- Section 1011.4.2 – Means of Egress for a change of use to an equal or lesser hazard – Based on Table 1011.4
  - The existing means of egress components that are proposed to remain must meet the requirements of IEBC Section 905 for the new occupancies.
  - Newly constructed or reconfigured means of egress for the new occupancy areas must comply with Chapter 10 of the IBC for new construction.
  - Exception: where the pitch and slope cannot be made code compliant with new requirements due to the existing building construction is not required to comply with the IBC. The stair riser heights and tread depths can remain as is and are not required to meet requirements for new stair construction.
Change of Occupancy Classification

- Section 1011.5 - Height and Areas – Hazard categories due to height and area shall be in accordance with Table 1011.5

**TABLE 1011.5**
Heights and Areas Hazard Categories

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- Section 1011.5.1 - Height and Area for a change to a higher hazard category

- The building height and area requirements for the new occupancy areas must comply with Chapter 5 (General Building Heights and Areas) of the IBC for new construction

- Section 1011.5.1.1 – Fire Wall Alternative

- In occupancies other than H, F-1, and S-1, Fire Barriers and horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Sections 707 and 711 respectively of the IBC are permitted in lieu of a structurally independent fire walls to create building separations where all of the following are conditions are met:
  - The buildings must be completely sprinkler protected per NFPA 13 as referenced by IBC Section 903.3.1.1, and
  - Maximum areas between rated fire barriers or horizontal assemblies cannot exceed allowable area of chapter 5 of the IBC
  - The fire resistance ratings of the fire barriers and horizontal assemblies must not be less than that required for fire walls in the IBC
Change of Occupancy Classification

- Section 1011.5.2 - Height and Area for a Change to an Equal or Lesser Hazard

- When a Change of Occupancy classification to an equal or lesser hazard occurs based on IEBC Table 1011.5, the existing height and area of the building is considered code compliant

Change of Occupancy Classification

- Section 1011.5.3 – Fire Barriers

- Change of Occupancy Classification to a higher hazard based on Table 1011.5. Fire Barriers in separated mixed occupancies must comply with the fire resistance requirements of the IBC

- When fire barriers are required to have a 1 hour fire resistance rating, existing wood lath and plaster, in good condition or existing ½ inch thick gypsum wallboard are permitted

Change of Occupancy Classification

- Section 1011.6 – Exterior wall fire-resistance ratings

- Hazard Categories in regard to fire resistance ratings of exterior walls shall be in accordance with Table 1011.6

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Change of Occupancy Classification

- Section 1011.6.1 – Exterior Wall Rating Change of Occupancy to a Higher-Hazard Category – based on Table 1011.6

- Exterior wall fire-resistance rating requirements for the new occupancy areas must comply with IBC.

- Includes Openings in exterior walls

Additions

General

- Requirements for Additions are found in Chapter 11 of the IEBC
- Additions being constructed must comply with the IBC except as provided in the IEBC
- The Existing building can remain without any alterations provided the addition does not impact the existing building.
- The guiding principal for Additions is that an Addition project cannot create or extend any code deficiency in the existing building

Additions

- Section 1102.3 - Fire Protection Systems

- Where existing fire areas are increased by an Addition, the resulting fire area must comply with the fire protection requirements of IBC Chapter 9 (Fire Protection Systems) as applicable
Additions

- Section 1104 – Smoke Alarms in Occupancy Groups R-1 & I

- When an Addition is made to a residential style occupancy (Group R or I-1), the existing building must be provided with smoke alarms where required by IFC Section 11

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