



  
**WELLTON**  
ARIZONA

# **Town Council Meeting**

## **Council Packet**

### **August 1, 2023**

Mayor Scott Blitz

Vice Mayor Cecilia McCollough

Councilmember Barbara Biggs

Councilmember Sylvia Davidson

Councilmember Michelle Jones

Town Manager Richard Marsh



**TOWN OF WELLTON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
28634 OAKLAND AVENUE, WELLTON, ARIZONA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023  
6:00PM**

**6:00 PM Convene Regular Session of the Common Council of the Town of Wellton**

- **Call to Order**
- **A reminder to please turn your cell phones off or place them on vibrate. If you must answer your cell phone or text, please step outside. Thank you.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Invocation**
- **Roll Call**
- **Introduction of Guests**
- **Final Call** for submission of Speaker Request Forms
- **Call to the Public**

This is a business meeting of the Wellton Town Council. The Town values and welcomes public input. Please address the Council and not individual Council Members. Do not address staff or members of the audience. The Open Meeting Law limits Council action on items brought up in Call to the Public. The Council may direct staff to study the matter and reschedule it for further consideration later. Items on the agenda will not be heard or discussed in Call to the Public. Individuals are limited to three (3) minutes.
- **Presentations**
  - A. Presentation of Employee of the Month: Lt. Juan Salcido
  - B. Code Enforcement Update by Richard Marsh, Town Manager

**Discussion and Action Items**

1. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. For the Meeting of July 11, 2023 (Special Meeting).
2. Discussion and possible action on whether to revisit Ordinance No. 147 "Town of Wellton Amendments to the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code".
- **Recess Regular Session of the Common Council and open Public Hearing as Board of Adjustment**
3. **Public Hearing for:**
  - a. Variance Case #V-24-002: Scott and Twanette Stauth request a variance of Planning & Zoning Code Chapter 8, Section 8-5.4.1-D (1): Minimum Interior Yard Setback: 6 on his lot located at 11771 Castle Dome Street (Parcel #: 709-59-312). The request is for a 5-foot variance of the interior yard setback for construction of

2 storage sheds and a 2-foot variance of the rear yard setback for one of the storage sheds.

- b. Variance Case #V-24-003: Jose A Montoya requests a variance of Planning & Zoning Code Chapter 8, Section 8-5.4.1-D (1): Minimum Interior Yard Setback: 6 feet on his lot located at 28412 Telegraph Avenue (Parcel #: 709-58-332). The request is for a 6-foot variance of the interior yard setback for construction of a carport.

- **Close Public Hearing.**

4. Discussion and possible action to approve Variance Case #V-24-001: Quick Fix Pools and Spas LLC, agent for Jim and Tamra Wilcox, requests a variance of Planning & Zoning Code Chapter 8, Section 8-5.4.1-D (1): Minimum Interior Yard Setback: 6 feet on their lot located at 28731 Canal Avenue (Parcel #: 709-52-139) for the installation of a pool.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Professional Services Agreement between Dennis Osuch, Osuch Consulting PLLC and the Town of Wellton for consulting services as Finance Director.

- **Future Agenda Items**

- **Town Manager Report**

The Town Manager's report is an informational item to inform the Town Council about current developments with respect to Town business. No action will be taken on any information presented.

- **Council's Report**

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00PM.

- **Executive Session**

An Executive Session may be called during the public meeting on any item on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

- **Adjournment**

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# MINUTES

## Town Council Special Meeting

6:00PM – Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Wellton, Town Hall Council Chambers

28634 Oakland Avenue, Wellton, Arizona 85356

**Mayor Scott Blitz called the special meeting to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Mayor Blitz led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.**

**Councilmembers Present:** Mayor Scott Blitz, Councilmembers Barbara Biggs (via Zoom), Sylvia Davidson, and Michelle Jones.

**Councilmembers Absent:** Vice Mayor Cecilia McCollough.

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Richard Marsh, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Public Works Director Joe Grant, Police Chief David Rodriguez, Grants Director Yolanda Galindo, Receptionist/Permit Clerk Ashley Rivera, Utility/Accounts Payable Clerk Mary Miranda, Code Enforcement Office Belen Medina, and Attorney John Austin Gaylord (via Zoom).

**Guests Present:** Audrey Zingler, Lynda Lake, Jim Sampson, Lila Wilson, Thomas Laybourne, Catherine Blitz, Marisol Hernandez, Martin Hernandez, Bob Leeper, Peggy Leeper, Larry Killman, Bob Newquist, Jane Newquist, Jeff Hubert, Brayden Hubert, Evie Pistone, Lou Lander, Brenda Lander, Ralph Davidson, Sue Sanders, Michaela Treanor, and Luis Luna.

### Call to the Public

None submitted.

### Presentations and Introductions

- Presentation of SeeClickFix: Mary Miranda, Ashley Rivera, and Sandra Jones.
- Presentation of Employee of the Month: Ashley Baughn
- Introduction of Code Enforcement Officer: Belen Medina and Code Enforcement Update by Richard Marsh, Town Manager
- Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to: Jeff Hubert – Gotta Paint
- Introduction of Tour de Fields by Joe Grant, Public Works Director

### Discussion and Action Items

#### 1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. For the Meeting of June 7, 2023 (Regular Meeting).
- b. For the Meeting of June 7, 2023 (Community Facilities District (CFD) Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to approve Minutes for the June 7, 2023 (Regular Meeting) and June 7, 2023 (CFD Meeting) as amended.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay  
McCollough: Absent  
Biggs: Yay  
Motion carried.

2. Discussion regarding CDBG Program by Yolanda Galindo, Grants Director.  
Presentation by Grants Director Yolanda Galindo.

- **Recess Regular Session of the Common Council and open Public Hearing as Board of Adjustment**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to recess Regular Session of the Common Council and open Public Hearing as Board of Adjustment at 7:00PM.

Davidson: Yay  
Jones: Yay  
Blitz: Yay  
McCollough: Absent  
Biggs: Yay  
Motion carried.

3. **Public Hearing for:**

- a. **Variance Case #V-23-003: Quick Fix Pools and Spas LLC, agent for Jim and Tamra Wilcox, requests a variance of Planning & Zoning Code Chapter 8, Section 8-5.4.1-D (1): Minimum Interior Yard Setback: 6 feet on their lot located at 28731 Canal Avenue (Parcel #: 709-52-139) for the installation of a pool.**

Discussion regarding the Variance Request.

- **Close Public Hearing.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to close Public Hearing at 7:01PM.

Davidson: Yay  
Jones: Yay  
Blitz: Yay  
McCollough: Absent  
Biggs: Yay  
Motion carried.

- **Recess the Wellton Town Council Special Session and convene as the Board of Directors of the Links at Coyote Wash Community Facilities Districts #2003-1 & #2005-1.**

Motion made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to recess the Wellton Town Council Special Session and convene as the Board of Directors of the Links at Coyote Wash Community Facilities Districts #2003-1 & #2005-1 at 7:02PM.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay  
Blitz: Yay  
McCollough: Absent  
Biggs: Yay  
Motion carried.

**4. The Links at Coyote Wash Community Facilities District #2003-1:**

- a. **Public Hearing, discussion, and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 57, a resolution of the Board of the Links at Coyote Wash Community Facilities District #2003-1, Yuma County, Arizona, levying upon the assessed valuation of the property within the District subject to ad valorem taxation a certain sum upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation sufficient to raise the amounts estimated to be required in the Annual Budget; all for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024.**

Motion made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to adopt Resolution No. 57, a resolution of the Board of the Links at Coyote Wash Community Facilities District #2003-1, Yuma County, Arizona, levying upon the assessed valuation of the property within the District subject to ad valorem taxation a certain sum upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation sufficient to raise the amounts estimated to be required in the Annual Budget; all for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024.

Davidson: Yay  
Jones: Yay  
Blitz: Yay  
McCollough: Absent  
Biggs: Yay  
Motion carried.

**5. The Links at Coyote Wash Community Facilities District #2005-1:**

- a. **Public Hearing, discussion, and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 58, a resolution of the Board of the Links at Coyote Wash Community Facilities District #2005-1, Yuma County, Arizona, levying upon the assessed valuation of the property within the District subject to ad valorem taxation a certain sum upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation sufficient to raise the amounts estimated to be required in the Annual Budget; all for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024.**

Motion made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to adopt Resolution No. 58, a resolution of the Board of the Links at Coyote Wash Community Facilities District #2005-1, Yuma County, Arizona, levying upon the assessed valuation of the property within the District subject to ad valorem taxation a certain sum upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation sufficient to raise the amounts estimated to be required in the Annual Budget; all for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay  
Blitz: Yay  
McCollough: Absent  
Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

- **Adjourn as the Board of Directors for The Links at Coyote Wash Community Facilities District #2003-1 and #2005-1 and reconvene the Wellton Town Council in Special Session.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to adjourn as the Board of Directors for The Links at Coyote Wash Community Facilities District #2003-1 and #2005-1 and reconvene the Wellton Town Council in Special Session at 7:06PM.

Davidson: Yay  
Jones: Yay  
Blitz: Yay  
McCollough: Absent  
Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

- 6. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 710 a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, adopting the Annual Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Funding Policy for the Fiscal Year 2024.**

Motion made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to adopt Resolution No. 710 a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, adopting the Annual Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Funding Policy for the Fiscal Year 2024.

Davidson: Yay  
Jones: Yay  
Blitz: Yay  
McCollough: Absent  
Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

- 7. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 711 a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, designating Richard Marsh as the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the Town's Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Expenditure Limitation Report.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, to adopt Resolution No. 711 a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, designating Richard Marsh as the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the Town's Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Expenditure Limitation Report.

Davidson: Yay



Jones:	Yay
Blitz:	Yay
McCollough:	Absent
Biggs:	Yay
Motion carried.	

**8. Discussion regarding a possible meeting date to revisit the International Property Maintenance Code.**

The International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) is to be added as a discussion and action item to the Tuesday, August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda.

**Future Agenda Items**

- The International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) will be revisited on the August 1, 2023 meeting agenda.
- Variance requests regarding setbacks.

**Town Manager's Report**

- Clarifier Update – Staff have the parts for the second clarifier at the Water Plant. The actual construction had been bid at \$1.2 million dollars. There is currently only \$147,000 remaining in the ARPA funds for the construction. As reported in May, ADEQ was consulted, and funds aren't available through ADEQ for this project at this time. They are willing to revisit if funding becomes available. ADEQ will still assist us in implementing the future findings of the consultant they have hired to deal with other issues at the plant. It appears a projected budget was not established for complete clarifier project build out when the project was in the planning phase during 2021, as mentioned in the April 4, 2023 Town Manager's Update. The Town has issued a second round of Request for Bids for this project. There has been substantially more interest in this round. There were 8 companies in attendance at the pre-bid meeting, as opposed to the 2 bids received during the first round. The bid opening will be this week. Staff are in pursuit of additional grant opportunities and funding sources for this project, as funding is not available in our budget. Updates will be provided as available.
- A heartfelt THANK YOU to our Staff (Brian Claar, Mary Miranda, Joe Grant, Ashley Rivera, Sandra Jones, Adolfo Ponce, Steve Juarez, Lizeth Agundez, Angel Esparza, and Juan Villfranca), Wellton Police Department, Wellton Fire Department, Tri-Valley Ambulance, Fireworks Production of Arizona, booth participants, and the attendees that helped make the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration a success for 2023.
- The Police and Fire Cook-Out Celebration will be Friday, August 25, 2023 from 5:00PM – 7:00PM at Butterfield Park.
- I would like to express a Thank You to Staff and our CPAs for their hard work and dedication to ensure a Clean Audit for the Town of Wellton.
- Court Enhancement Fee

Our Finance Director presented his findings based on the average operating loss over the last 24 years (utilizing the last 9 years' worth of data) the total estimated operating loss since 1999, then added back the court funds under the ordinance to show there would have been a net operating loss to the Town of Wellton (not utilizing the funds under the ordinance) of \$500k + and the funds collected under the ordinance from the Court's calculation for that same time period is \$200k +.

If the \$200k was not used, that would mean that over the 24-year period, other general fund resources would have been required to recover the deficit.

Findings as presented by our Finance Director (see attached worksheet):

- Scheduled out the Last 6 years (including revenues and expenditures for FY23 through today).
- Blue highlighted cells are expenses that are clearly direct court costs for operations (salaries, wages, and related expenses; audits, office expenses and insurance).
- Orange highlighted cells are expenses that are likely not direct court operations costs (I wasn't sure about the defense attorney and prosecutor as those aren't operational costs)
- Total direct operating costs of the court over six years were \$300,170.29.
- Total court revenue over that same period is \$226,126.40, so clearly over this 6-year period, the direct operating expenses are significantly more than revenues generated.

Assumptions as presented by our Finance Director:

"The Town has (as evidenced in its audited financial statements, the flow assumption of funds is to use restricted resources first). If court fines collected under the ordinance are restricted for court operations and the court fines are unrestricted, it would be reasonable to assume the court fines collected under the ordinance would be expended first. Over the 6-year period that is presented, court operating expenses far exceeded total court revenues. In 2023 and 2022 that trend flattened out where there is a recovery of costs, but it is not significant. In years prior to 2022, there was a significant excess expenditure over revenues, which would indicate that it was necessary to utilize the funds under the ordinance to simply operate the court. For this 6-year period, the excess court operating expenses over revenues totaled \$74,004.89 (which includes net revenues in 2023 and 2022 of \$11,026.79). My guess and I can go back further, is that you will find a similar trend in years prior to 2018 where you will see net expenses over revenues. I did go back a few more years and found the following:

2017 – Net expenses over revenues \$16,278.68

2016 – Net expenses over revenues \$17,896.73

2015 – Net expenses over revenues \$12,848.40

An analysis of the average net operating loss and average annual court fees collected under the ordinance.

An estimate of the excess expenditures over revenues from 1999-2023 incurred in the General Fund based on the average operating loss over the last 9 years without the use

of the Court Fees collected under the ordinance. This represents the use of other General Fund revenues in excess of Town Court Fees collected."

If you would like to discuss this issue further, please let me know.

- Facebook Posts insights:
  - Traffic has dramatically increased at the Town of Wellton's Facebook page. We have had as many as 6,000 hits on an individual post.
  - Our audience is 71.20% women/28.80% men; Women ages 25-34 is our highest demographic, with men ages 35-44.
  - Followers:
    - December 2022 - 188
    - February 2023 - 424
    - March 2023 – 453
    - May 2023 - 488
    - June 2023 - 520
    - Current – 558
- Complaint re: Castle Dome Street setback violation. The owners have applied for a variance for the sheds. The Public Hearing will be on the August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting agenda.

#### **Council's Report**

- Vice Mayor McCollough as per email received July 9, 2023, she attended:
  - June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parker, Arizona. WACOG Executive Board meeting. I serve as vice chair. Updates on Budget and activities for area agency on aging, head start, transportation plan. Rental assistance and energy assistance.
  - June. 27<sup>th</sup> - San Luis, Arizona. General Services Administration Grand Opening ceremony for San Luis Port of Entry 1. Governor Hobbs, Senator Kelly, GSA representatives, Immigration and Custom Enforcement Representatives. Dept. Of Homeland Security reps. Customs and Border Patrol and officials from Mexican and US consulate. Yuma county leadership and staff. Elected leaders and staff from Cities of San Luis, Somerton, Yuma. I was there representing the Town of Wellton.
    - Announcement of the studies being planned for the year 2024-25.
  - June 29<sup>th</sup> - Zoom - YMPO Executive Board meeting. Serve as Vice-Chair. Discussion on SMART transportation funds available for communities of 10,000 or less in population. Wellton is encouraged to apply. Information is available on the ADOT website.
    - Announcement of the transportation studies for the year 2024-25.
    - Approval of intergovernmental IGA with Yuma County for services.

#### **Executive Session**

- None requested.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Jones to adjourn.

Davidson: Yay

Jones: Yay

Blitz: Yay

McCollough: Absent

Biggs: Yay

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

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Scott Blitz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richard Marsh, Town Manager

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the special meeting held July 11, 2023, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Richard Marsh, Town Manager

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**TOWN OF WELLTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 147**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WELLTON, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK ENTITLED THE "TOWN OF WELLTON AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" BY REFERENCE; AND AMENDING THE WELLTON TOWN CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 8, BUILDING, PLANNING, ZONING CODE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 8-8, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, that certain document entitled the "Town of Wellton Amendments to the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code," of which at least three paper copies or one paper copy and one electronic copy are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and open for public inspection during normal business hours, is hereby declared to be a public record and said copies are ordered to remain on file with the Town Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona (the "Town Council") deem it necessary, to protect public health and safety, to update certain rules and regulations for maintaining property within the Town of Wellton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that the proposed rules and regulations will further protect public health and safety by updating the Town Code to incorporate changes provided for in the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, as follows:

**Section 1.** The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** That certain document entitled the "Town of Wellton Amendments to the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code," of which at least three paper copies or one paper copy and one electronic copy are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and open for public inspection during normal business hours, is hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** Wellton Town Code, Chapter 8, Building, Planning, Zoning Code, is hereby amended by adding a new Article 8-8, Property Maintenance Code, as set forth in that certain document entitled "December 2022 Town of Wellton Amendments to the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code."

Section 4. The Town Code is hereby amended by amending Chapter 8, Building, Planning, Zoning Code, Article 8-4, Building Official, as follows (additions shown in ALL CAPS):

The Building official and administrative authority as such may be referenced in any section of this chapter for all matters pertaining to any building, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, plumbing, electrical or any other inspections shall be vested in the office of the clerk, provided that the council may authorize such deputies as needed to perform any inspection work or other functions that may be required by this chapter.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance or any part of the "Town of Wellton Amendments to the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code" adopted herein by reference are hereby repealed.

Section 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or of the "Town of Wellton Amendments to the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code" adopted herein by reference is for any reason to be held invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

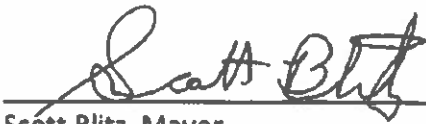
Section 7. In accordance with Chapter 8, Building, Planning, Zoning Code, Article 8-8, Property Maintenance Code, violations of this Ordinance are subject to the following penalties:

**[A] 106.3 Prosecution of violation.** Any person failing to comply with a notice of violation or order served in accordance with Section 107 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor or civil infraction as determined by the local municipality, and the violation shall be deemed a strict liability offense. If the notice of violation is not complied with, the code official shall institute the appropriate proceeding at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such violation, or to require the removal or termination of the unlawful occupancy of the structure in violation of the provisions of this code or of the order or direction made pursuant thereto. Any action taken by the authority having jurisdiction on such premises shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate.

**[A] 106.4 Violation penalties.** Any person who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted within the limits provided by state or local laws. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

(Signatures on the following page)

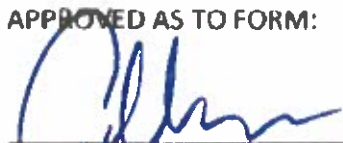
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

  
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Scott Blitz, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Richard Marsh, Town Manager/Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Gust Rosenfeld PLC, Town Attorney  
By: Andrew J. McGuire



## **TOWN OF WELLTON AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

**SECTION 1.** Wellton Town Code, Chapter 8 (Building, Planning, Zoning Code), is hereby amended by adding Article 8-8 (Property Maintenance Code), to read as follows:

Article 8-8	<b><u>PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE</u></b>
Section 8-8.1	Adoption of International Property Maintenance Code
Section 8-8.2	Amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code
Section 8-8.3	Must Conform to Zoning Ordinance

Section 8-8.1      **Adoption of International Property Maintenance Code**

That certain document designated and marked as the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, as published by the International Code Council, three paper copies or one paper copy and one electronic copy of which are on file in the office of the town clerk, is hereby adopted by reference as the "Property Maintenance Code of the Town of Wellton" as if fully set forth herein, and may be cited as such, or as the "Property Maintenance Code."

Section 8-8.2      **Amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code**

The following Sections of the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, as adopted by Section 8-8.1, are hereby amended as follows:

**Section [A] 101.1, Title**, is amended to read as follows:

**[A] 101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the *Property Maintenance Code* of the Town of Wellton, hereinafter referred to as "this code."

**Section [A] 102.3, Application of other codes**, is amended to read as follows:

**[A] 102.3 Application of other codes.** Repairs, additions, or alterations to a structure, or changes of occupancy, shall be done in accordance with the procedures and provisions of the Uniform Building Code of the Town of Wellton, the Fire Prevention Code of the Town of Wellton, the Uniform Plumbing Code of the Town of Wellton, and the Uniform Electrical Code of the Town of Wellton. Nothing in this code shall be construed to cancel, modify, or set aside any provision of the Town of Wellton Planning and Zoning Code.

References in this code to the *International Building Code* mean the Uniform Building Code of the Town of Wellton, or the Town's most recently adopted building code.

References in this code to the *International Fire Code* mean the Fire Prevention Code of the Town of Wellton, or the Town's most recently adopted fire code.

References in this code to the *International Plumbing Code* mean the Uniform Plumbing Code of the Town of Wellton, or the Town's most recently adopted plumbing code.

References in this code to the *NFPA 70* mean the Uniform Electrical Code of the Town of Wellton, or the Town's most recently adopted electrical code.

Other references in this code to *International Codes* not adopted by the Town mean the Town's most recently adopted equivalents, if applicable.

**Section [A] 103.1, General,** is amended to read as follows:

**[A] 103.1 General.** The department of property maintenance inspection is hereby created and the Town of Wellton Building Official, as defined in Wellton Town Code Article 8-4, shall be known as the *code official*.

**Section [A] 103.2, Appointment,** is amended to read as follows:

**[A] 103.2 Appointment.** The *code official* shall be appointed by the common council of the Town of Wellton, Arizona.

**Section [A] 103.5, Fees,** is amended to read as follows:

**[A] 103.5 Fees.** The fees for activities and services performed by the department in carrying out its responsibilities under this code shall be as indicated in the fee schedule adopted by Town Council from time to time.

**Section 201.3, Terms defined in other codes,** is amended to read as follows:

**201.3 Terms defined in other codes.** Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in the Uniform Building Code of the Town of Wellton, the Fire Prevention Code of the Town of Wellton, the Uniform Plumbing Code of the Town of Wellton, the Uniform Electrical Code of the Town of Wellton, or the Town of Wellton Planning and Zoning Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as stated in those codes.

**Section 302.8, Motor vehicles,** is amended to read as follows:

**302.8 Motor vehicles.** Except as provided for in other regulations, inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles shall not be parked, kept, or stored on any premises, and vehicles shall not at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

Exception: A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes.

**Section 304.13.2, Openable windows,** is deleted in its entirety.

**Section 304.14, Insect screens,** is deleted in its entirety.

**Section 308.3.1, Garbage facilities,** is amended to read as follows:

**308.3.1 Garbage facilities.** The owner of every dwelling shall supply an approved mechanical food waste grinder in each dwelling unit or an approved leak-proof, covered, outside garbage container.

**Section 602.4, Occupiable work spaces,** is amended to read as follows:

**602.4 Occupiable work spaces.** Indoor occupiable work spaces shall be supplied with heat to maintain a minimum temperature of 65°F (18°C) during the period the spaces are occupied.

Exceptions:

1. Processing, storage and operation areas that require cooling or special temperature conditions.
2. Areas in which persons are primarily engaged in vigorous physical activities.

**Section 8-8.3            Must Conform To Zoning Ordinance**

Whenever a building permit is issued and a building inspection performed, such building must conform to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of Wellton in addition to the provisions of this chapter.

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# PREFACE

## Introduction

The *International Property Maintenance Code*® (IPMC®) establishes minimum requirements for the maintenance of existing buildings through model code regulations that contain clear and specific property maintenance and property improvement provisions. This 2018 edition is fully compatible with all of the *International Codes*® (I-Codes®) published by the International Code Council® (ICC®), including the *International Building Code*®, *International Energy Conservation Code*®, *International Existing Building Code*®, *International Fire Code*®, *International Fuel Gas Code*®, *International Green Construction Code*®, *International Mechanical Code*®, *International Plumbing Code*®, *International Private Sewage Disposal Code*®, *International Residential Code*®, *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*®, *International Wildland-Urban Interface Code*®, *International Zoning Code*® and *International Code Council Performance Code*®.

The I-Codes, including this *International Property Maintenance Code*, are used in a variety of ways in both the public and private sectors. Most industry professionals are familiar with the I-Codes as the basis of laws and regulations in communities across the U.S. and in other countries. However, the impact of the codes extends well beyond the regulatory arena, as they are used in a variety of nonregulatory settings, including:

- Voluntary compliance programs such as those promoting sustainability, energy efficiency and disaster resistance.
- The insurance industry, to estimate and manage risk, and as a tool in underwriting and rate decisions.
- Certification and credentialing of individuals involved in the fields of building design, construction and safety.
- Certification of building and construction-related products.
- U.S. federal agencies, to guide construction in an array of government-owned properties.
- Facilities management.
- “Best practices” benchmarks for designers and builders, including those who are engaged in projects in jurisdictions that do not have a formal regulatory system or a governmental enforcement mechanism.
- College, university and professional school textbooks and curricula.
- Reference works related to building design and construction.

In addition to the codes themselves, the code development process brings together building professionals on a regular basis. It provides an international forum for discussion and deliberation about building design, construction methods, safety, performance requirements, technological advances and innovative products.

## Development

This 2018 edition presents the code as originally issued, with changes reflected in the 2003 through 2015 editions and further changes developed through the ICC Code Development Process through 2016. A new edition of the code is promulgated every 3 years.

This code is intended to establish provisions that adequately protect public health, safety and welfare; that do not unnecessarily increase construction costs; that do not restrict the use of new materials, products or methods of construction; and that do not give preferential treatment to particular types or classes of materials, products or methods of construction.

## Maintenance

The *International Property Maintenance Code* is kept up to date through the review of proposed changes submitted by code enforcement officials, industry representatives, design professionals and other interested parties. Proposed changes are carefully considered through an open code development process in which all interested and affected parties may participate.

The ICC Code Development Process reflects principles of openness, transparency, balance, due process and consensus, the principles embodied in OMB Circular A-119, which governs the federal government's use of private-sector standards. The ICC process is open to anyone; there is no cost to participate, and people can participate without travel cost through the ICC's cloud-based app, *cdp-Access*®. A broad cross section of interests are represented in the ICC Code Development Process. The codes, which are updated regularly, include safeguards that allow for emergency action when required for health and safety reasons.

In order to ensure that organizations with a direct and material interest in the codes have a voice in the process, the ICC has developed partnerships with key industry segments that support the ICC's important public safety mission. Some code development committee members were nominated by the following industry partners and approved by the ICC Board:

- American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)

The code development committees evaluate and make recommendations regarding proposed changes to the codes. Their recommendations are then subject to public comment and council-wide votes. The ICC's governmental members—public safety officials who have no financial or business interest in the outcome—cast the final votes on proposed changes.

The contents of this work are subject to change through the code development cycles and by any governmental entity that enacts the code into law. For more information regarding the code development process, contact the Codes and Standards Development Department of the International Code Council.

While the I-Code development procedure is thorough and comprehensive, the ICC, its members and those participating in the development of the codes disclaim any liability resulting from the publication or use of the I-Codes, or from compliance or noncompliance with their provisions. The ICC does not have the power or authority to police or enforce compliance with the contents of this code.

## Code Development Committee Responsibilities (Letter Designations in Front of Section Numbers)

In each code development cycle, proposed changes to this code are considered at the Committee Action Hearings by the International Property Maintenance Code Development Committee, whose action constitutes a recommendation to the voting membership for final action on the proposed changes. Proposed changes to a code section having a number beginning with a letter in brackets are considered by a different code development committee. For example, proposed changes to code sections that have the letter [F] in front of them (e.g., [F] 704.1) are considered by the International Fire Code Development Committee at the Committee Action Hearings.

The content of sections in this code that begin with a letter designation is maintained by another code development committee in accordance with the following:

- [A] = Administrative Code Development Committee;
- [F] = International Fire Code Development Committee;
- [P] = International Plumbing Code Development Committee;
- [BE] = IBC—Egress Code Development Committee; and
- [BG] = IBC—General Code Development Committee.



For the development of the 2021 edition of the I-Codes, there will be two groups of code development committees and they will meet in separate years.

<b>Group A Codes</b> (Heard in 2018, Code Change Proposals Deadline: January 8, 2018)	<b>Group B Codes</b> (Heard in 2019, Code Change Proposals Deadline: January 7, 2019)
<b>International Building Code</b> – Egress (Chapters 10, 11, Appendix E) – Fire Safety (Chapters 7, 8, 9, 14, 26) – General (Chapters 2–6, 12, 27–33, Appendices A, B, C, D, K, N)	Administrative Provisions (Chapter 1 of all codes except IECC, IRC and IgCC, administra- tive updates to currently referenced stan- dards, and designated definitions)
<b>International Fire Code</b>	<b>International Building Code</b> – Structural (Chapters 15–25, Appendices F, G, H, I, J, L, M)
<b>International Fuel Gas Code</b>	<b>International Existing Building Code</b>
<b>International Mechanical Code</b>	<b>International Energy Conservation Code— Commercial</b>
<b>International Plumbing Code</b>	<b>International Energy Conservation Code— Residential</b> – IECC—Residential – IRC—Energy (Chapter 11)
<b>International Property Maintenance Code</b>	<b>International Green Construction Code</b> (Chapter 1)
<b>International Private Sewage Disposal Code</b>	<b>International Residential Code</b> – IRC—Building (Chapters 1–10, Appendices E, F, H, J, K, L, M, O, Q, R, S, T)
<b>International Residential Code</b> – IRC—Mechanical (Chapters 12–23) – IRC—Plumbing (Chapters 25–33, Appendices G, I, N, P)	
<b>International Swimming Pool and Spa Code</b>	
<b>International Wildland-Urban Interface Code</b>	
<b>International Zoning Code</b>	
Note: Proposed changes to the ICC Performance Code™ will be heard by the code development committee noted in brackets [ ] in the text of the ICC Performance Code™.	

Code change proposals submitted for code sections that have a letter designation in front of them will be heard by the respective committee responsible for such code sections. Because different committees hold Committee Action Hearings in different years, proposals for the IPMC will be heard by committees in both the 2018 (Group A) and the 2019 (Group B) code development cycles.

For instance, every section of Chapter 1 of this code is designated as the responsibility of the Administrative Code Development Committee, which is part of the Group B portion of the hearings. This committee will hold its Committee Action Hearings in 2019 to consider code change proposals for Chapter 1 of all I-Codes except the *International Energy Conservation Code*, *International Residential Code* and *International Green Construction Code*. Therefore, any proposals received for Chapter 1 of this code will be assigned to the Administrative Code Development Committee for consideration in 2019.

It is very important that anyone submitting code change proposals understand which code development committee is responsible for the section of the code that is the subject of the code change proposal. For further information on the code development committee responsibilities, please visit the ICC website at [www.iccsafe.org/scoping](http://www.iccsafe.org/scoping).

## Marginal Markings

Solid vertical lines in the margins within the body of the code indicate a technical change from the requirements of the 2015 edition. Deletion indicators in the form of an arrow (➡) are provided in the margin where an entire section, paragraph, exception or table has been deleted or an item in a list of items or a table has been deleted.

## Coordination of the International Codes

The coordination of technical provisions is one of the strengths of the ICC family of model codes. The codes can be used as a complete set of complementary documents, which will provide users with full integration and coordination of technical provisions. Individual codes can also be used in subsets or as stand-alone documents. To make sure that each individual code is as complete as possible, some technical provisions that are relevant to more than one subject area are duplicated in some of the model codes. This allows users maximum flexibility in their application of the I-Codes.

## Italicized Terms

Words and terms defined in Chapter 2, Definitions, are italicized where they appear in code text and the Chapter 2 definition applies. Where such words and terms are not italicized, common-use definitions apply. The words and terms selected have code-specific definitions that the user should read carefully to facilitate better understanding of the code.

## Adoption

The International Code Council maintains a copyright in all of its codes and standards. Maintaining copyright allows the ICC to fund its mission through sales of books, in both print and electronic formats. The ICC welcomes adoption of its codes by jurisdictions that recognize and acknowledge the ICC's copyright in the code, and further acknowledge the substantial shared value of the public/private partnership for code development between jurisdictions and the ICC.

The ICC also recognizes the need for jurisdictions to make laws available to the public. All I-Codes and I-Standards, along with the laws of many jurisdictions, are available for free in a nondownloadable form on the ICC's website. Jurisdictions should contact the ICC at [adoptions@iccsafe.org](mailto:adoptions@iccsafe.org) to learn how to adopt and distribute laws based on the *International Property Maintenance Code* in a manner that provides necessary access, while maintaining the ICC's copyright.

To facilitate adoption, several sections of this code contain blanks for fill-in information that needs to be supplied by the adopting jurisdiction as part of the adoption legislation. For this code, please see:

Section 101.1. Insert: [NAME OF JURISDICTION]

Section 103.5. Insert: [APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE]

Section 112.4. Insert: [DOLLAR AMOUNT IN TWO LOCATIONS]

Section 302.4. Insert: [HEIGHT IN INCHES]

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# EFFECTIVE USE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

The *International Property Maintenance Code* (IPMC) is a model code that regulates the minimum maintenance requirements for existing buildings.

The IPMC is a maintenance document intended to establish minimum maintenance standards for basic equipment, light, ventilation, heating, sanitation and fire safety. Responsibility is fixed among owners, operators and occupants for code compliance. The IPMC provides for the regulation and safe use of existing structures in the interest of the social and economic welfare of the community.

## Arrangement and Format of the 2018 IPMC

Before applying the requirements of the IPMC it is beneficial to understand its arrangement and format. The IPMC, like other codes published by ICC, is arranged and organized to follow sequential steps that generally occur during an inspection. The IPMC is divided into eight different parts:

Chapters	Subjects
1	Scope and Administration
2	Definitions
3	General Requirements
4	Light, Ventilation and Occupancy Limitations
5	Plumbing Facilities and Fixture Requirements
6	Mechanical and Electrical Requirements
7	Fire Safety Requirements
8	Referenced Standards

The following is a chapter-by-chapter synopsis of the scope and intent of the provisions of the *International Property Maintenance Code*:

**Chapter 1 Scope and Administration.** This chapter contains provisions for the application, enforcement and administration of subsequent requirements of the code. In addition to establishing the scope of the code, Chapter 1 identifies which buildings and structures come under its purview. Chapter 1 is largely concerned with maintaining “due process of law” in enforcing the property maintenance criteria contained in the body of the code. Only through careful observation of the administrative provisions can the building official reasonably expect to demonstrate that “equal protection under the law” has been provided.

**Chapter 2 Definitions.** All terms that are defined in the code are listed alphabetically in Chapter 2. While a defined term may be used in one chapter or another, the meaning provided in Chapter 2 is applicable throughout the code.

Where understanding of a term’s definition is especially key to or necessary for understanding of a particular code provision, the term is shown in *italics*. This is true only for those terms that have a meaning that is unique to the code. In other words, the generally understood meaning of a term or phrase might not be sufficient or consistent with the meaning prescribed by the code; therefore, it is essential that the code-defined meaning be known.

Guidance is provided regarding tense, gender and plurality of defined terms as well as terms not defined in this code.

**Chapter 3 General Requirements.** Chapter 3, “General Requirements,” is broad in scope. It includes a variety of requirements for the exterior property areas as well as the interior and exterior elements of the structure. This chapter provides requirements that are intended to maintain a minimum level of safety and sanitation for both the general public and the occupants of a structure, and to maintain a building’s structural and weather-resistance performance. Chapter 3 provides specific criteria for regulating the installation and maintenance of specific building components; maintenance requirements for vacant structures and land; requirements regulating the safety, sanitation and appearance of the interior and exterior of structures and all exterior property areas; accessory structures; vehicle storage regulations and establishes who is responsible for complying with the chapter’s provisions. This chapter also contains the requirements for swimming pools, spas and hot tubs and the requirements for protective barriers and gates in these barriers. Chapter 3 establishes the responsible parties for exterminating insects and rodents, and maintaining sanitary conditions in all types of occupancies.

**Chapter 4 Light, Ventilation and Occupancy Limitations.** The purposes of Chapter 4 are to set forth these requirements in the code and to establish the minimum environment for occupiable and habitable buildings, by establishing the minimum criteria for light and ventilation and identifying occupancy limitations including minimum room width and area, minimum ceiling height and restrictions to prevent overcrowding. This chapter also provides for alternative arrangements of windows and other devices to comply with the requirements for light and ventilation and prohibits certain room arrangements and occupancy uses.

**Chapter 5 Plumbing Facilities and Fixture Requirements.** Chapter 5 establishes the minimum criteria for the installation, maintenance and location of plumbing systems and facilities, including the water supply system, water heating appliances, sewage disposal system and related plumbing fixtures.

Sanitary and clean conditions in occupied buildings are dependent upon certain basic plumbing principles, including providing potable water to a building, providing the basic fixtures to effectively utilize that water and properly removing waste from the building. Chapter 5 establishes the minimum criteria to verify that these principles are maintained throughout the life of a building.

**Chapter 6 Mechanical and Electrical Requirements.** The purpose of Chapter 6 is to establish minimum performance requirements for heating, electrical and mechanical facilities and to establish minimum standards for the safety of these facilities.

This chapter establishes minimum criteria for the installation and maintenance of the following: heating and air-conditioning equipment, appliances and their supporting systems; water heating equipment, appliances and systems; cooking equipment and appliances; ventilation and exhaust equipment; gas and liquid fuel distribution piping and components; fireplaces and solid fuel-burning appliances; chimneys and vents; electrical services; lighting fixtures; electrical receptacle outlets; electrical distribution system equipment, devices and wiring; and elevators, escalators and dumb-waiters.

**Chapter 7 Fire Safety Requirements.** The purpose of Chapter 7 is to address those fire hazards that arise as the result of a building’s occupancy. It also provides minimum requirements for fire safety issues that are most likely to arise in older buildings.

This chapter contains requirements for means of egress in existing buildings, including path of travel, required egress width, means of egress doors and emergency escape openings.

Chapter 7 establishes the minimum requirements for fire safety facilities and fire protection systems, as these are essential fire safety systems.

**Chapter 8 Referenced Standards.** The code contains numerous references to standards that are used to regulate materials and methods of construction. Chapter 8 contains a comprehensive list of all standards that are referenced in the code. The standards are part of the code to the extent of the reference to the standard. Compliance with the referenced standard is necessary for compliance with this code. By providing specifically adopted standards, the construction and installation requirements necessary for compliance with the code can be readily determined. The basis for code compliance is, therefore, established and available on an equal basis to the code official, contractor, designer and owner.

Chapter 8 is organized in a manner that makes it easy to locate specific standards. It lists all of the referenced standards, alphabetically, by acronym of the promulgating agency of the standard. Each agency's standards are then listed in either alphabetical or numeric order based upon the standard identification. The list also contains the title of the standard; the edition (date) of the standard referenced; any addenda included as part of the ICC adoption; and the section or sections of this code that reference the standard.



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# CHAPTER 1

## SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 1 establishes the limits of applicability of the code and describes how the code is to be applied and enforced. Chapter 1 is in two parts: Part 1—Scope and Application (Sections 101 and 102) and Part 2—Administration and Enforcement (Sections 103–112). Section 101 identifies which buildings and structures come under its purview and references other I-Codes as applicable.

This code is intended to be adopted as a legally enforceable document and it cannot be effective without adequate provisions for its administration and enforcement. The provisions of Chapter 1 establish the authority and duties of the code official appointed by the authority having jurisdiction and also establish the rights and privileges of the property owner and building occupants.

## PART 1 — SCOPE AND APPLICATION

### SECTION 101 GENERAL

**[A] 101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the *International Property Maintenance Code* of [NAME OF JURISDICTION], hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

**[A] 101.2 Scope.** The provisions of this code shall apply to all existing residential and nonresidential structures and all existing *premises* and constitute minimum requirements and standards for *premises*, structures, equipment and facilities for light, ventilation, space, heating, sanitation, protection from the elements, a reasonable level of safety from fire and other hazards, and for a reasonable level of sanitary maintenance; the responsibility of *owners*, an owner’s authorized agent, *operators* and *occupants*; the *occupancy* of existing structures and *premises*, and for administration, enforcement and penalties.

**[A] 101.3 Intent.** This code shall be construed to secure its expressed intent, which is to ensure public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued *occupancy* and maintenance of structures and *premises*. Existing structures and *premises* that do not comply with these provisions shall be altered or repaired to provide a minimum level of health and safety as required herein.

**[A] 101.4 Severability.** If a section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

### SECTION 102 APPLICABILITY

**[A] 102.1 General.** Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall govern. Where differences occur between provisions of this code and the referenced standards, the provisions of this code shall apply. Where, in a specific case, different sections of this code specify different requirements, the most restrictive shall govern.

**102.2 Maintenance.** Equipment, systems, devices and safeguards required by this code or a previous regulation or code under which the structure or *premises* was constructed, altered or repaired shall be maintained in good working order. An *owner*, owner’s authorized agent, *operator* or *occupant* shall not cause any service, facility, equipment or utility that is required under this section to be removed from, shut off from or discontinued for any occupied dwelling, except for such temporary interruption as necessary while repairs or alterations are in progress. The requirements of this code are not intended to provide the basis for removal or abrogation of fire protection and safety systems and devices in existing structures. Except as otherwise specified herein, the *owner* or the *owner*’s authorized agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings, structures and *premises*.

**[A] 102.3 Application of other codes.** Repairs, additions or alterations to a structure, or changes of *occupancy*, shall be done in accordance with the procedures and provisions of the *International Building Code*, *International Existing Building Code*, *International Energy Conservation Code*, *International Fire Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code*, *International Mechanical Code*, *International Residential Code*, *International Plumbing Code* and NFPA 70. Nothing in this code shall be construed to cancel, modify or set aside any provision of the *International Zoning Code*.

**[A] 102.4 Existing remedies.** The provisions in this code shall not be construed to abolish or impair existing remedies of the jurisdiction or its officers or agencies relating to the removal or demolition of any structure that is dangerous, unsafe and insanitary.

**[A] 102.5 Workmanship.** Repairs, maintenance work, alterations or installations that are caused directly or indirectly by the enforcement of this code shall be executed and installed in a *workmanlike* manner and installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

**[A] 102.6 Historic buildings.** The provisions of this code shall not be mandatory for existing buildings or structures designated as historic buildings where such buildings or structures are judged by the *code official* to be safe and in the public interest of health, safety and welfare.

**[A] 102.7 Referenced codes and standards.** The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those that are listed in Chapter 8 and considered part of the requirements of this

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code to the prescribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections 102.7.1 and 102.7.2.

**Exception:** Where enforcement of a code provision would violate the conditions of the listing of the equipment or appliance, the conditions of the listing shall apply.

**[A] 102.7.1 Conflicts.** Where conflicts occur between provisions of this code and the referenced standards, the provisions of this code shall apply.

**[A] 102.7.2 Provisions in referenced codes and standards.** Where the extent of the reference to a referenced code or standard includes subject matter that is within the scope of this code, the provisions of this code, as applicable, shall take precedence over the provisions in the referenced code or standard.

**[A] 102.8 Requirements not covered by code.** Requirements necessary for the strength, stability or proper operation of an existing fixture, structure or equipment, or for the public safety, health and general welfare, not specifically covered by this code, shall be determined by the *code official*.

**[A] 102.9 Application of references.** References to chapter or section numbers, or to provisions not specifically identified by number, shall be construed to refer to such chapter, section or provision of this code.

**[A] 102.10 Other laws.** The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law.

## PART 2 — ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

### SECTION 103 DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTION

**[A] 103.1 General.** The department of property maintenance inspection is hereby created and the executive official in charge thereof shall be known as the *code official*.

**[A] 103.2 Appointment.** The *code official* shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction.

**[A] 103.3 Deputies.** In accordance with the prescribed procedures of this jurisdiction and with the concurrence of the appointing authority, the *code official* shall have the authority to appoint a deputy(s). Such employees shall have powers as delegated by the *code official*.

**[A] 103.4 Liability.** The *code official*, member of the board of appeals or employee charged with the enforcement of this code, while acting for the jurisdiction, in good faith and without malice in the discharge of the duties required by this code or other pertinent law or ordinance, shall not thereby be rendered civilly or criminally liable personally, and is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage accruing to persons or property as a result of an act or by reason of an act or omission in the discharge of official duties.

**[A] 103.4.1 Legal defense.** Any suit or criminal complaint instituted against any officer or employee because of an act performed by that officer or employee in the lawful

discharge of duties and under the provisions of this code shall be defended by the legal representative of the jurisdiction until the final termination of the proceedings. The code official or any subordinate shall not be liable for costs in an action, suit or proceeding that is instituted in pursuance of the provisions of this code.

**[A] 103.5 Fees.** The fees for activities and services performed by the department in carrying out its responsibilities under this code shall be as indicated in the following schedule.

**[JURISDICTION TO INSERT APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE.]**

### SECTION 104 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CODE OFFICIAL

**[A] 104.1 General.** The *code official* is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this code. The *code official* shall have the authority to render interpretations of this code and to adopt policies and procedures in order to clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies and procedures shall be in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code. Such policies and procedures shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided for in this code.

**[A] 104.2 Inspections.** The *code official* shall make all of the required inspections, or shall accept reports of inspection by *approved* agencies or individuals. Reports of such inspections shall be in writing and be certified by a responsible officer of such *approved* agency or by the responsible individual. The *code official* is authorized to engage such expert opinion as deemed necessary to report on unusual technical issues that arise, subject to the approval of the appointing authority.

**[A] 104.3 Right of entry.** Where it is necessary to make an inspection to enforce the provisions of this code, or whenever the *code official* has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in a *structure* or upon a *premises* a condition in violation of this code, the *code official* is authorized to enter the *structure* or *premises* at reasonable times to inspect or perform the duties imposed by this code, provided that if such *structure* or *premises* is occupied the *code official* shall present credentials to the *occupant* and request entry. If such *structure* or *premises* is unoccupied, the *code official* shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the *owner*, *owner's* authorized agent or other person having charge or control of the *structure* or *premises* and request entry. If entry is refused, the *code official* shall have recourse to the remedies provided by law to secure entry.

**[A] 104.4 Identification.** The *code official* shall carry proper identification when inspecting *structures* or *premises* in the performance of duties under this code.

**[A] 104.5 Notices and orders.** The *code official* shall issue all necessary notices or orders to ensure compliance with this code.

**[A] 104.6 Department records.** The *code official* shall keep official records of all business and activities of the department specified in the provisions of this code. Such records shall be retained in the official records for the period required for retention of public records.

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[A] **105.1 Modifications.** Whenever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the *code official* shall have the authority to grant modifications for individual cases upon application of the *owner* or *owner's* authorized agent, provided that the *code official* shall first find that special individual reason makes the strict letter of this code impractical, the modification is in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code and that such modification does not lessen health, life and fire safety requirements. The details of action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the department files.

[A] **105.2 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment.** The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been *approved*. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be *approved* where the *code official* finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, not less than the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety. Where the alternative material, design or method of construction is not *approved*, the *code official* shall respond in writing, stating the reasons why the alternative was not *approved*.

[A] **105.3 Required testing.** Whenever there is insufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of this code or evidence that a material or method does not conform to the requirements of this code, or in order to substantiate claims for alternative materials or methods, the *code official* shall have the authority to require tests to be made as evidence of compliance without expense to the jurisdiction.

[A] **105.3.1 Test methods.** Test methods shall be as specified in this code or by other recognized test standards. In the absence of recognized and accepted test methods, the *code official* shall be permitted to approve appropriate testing procedures performed by an *approved* agency.

[A] **105.3.2 Test reports.** Reports of tests shall be retained by the *code official* for the period required for retention of public records.

[A] **105.4 Used material and equipment.** Materials that are reused shall comply with the requirements of this code for new materials. Materials, equipment and devices shall not be reused unless such elements are in good repair or have been reconditioned and tested where necessary, placed in good and proper working condition and *approved* by the *code official*.

[A] **105.5 Approved materials and equipment.** Materials, equipment and devices *approved* by the *code official* shall be constructed and installed in accordance with such approval.

[A] **105.6 Research reports.** Supporting data, where necessary to assist in the approval of materials or assemblies not specifically provided for in this code, shall consist of valid research reports from *approved* sources.

## SECTION 106 VIOLATIONS

[A] **106.1 Unlawful acts.** It shall be unlawful for a person, firm or corporation to be in conflict with or in violation of any of the provisions of this code.

[A] **106.2 Notice of violation.** The *code official* shall serve a notice of violation or order in accordance with Section 107.

[A] **106.3 Prosecution of violation.** Any person failing to comply with a notice of violation or order served in accordance with Section 107 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor or civil infraction as determined by the local municipality, and the violation shall be deemed a *strict liability offense*. If the notice of violation is not complied with, the *code official* shall institute the appropriate proceeding at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such violation, or to require the removal or termination of the unlawful *occupancy* of the structure in violation of the provisions of this code or of the order or direction made pursuant thereto. Any action taken by the authority having jurisdiction on such *premises* shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate.

[A] **106.4 Violation penalties.** Any person who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted within the limits provided by state or local laws. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

[A] **106.5 Abatement of violation.** The imposition of the penalties herein prescribed shall not preclude the legal officer of the jurisdiction from instituting appropriate action to restrain, correct or abate a violation, or to prevent illegal *occupancy* of a building, structure or *premises*, or to stop an illegal act, conduct, business or utilization of the building, structure or *premises*.

## SECTION 107 NOTICES AND ORDERS

**107.1 Notice to person responsible.** Whenever the *code official* determines that there has been a violation of this code or has grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, notice shall be given in the manner prescribed in Sections 107.2 and 107.3 to the person responsible for the violation as specified in this code. Notices for condemnation procedures shall comply with Section 108.3.

**107.2 Form.** Such notice prescribed in Section 107.1 shall be in accordance with all of the following:

1. Be in writing.
2. Include a description of the real estate sufficient for identification.
3. Include a statement of the violation or violations and why the notice is being issued.
4. Include a correction order allowing a reasonable time to make the repairs and improvements required to bring the *dwelling unit* or structure into compliance with the provisions of this code.

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5. Inform the property owner or owner's authorized agent of the right to appeal.
6. Include a statement of the right to file a lien in accordance with Section 106.3.

**107.3 Method of service.** Such notice shall be deemed to be properly served if a copy thereof is: delivered personally, or sent by certified or first-class mail addressed to the last known address. If the notice is returned showing that the letter was not delivered, a copy thereof shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice.

**107.4 Unauthorized tampering.** Signs, tags or seals posted or affixed by the *code official* shall not be mutilated, destroyed or tampered with, or removed without authorization from the *code official*.

**107.5 Penalties.** Penalties for noncompliance with orders and notices shall be as set forth in Section 106.4.

**107.6 Transfer of ownership.** It shall be unlawful for the owner of any *dwelling unit* or structure who has received a compliance order or upon whom a notice of violation has been served to sell, transfer, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of such *dwelling unit* or structure to another until the provisions of the compliance order or notice of violation have been complied with, or until such owner or the owner's authorized agent shall first furnish the grantee, transferee, mortgagee or lessee a true copy of any compliance order or notice of violation issued by the *code official* and shall furnish to the *code official* a signed and notarized statement from the grantee, transferee, mortgagee or lessee, acknowledging the receipt of such compliance order or notice of violation and fully accepting the responsibility without condition for making the corrections or repairs required by such compliance order or notice of violation.

## SECTION 108 UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT

**108.1 General.** When a structure or equipment is found by the *code official* to be unsafe, or when a structure is found unfit for human *occupancy*, or is found unlawful, such structure shall be *condemned* pursuant to the provisions of this code.

**108.1.1 Unsafe structures.** An unsafe structure is one that is found to be dangerous to the life, health, property or safety of the public or the *occupants* of the structure by not providing minimum safeguards to protect or warn *occupants* in the event of fire, or because such structure contains unsafe equipment or is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that partial or complete collapse is possible.

**108.1.2 Unsafe equipment.** Unsafe equipment includes any boiler, heating equipment, elevator, moving stairway, electrical wiring or device, flammable liquid containers or other equipment on the *premises* or within the structure that is in such disrepair or condition that such equipment is a hazard to life, health, property or safety of the public or *occupants* of the *premises* or structure.

**108.1.3 Structure unfit for human occupancy.** A structure is unfit for human *occupancy* whenever the *code official* finds that such structure is unsafe, unlawful or, because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is insanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or lacks *ventilation*, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or other essential equipment required by this code, or because the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the *occupants* of the structure or to the public.

**108.1.4 Unlawful structure.** An unlawful structure is one found in whole or in part to be occupied by more persons than permitted under this code, or was erected, altered or occupied contrary to law.

**108.1.5 Dangerous structure or premises.** For the purpose of this code, any structure or *premises* that has any or all of the conditions or defects described as follows shall be considered to be dangerous:

1. Any door, aisle, passageway, stairway, exit or other means of egress that does not conform to the *approved* building or fire code of the jurisdiction as related to the requirements for existing buildings.
2. The walking surface of any aisle, passageway, stairway, exit or other means of egress is so warped, worn loose, torn or otherwise unsafe as to not provide safe and adequate means of egress.
3. Any portion of a building, structure or appurtenance that has been damaged by fire, earthquake, wind, flood, *deterioration*, *neglect*, abandonment, vandalism or by any other cause to such an extent that it is likely to partially or completely collapse, or to become *detached* or dislodged.
4. Any portion of a building, or any member, appurtenance or ornamentation on the exterior thereof that is not of sufficient strength or stability, or is not so *anchored*, attached or fastened in place so as to be capable of resisting natural or artificial loads of one and one-half the original designed value.
5. The building or structure, or part of the building or structure, because of dilapidation, *deterioration*, decay, faulty construction, the removal or movement of some portion of the ground necessary for the support, or for any other reason, is likely to partially or completely collapse, or some portion of the foundation or underpinning of the building or structure is likely to fail or give way.
6. The building or structure, or any portion thereof, is clearly unsafe for its use and *occupancy*.
7. The building or structure is *neglected*, damaged, dilapidated, unsecured or abandoned so as to become an attractive nuisance to children who might play in the building or structure to their danger, becomes a harbor for vagrants, criminals or immoral persons, or enables persons to resort to the building or structure for committing a nuisance or an unlawful act.

8. Any building or structure has been constructed, exists or is maintained in violation of any specific requirement or prohibition applicable to such building or structure provided by the *approved* building or fire code of the jurisdiction, or of any law or ordinance to such an extent as to present either a substantial risk of fire, building collapse or any other threat to life and safety.
9. A building or structure, used or intended to be used for dwelling purposes, because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, decay, damage, faulty construction or arrangement, inadequate light, *ventilation*, mechanical or plumbing system, or otherwise, is determined by the *code official* to be unsanitary, unfit for human habitation or in such a condition that is likely to cause sickness or disease.
10. Any building or structure, because of a lack of sufficient or proper fire-resistance-rated construction, fire protection systems, electrical system, fuel connections, mechanical system, plumbing system or other cause, is determined by the *code official* to be a threat to life or health.
11. Any portion of a building remains on a site after the demolition or destruction of the building or structure or whenever any building or structure is abandoned so as to constitute such building or portion thereof as an attractive nuisance or hazard to the public.

**108.2 Closing of vacant structures.** If the structure is vacant and unfit for human habitation and *occupancy*, and is not in danger of structural collapse, the *code official* is authorized to post a placard of condemnation on the *premises* and order the structure closed up so as not to be an attractive nuisance. Upon failure of the *owner* or owner's authorized agent to close up the *premises* within the time specified in the order, the *code official* shall cause the *premises* to be closed and secured through any available public agency or by contract or arrangement by private persons and the cost thereof shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate and shall be collected by any other legal resource.

**108.2.1 Authority to disconnect service utilities.** The *code official* shall have the authority to authorize disconnection of utility service to the building, structure or system regulated by this code and the referenced codes and standards set forth in Section 102.7 in case of emergency where necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard to life or property or where such utility connection has been made without approval. The *code official* shall notify the serving utility and, whenever possible, the *owner* or owner's authorized agent and *occupant* of the building, structure or service system of the decision to disconnect prior to taking such action. If not notified prior to disconnection the *owner*, owner's authorized agent or *occupant* of the building structure or service system shall be notified in writing as soon as practical thereafter.

**108.3 Notice.** Whenever the *code official* has condemned a structure or equipment under the provisions of this section, notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice and served on the *owner*, owner's authorized agent or the person or persons responsible for the structure or equipment in accordance with Section 107.3. If the notice pertains to equipment, it shall be placed on the condemned equipment. The notice shall be in the form prescribed in Section 107.2.

**108.4 Placarding.** Upon failure of the *owner*, owner's authorized agent or person responsible to comply with the notice provisions within the time given, the *code official* shall post on the *premises* or on defective equipment a placard bearing the word "Condemned" and a statement of the penalties provided for occupying the *premises*, operating the equipment or removing the placard.

**108.4.1 Placard removal.** The *code official* shall remove the condemnation placard whenever the defect or defects upon which the condemnation and placarding action were based have been eliminated. Any person who defaces or removes a condemnation placard without the approval of the *code official* shall be subject to the penalties provided by this code.

**108.5 Prohibited occupancy.** Any occupied structure condemned and placarded by the *code official* shall be vacated as ordered by the *code official*. Any person who shall occupy a placarded *premises* or shall operate placarded equipment, and any *owner*, owner's authorized agent or person responsible for the *premises* who shall let anyone occupy a placarded *premises* or operate placarded equipment shall be liable for the penalties provided by this code.

**108.6 Abatement methods.** The *owner*, owner's authorized agent, *operator* or *occupant* of a building, *premises* or equipment deemed unsafe by the *code official* shall abate or cause to be abated or corrected such unsafe conditions either by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or other *approved* corrective action.

**108.7 Record.** The *code official* shall cause a report to be filed on an unsafe condition. The report shall state the *occupancy* of the structure and the nature of the unsafe condition.

## SECTION 109 EMERGENCY MEASURES

**109.1 Imminent danger.** When, in the opinion of the *code official*, there is *imminent danger* of failure or collapse of a building or structure that endangers life, or when any structure or part of a structure has fallen and life is endangered by the occupation of the structure, or when there is actual or potential danger to the building *occupants* or those in the proximity of any structure because of explosives, explosive fumes or vapors or the presence of toxic fumes, gases or materials, or operation of defective or dangerous equipment, the *code official* is hereby authorized and empowered to order and require the *occupants* to vacate the *premises* forthwith. The *code official* shall cause to be posted at each entrance to such structure a notice reading as follows: "This Structure Is Unsafe and Its *Occupancy* Has Been Prohibited by the Code

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*Official.*” It shall be unlawful for any person to enter such structure except for the purpose of securing the structure, making the required repairs, removing the hazardous condition or of demolishing the same.

**109.2 Temporary safeguards.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this code, whenever, in the opinion of the *code official*, there is *imminent danger* due to an unsafe condition, the *code official* shall order the necessary work to be done, including the boarding up of openings, to render such structure temporarily safe whether or not the legal procedure herein described has been instituted; and shall cause such other action to be taken as the *code official* deems necessary to meet such emergency.

**109.3 Closing streets.** When necessary for public safety, the *code official* shall temporarily close structures and close, or order the authority having jurisdiction to close, sidewalks, streets, *public ways* and places adjacent to unsafe structures, and prohibit the same from being utilized.

**109.4 Emergency repairs.** For the purposes of this section, the *code official* shall employ the necessary labor and materials to perform the required work as expeditiously as possible.

**109.5 Costs of emergency repairs.** Costs incurred in the performance of emergency work shall be paid by the jurisdiction. The legal counsel of the jurisdiction shall institute appropriate action against the *owner* of the *premises* or owner’s authorized agent where the unsafe structure is or was located for the recovery of such costs.

**109.6 Hearing.** Any person ordered to take emergency measures shall comply with such order forthwith. Any affected person shall thereafter, upon petition directed to the appeals board, be afforded a hearing as described in this code.

## SECTION 110 DEMOLITION

**110.1 General.** The *code official* shall order the *owner* or owner’s authorized agent of any *premises* upon which is located any structure, which in the *code official*’s or owner’s authorized agent judgment after review is so deteriorated or dilapidated or has become so out of repair as to be dangerous, unsafe, insanitary or otherwise unfit for human habitation or occupancy, and such that it is unreasonable to repair the structure, to demolish and remove such structure; or if such structure is capable of being made safe by repairs, to repair and make safe and sanitary, or to board up and hold for future repair or to demolish and remove at the *owner*’s option; or where there has been a cessation of normal construction of any structure for a period of more than two years, the *code official* shall order the *owner* or owner’s authorized agent to demolish and remove such structure, or board up until future repair. Boarding the building up for future repair shall not extend beyond one year, unless *approved* by the building official.

**110.2 Notices and orders.** Notices and orders shall comply with Section 107.

**110.3 Failure to comply.** If the *owner* of a *premises* or owner’s authorized agent fails to comply with a demolition

order within the time prescribed, the *code official* shall cause the structure to be demolished and removed, either through an available public agency or by contract or arrangement with private persons, and the cost of such demolition and removal shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate.

**110.4 Salvage materials.** Where any structure has been ordered demolished and removed, the governing body or other designated officer under said contract or arrangement aforesaid shall have the right to sell the salvage and valuable materials. The net proceeds of such sale, after deducting the expenses of such demolition and removal, shall be promptly remitted with a report of such sale or transaction, including the items of expense and the amounts deducted, for the person who is entitled thereto, subject to any order of a court. If such a surplus does not remain to be turned over, the report shall so state.

## SECTION 111 MEANS OF APPEAL

**[A] 111.1 Application for appeal.** Any person directly affected by a decision of the *code official* or a notice or order issued under this code shall have the right to appeal to the board of appeals, provided that a written application for appeal is filed within 20 days after the day the decision, notice or order was served. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or the requirements of this code are adequately satisfied by other means.

**[A] 111.2 Membership of board.** The board of appeals shall consist of not less than three members who are qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to property maintenance and who are not employees of the jurisdiction. The *code official* shall be an ex-officio member but shall not vote on any matter before the board. The board shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority, and shall serve staggered and overlapping terms.

**[A] 111.2.1 Alternate members.** The chief appointing authority shall appoint not less than two alternate members who shall be called by the board chairman to hear appeals during the absence or disqualification of a member. Alternate members shall possess the qualifications required for board membership.

**[A] 111.2.2 Chairman.** The board shall annually select one of its members to serve as chairman.

**[A] 111.2.3 Disqualification of member.** A member shall not hear an appeal in which that member has a personal, professional or financial interest.

**[A] 111.2.4 Secretary.** The chief administrative officer shall designate a qualified person to serve as secretary to the board. The secretary shall file a detailed record of all proceedings in the office of the chief administrative officer.

**[A] 111.2.5 Compensation of members.** Compensation of members shall be determined by law.

[A] 111.3 **Notice of meeting.** The board shall meet upon notice from the chairman, within 20 days of the filing of an appeal, or at stated periodic meetings.

[A] 111.4 **Open hearing.** Hearings before the board shall be open to the public. The appellant, the appellant's representative, the *code official* and any person whose interests are affected shall be given an opportunity to be heard. A quorum shall consist of not less than two-thirds of the board membership.

[A] 111.4.1 **Procedure.** The board shall adopt and make available to the public through the secretary procedures under which a hearing will be conducted. The procedures shall not require compliance with strict rules of evidence, but shall mandate that only relevant information be received.

[A] 111.5 **Postponed hearing.** When the full board is not present to hear an appeal, either the appellant or the appellant's representative shall have the right to request a postponement of the hearing.

[A] 111.6 **Board decision.** The board shall modify or reverse the decision of the *code official* only by a concurring vote of a majority of the total number of appointed board members.

[A] 111.6.1 **Records and copies.** The decision of the board shall be recorded. Copies shall be furnished to the appellant and to the *code official*.

[A] 111.6.2 **Administration.** The *code official* shall take immediate action in accordance with the decision of the board.

[A] 111.7 **Court review.** Any person, whether or not a previous party of the appeal, shall have the right to apply to the appropriate court for a writ of certiorari to correct errors of law. Application for review shall be made in the manner and time required by law following the filing of the decision in the office of the chief administrative officer.

[A] 111.8 **Stays of enforcement.** Appeals of notice and orders (other than *Imminent Danger* notices) shall stay the enforcement of the notice and order until the appeal is heard by the appeals board.

## SECTION 112 STOP WORK ORDER

[A] 112.1 **Authority.** Whenever the *code official* finds any work regulated by this code being performed in a manner contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner, the *code official* is authorized to issue a stop work order.

[A] 112.2 **Issuance.** A stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the *owner* of the property, to the *owner's* authorized agent, or to the person doing the work. Upon issuance of a stop work order, the cited work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for the order and the conditions under which the cited work is authorized to resume.

[A] 112.3 **Emergencies.** Where an emergency exists, the *code official* shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work.

[A] 112.4 **Failure to comply.** Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not less than [AMOUNT] dollars or more than [AMOUNT] dollars.





## CHAPTER 2

# DEFINITIONS

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### User note:

*About this chapter: Codes, by their very nature, are technical documents. Every word, term and punctuation mark can add to or change the meaning of a technical requirement. It is necessary to maintain a consensus on the specific meaning of each term contained in the code. Chapter 2 performs this function by stating clearly what specific terms mean for the purpose of the code.*

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### SECTION 201 GENERAL

**201.1 Scope.** Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall, for the purposes of this code, have the meanings shown in this chapter.

**201.2 Interchangeability.** Words stated in the present tense include the future; words stated in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural, the singular.

**201.3 Terms defined in other codes.** Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in the *International Building Code*, *International Existing Building Code*, *International Fire Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code*, *International Mechanical Code*, *International Plumbing Code*, *International Residential Code*, *International Zoning Code* or NFPA 70, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as stated in those codes.

**201.4 Terms not defined.** Where terms are not defined through the methods authorized by this section, such terms shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

**201.5 Parts.** Whenever the words “dwelling unit,” “dwelling,” “premises,” “building,” “rooming house,” “rooming unit,” “housekeeping unit” or “story” are stated in this code, they shall be construed as though they were followed by the words “or any part thereof.”

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**ANCHORED.** Secured in a manner that provides positive connection.

**[A] APPROVED.** Acceptable to the *code official*.

**BASEMENT.** That portion of a building that is partly or completely below grade.

**BATHROOM.** A room containing plumbing fixtures including a bathtub or shower.

**BEDROOM.** Any room or space used or intended to be used for sleeping purposes in either a dwelling or *sleeping unit*.

**[A] CODE OFFICIAL.** The official who is charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or any duly authorized representative.

**CONDEMN.** To adjudge unfit for *occupancy*.

**COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION OR EMERGENCY REPAIRS.** The costs shall include the actual costs of the demolition or repair of the structure less revenues obtained if salvage was conducted prior to demolition or repair. Costs shall include, but not be limited to, expenses incurred or necessitated related to demolition or emergency repairs, such as asbestos survey and abatement if necessary; costs of inspectors, testing agencies or experts retained relative to the demolition or emergency repairs; costs of testing; surveys for other materials that are controlled or regulated from being dumped in a landfill; title searches; mailing(s); postings; recording; and attorney fees expended for recovering of the cost of emergency repairs or to obtain or enforce an order of demolition made by a *code official*, the governing body or board of appeals.

**DETACHED.** When a structural element is physically disconnected from another and that connection is necessary to provide a positive connection.

**DETERIORATION.** To weaken, disintegrate, corrode, rust or decay and lose effectiveness.

**[BG] DWELLING UNIT.** A single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

**[Z] EASEMENT.** That portion of land or property reserved for present or future use by a person or agency other than the legal fee owner(s) of the property. The *easement* shall be permitted to be for use under, on or above said lot or lots.

**EQUIPMENT SUPPORT.** Those structural members or assemblies of members or manufactured elements, including braces, frames, lugs, snuggers, hangers or saddles, that transmit gravity load, lateral load and operating load between the equipment and the structure.

**EXTERIOR PROPERTY.** The open space on the *premises* and on adjoining property under the control of *owners* or *operators* of such *premises*.

**GARBAGE.** The animal or vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

**[BE] GUARD.** A building component or a system of building components located at or near the open sides of elevated walking surfaces that minimizes the possibility of a fall from the walking surface to a lower level.

**[BG] HABITABLE SPACE.** Space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. *Bathrooms, toilet rooms, closets,*

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halls, storage or utility spaces, and similar areas are not considered *habitable spaces*.

**HISTORIC BUILDING.** Any building or structure that is one or more of the following:

1. Listed or certified as eligible for listing, by the State Historic Preservation Officer or the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, in the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Designated as historic under an applicable state or local law.
3. Certified as a contributing resource within a National Register or state or locally designated historic district.

**HOUSEKEEPING UNIT.** A room or group of rooms forming a single *habitable space* equipped and intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking and eating that does not contain, within such a unit, a toilet, lavatory and bathtub or shower.

**IMMINENT DANGER.** A condition that could cause serious or life-threatening injury or death at any time.

**INFESTATION.** The presence, within or contiguous to, a structure or *premises* of insects, rodents, vermin or other pests.

**INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE.** A vehicle that cannot be driven upon the public streets for reason including but not limited to being unlicensed, wrecked, abandoned, in a state of disrepair, or incapable of being moved under its own power.

**[A] LABELED.** Equipment, materials or products to which have been affixed a label, seal, symbol or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, *approved* agency or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of the production of the above-labeled items and whose labeling indicates either that the equipment, material or product meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

**LET FOR OCCUPANCY or LET.** To permit, provide or offer possession or *occupancy* of a dwelling, *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit*, building, premise or structure by a person who is or is not the legal *owner* of record thereof, pursuant to a written or unwritten lease, agreement or license, or pursuant to a recorded or unrecorded agreement of contract for the sale of land.

**NEGLECT.** The lack of proper maintenance for a building or *structure*.

**[A] OCCUPANCY.** The purpose for which a building or portion thereof is utilized or occupied.

**OCCUPANT.** Any individual living or sleeping in a building, or having possession of a space within a building.

**OPENABLE AREA.** That part of a window, skylight or door which is available for unobstructed *ventilation* and which opens directly to the outdoors.

**OPERATOR.** Any person who has charge, care or control of a structure or *premises* that is let or offered for *occupancy*.

**[A] OWNER.** Any person, agent, *operator*, firm or corporation having legal or equitable interest in the property; or recorded in the official records of the state, county or municipality as holding title to the property; or otherwise having control of the property, including the guardian of the estate of

any such person, and the executor or administrator of the estate of such person if ordered to take possession of real property by a court.

**PERSON.** An individual, corporation, partnership or any other group acting as a unit.

**PEST ELIMINATION.** The control and elimination of insects, rodents or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible materials that serve as their food or water; by other *approved pest elimination* methods.

**[A] PREMISES.** A lot, plot or parcel of land, *easement* or *public way*, including any structures thereon.

**[A] PUBLIC WAY.** Any street, alley or other parcel of land that: is open to the outside air; leads to a street; has been deeded, dedicated or otherwise permanently appropriated to the public for public use; and has a clear width and height of not less than 10 feet (3048 mm).

**ROOMING HOUSE.** A building arranged or occupied for lodging, with or without meals, for compensation and not occupied as a one- or two-family dwelling.

**ROOMING UNIT.** Any room or group of rooms forming a single *habitable unit* occupied or intended to be occupied for sleeping or living, but not for cooking purposes.

**RUBBISH.** Combustible and noncombustible waste materials, except garbage; the term shall include the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible materials, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, *yard* trimmings, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass, crockery and dust and other similar materials.

**[BG] SLEEPING UNIT.** A room or space in which people sleep, which can also include permanent provisions for living, eating and either sanitation or kitchen facilities, but not both. Such rooms and spaces that are also part of a *dwelling unit* are not *sleeping units*.

**STRICT LIABILITY OFFENSE.** An offense in which the prosecution in a legal proceeding is not required to prove criminal intent as a part of its case. It is enough to prove that the defendant either did an act which was prohibited, or failed to do an act which the defendant was legally required to do.

**[A] STRUCTURE.** That which is built or constructed.

**TENANT.** A person, corporation, partnership or group, whether or not the legal *owner* of record, occupying a building or portion thereof as a unit.

**TOILET ROOM.** A room containing a water closet or urinal but not a bathtub or shower.

**ULTIMATE DEFORMATION.** The deformation at which failure occurs and that shall be deemed to occur if the sustainable load reduces to 80 percent or less of the maximum strength.

**[M] VENTILATION.** The natural or mechanical process of supplying conditioned or unconditioned air to, or removing such air from, any space.

**WORKMANLIKE.** Executed in a skilled manner; e.g., generally plumb, level, square, in line, undamaged and without marring adjacent work.

**[Z] YARD.** An open space on the same lot with a structure.

## CHAPTER 3

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### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 3 is broad in scope and includes a variety of requirements for the maintenance of exterior property areas, as well as the interior and exterior elements of the structure, that are intended to maintain a minimum level of safety and sanitation for both the general public and the occupants of a structure, and to maintain a building's structural and weather-resistance performance. Specifically, Chapter 3 contains criteria for the maintenance of building components; vacant structures and land; the safety, sanitation and appearance of the interior and exterior of structures and all exterior property areas; accessory structures; extermination of insects and rodents; access barriers to swimming pools, spas and hot tubs; vehicle storage and owner/occupant responsibilities.

### SECTION 301 GENERAL

**301.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum conditions and the responsibilities of persons for maintenance of structures, equipment and *exterior property*.

**301.2 Responsibility.** The owner of the *premises* shall maintain the structures and *exterior property* in compliance with these requirements, except as otherwise provided for in this code. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant or permit another person to occupy *premises* that are not in a sanitary and safe condition and that do not comply with the requirements of this chapter. *Occupants* of a *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* are responsible for keeping in a clean, sanitary and safe condition that part of the *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit*, *housekeeping unit* or *premises* they occupy and control.

**301.3 Vacant structures and land.** Vacant structures and *premises* thereof or vacant land shall be maintained in a clean, safe, secure and sanitary condition as provided herein so as not to cause a blighting problem or adversely affect the public health or safety.

### SECTION 302 EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS

**302.1 Sanitation.** *Exterior property* and *premises* shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The *occupant* shall keep that part of the *exterior property* that such *occupant* occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

**302.2 Grading and drainage.** *Premises* shall be graded and maintained to prevent the erosion of soil and to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or within any structure located thereon.

**Exception:** *Approved* retention areas and reservoirs.

**302.3 Sidewalks and driveways.** Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

**302.4 Weeds.** *Premises* and *exterior property* shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of [JURIS-

DICTION TO INSERT HEIGHT IN INCHES]. Noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Upon failure of the owner or agent having charge of a property to cut and destroy weeds after service of a notice of violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 106.3 and as prescribed by the authority having jurisdiction. Upon failure to comply with the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction or contractor hired by the jurisdiction shall be authorized to enter upon the property in violation and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs of such removal shall be paid by the owner or agent responsible for the property.

**302.5 Rodent harborage.** Structures and *exterior property* shall be kept free from rodent harborage and *infestation*. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by *approved* processes that will not be injurious to human health. After pest elimination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent reinfestation.

**302.6 Exhaust vents.** Pipes, ducts, conductors, fans or blowers shall not discharge gases, steam, vapor, hot air, grease, smoke, odors or other gaseous or particulate wastes directly on abutting or adjacent public or private property or that of another *tenant*.

**302.7 Accessory structures.** Accessory structures, including *detached* garages, fences and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.

**302.8 Motor vehicles.** Except as provided for in other regulations, inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles shall not be parked, kept or stored on any *premises*, and vehicles shall not at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an *approved* spray booth.

**Exception:** A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and *approved* for such purposes.

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**302.9 Defacement of property.** A person shall not willfully or wantonly damage, mutilate or deface any exterior surface of any structure or building on any private or public property by placing thereon any marking, carving or graffiti.

It shall be the responsibility of the *owner* to restore said surface to an *approved* state of maintenance and repair.

### SECTION 303 SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

**303.1 Swimming pools.** Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.

**303.2 Enclosures.** Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool. Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching. Where the self-latching device is less than 54 inches (1372 mm) above the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate. Self-closing and self-latching gates shall be maintained such that the gate will positively close and latch when released from an open position of 6 inches (152 mm) from the gatepost. An existing pool enclosure shall not be removed, replaced or changed in a manner that reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier.

**Exception:** Spas or hot tubs with a safety cover that complies with ASTM F1346 shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

### SECTION 304 EXTERIOR STRUCTURE

**304.1 General.** The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

**304.1.1 Unsafe conditions.** The following conditions shall be determined as unsafe and shall be repaired or replaced to comply with the *International Building Code* or the *International Existing Building Code* as required for existing buildings:

1. The nominal strength of any structural member is exceeded by nominal loads, the load effects or the required strength.
2. The *anchorage* of the floor or roof to walls or columns, and of walls and columns to foundations is not capable of resisting all nominal loads or load effects.
3. Structures or components thereof that have reached their limit state.
4. Siding and masonry joints including joints between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors and skylights are not maintained, weather resistant or water tight.

5. Structural members that have evidence of *deterioration* or that are not capable of safely supporting all nominal loads and load effects.
6. Foundation systems that are not firmly supported by footings, are not plumb and free from open cracks and breaks, are not properly *anchored* or are not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
7. Exterior walls that are not *anchored* to supporting and supported elements or are not plumb and free of holes, cracks or breaks and loose or rotting materials, are not properly *anchored* or are not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
8. Roofing or roofing components that have defects that admit rain, roof surfaces with inadequate drainage, or any portion of the roof framing that is not in good repair with signs of *deterioration*, fatigue or without proper anchorage and incapable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
9. Flooring and flooring components with defects that affect serviceability or flooring components that show signs of *deterioration* or fatigue, are not properly *anchored* or are incapable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
10. Veneer, cornices, belt courses, corbels, trim, wall facings and similar decorative features not properly anchored or that are anchored with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
11. Overhang extensions or projections including, but not limited to, trash chutes, canopies, marquees, signs, awnings, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts not properly *anchored* or that are *anchored* with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
12. Exterior stairs, decks, porches, balconies and all similar appurtenances attached thereto, including *guards* and handrails, are not structurally sound, not properly *anchored* or that are *anchored* with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
13. Chimneys, cooling towers, smokestacks and similar appurtenances not structurally sound or not properly *anchored*, or that are anchored with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where substantiated otherwise by an *approved* method.
2. Demolition of unsafe conditions shall be permitted where *approved* by the *code official*.

**304.2 Protective treatment.** Exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences, shall be maintained in good condition. Exterior wood surfaces, other than

decay-resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted. Siding and masonry joints, as well as those between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors and skylights, shall be maintained weather resistant and water tight. Metal surfaces subject to rust or corrosion shall be coated to inhibit such rust and corrosion, and surfaces with rust or corrosion shall be stabilized and coated to inhibit future rust and corrosion. Oxidation stains shall be removed from exterior surfaces. Surfaces designed for stabilization by oxidation are exempt from this requirement.

**[F] 304.3 Premises identification.** Buildings shall have *approved* address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).

**304.4 Structural members.** Structural members shall be maintained free from *deterioration*, and shall be capable of safely supporting the imposed dead and live loads.

**304.5 Foundation walls.** Foundation walls shall be maintained plumb and free from open cracks and breaks and shall be kept in such condition so as to prevent the entry of rodents and other pests.

**304.6 Exterior walls.** Exterior walls shall be free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials; and maintained weathertight and properly surface coated where required to prevent *deterioration*.

**304.7 Roofs and drainage.** The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not have defects that admit rain. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent dampness or *deterioration* in the walls or interior portion of the structure. Roof drains, gutters and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions. Roof water shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.

**304.8 Decorative features.** Cornices, belt courses, corbels, terra cotta trim, wall facings and similar decorative features shall be maintained in good repair with proper anchorage and in a safe condition.

**304.9 Overhang extensions.** Overhang extensions including, but not limited to, canopies, marquees, signs, metal awnings, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts shall be maintained in good repair and be properly *anchored* so as to be kept in a sound condition. Where required, all exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.

**304.10 Stairways, decks, porches and balconies.** Every exterior stairway, deck, porch and balcony, and all appurtenances attached thereto, shall be maintained structurally sound, in good repair, with proper anchorage and capable of supporting the imposed loads.

**304.11 Chimneys and towers.** Chimneys, cooling towers, smoke stacks, and similar appurtenances shall be maintained structurally safe and sound, and in good repair. Exposed sur-

faces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.

**304.12 Handrails and guards.** Every handrail and *guard* shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.

**304.13 Window, skylight and door frames.** Every window, skylight, door and frame shall be kept in sound condition, good repair and weather tight.

**304.13.1 Glazing.** Glazing materials shall be maintained free from cracks and holes.

**304.13.2 Openable windows.** Every window, other than a fixed window, shall be easily openable and capable of being held in position by window hardware.

**304.14 Insect screens.** During the period from [DATE] to [DATE], every door, window and other outside opening required for *ventilation* of habitable rooms, food preparation areas, food service areas or any areas where products to be included or utilized in food for human consumption are processed, manufactured, packaged or stored shall be supplied with *approved* tightly fitting screens of minimum 16 mesh per inch (16 mesh per 25 mm), and every screen door used for insect control shall have a self-closing device in good working condition.

**Exception:** Screens shall not be required where other *approved* means, such as air curtains or insect repellent fans, are employed.

**304.15 Doors.** Exterior doors, door assemblies, operator systems if provided, and hardware shall be maintained in good condition. Locks at all entrances to dwelling units and sleeping units shall tightly secure the door. Locks on means of egress doors shall be in accordance with Section 702.3.

**304.16 Basement hatchways.** Every *basement* hatchway shall be maintained to prevent the entrance of rodents, rain and surface drainage water.

**304.17 Guards for basement windows.** Every *basement* window that is openable shall be supplied with rodent shields, storm windows or other *approved* protection against the entry of rodents.

**304.18 Building security.** Doors, windows or hatchways for *dwelling units*, room units or *housekeeping units* shall be provided with devices designed to provide security for the *occupants* and property within.

**304.18.1 Doors.** Doors providing access to a *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with a deadbolt lock designed to be readily openable from the side from which egress is to be made without the need for keys, special knowledge or effort and shall have a minimum lock throw of 1 inch (25 mm). Such deadbolt locks shall be installed according to the manufacturer's specifications and maintained in good working order. For the purpose of this section, a sliding bolt shall not be considered an acceptable deadbolt lock.

**304.18.2 Windows.** Operable windows located in whole or in part within 6 feet (1828 mm) above ground level or a

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walking surface below that provide access to a *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with a window sash locking device.

**304.18.3 Basement hatchways.** *Basement* hatchways that provide access to a *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with devices that secure the units from unauthorized entry.

**304.19 Gates.** Exterior gates, gate assemblies, operator systems if provided, and hardware shall be maintained in good condition. Latches at all entrances shall tightly secure the gates.

### SECTION 305 INTERIOR STRUCTURE

**305.1 General.** The interior of a structure and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition. *Occupants* shall keep that part of the structure that they occupy or control in a clean and sanitary condition. Every *owner* of a structure containing a *rooming house*, *housekeeping units*, a hotel, a dormitory, two or more *dwelling units* or two or more nonresidential occupancies, shall maintain, in a clean and sanitary condition, the shared or public areas of the structure and *exterior property*.

**305.1.1 Unsafe conditions.** The following conditions shall be determined as unsafe and shall be repaired or replaced to comply with the *International Building Code* or the *International Existing Building Code* as required for existing buildings:

1. The nominal strength of any structural member is exceeded by nominal loads, the load effects or the required strength.
2. The anchorage of the floor or roof to walls or columns, and of walls and columns to foundations is not capable of resisting all nominal loads or load effects.
3. Structures or components thereof that have reached their limit state.
4. Structural members are incapable of supporting nominal loads and load effects.
5. Stairs, landings, balconies and all similar walking surfaces, including *guards* and handrails, are not structurally sound, not properly *anchored* or are *anchored* with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.
6. Foundation systems that are not firmly supported by footings are not plumb and free from open cracks and breaks, are not properly *anchored* or are not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where substantiated otherwise by an *approved* method.
2. Demolition of unsafe conditions shall be permitted where *approved* by the *code official*.

**305.2 Structural members.** Structural members shall be maintained structurally sound, and be capable of supporting the imposed loads.

**305.3 Interior surfaces.** Interior surfaces, including windows and doors, shall be maintained in good, clean and sanitary condition. Peeling, chipping, flaking or abraded paint shall be repaired, removed or covered. Cracked or loose plaster, decayed wood and other defective surface conditions shall be corrected.

**305.4 Stairs and walking surfaces.** Every stair, ramp, landing, balcony, porch, deck or other walking surface shall be maintained in sound condition and good repair.

**305.5 Handrails and guards.** Every handrail and *guard* shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.

**305.6 Interior doors.** Every interior door shall fit reasonably well within its frame and shall be capable of being opened and closed by being properly and securely attached to jamps, headers or tracks as intended by the manufacturer of the attachment hardware.

### SECTION 306 COMPONENT SERVICEABILITY

**306.1 General.** The components of a structure and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition.

**306.1.1 Unsafe conditions.** Where any of the following conditions cause the component or system to be beyond its limit state, the component or system shall be determined as unsafe and shall be repaired or replaced to comply with the *International Building Code* or the *International Existing Building Code* as required for existing buildings:

1. Soils that have been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 1.1. Collapse of footing or foundation system.
  - 1.2. Damage to footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to soil expansion.
  - 1.3. Adverse effects to the design strength of footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to a chemical reaction from the soil.
  - 1.4. Inadequate soil as determined by a geotechnical investigation.
  - 1.5. Where the allowable bearing capacity of the soil is in doubt.
  - 1.6. Adverse effects to the footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to the ground water table.
2. Concrete that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 2.1. *Deterioration*.
  - 2.2. *Ultimate deformation*.
  - 2.3. *Fractures*.

- 2.4. Fissures.
- 2.5. Spalling.
- 2.6. Exposed reinforcement.
- 2.7. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.
- 3. Aluminum that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 3.1. *Deterioration*.
  - 3.2. Corrosion.
  - 3.3. Elastic deformation.
  - 3.4. *Ultimate deformation*.
  - 3.5. Stress or strain cracks.
  - 3.6. Joint fatigue.
  - 3.7. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.
- 4. Masonry that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 4.1. *Deterioration*.
  - 4.2. *Ultimate deformation*.
  - 4.3. Fractures in masonry or mortar joints.
  - 4.4. Fissures in masonry or mortar joints.
  - 4.5. Spalling.
  - 4.6. Exposed reinforcement.
  - 4.7. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.
- 5. Steel that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 5.1. *Deterioration*.
  - 5.2. Elastic deformation.
  - 5.3. *Ultimate deformation*.
  - 5.4. Metal fatigue.
  - 5.5. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.
- 6. Wood that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 6.1. *Ultimate deformation*.
  - 6.2. *Deterioration*.
  - 6.3. Damage from insects, rodents and other vermin.
  - 6.4. Fire damage beyond charring.
  - 6.5. Significant splits and checks.
  - 6.6. Horizontal shear cracks.
  - 6.7. Vertical shear cracks.
  - 6.8. Inadequate support.
  - 6.9. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.
  - 6.10. Excessive cutting and notching.

**Exceptions:**

- 1. Where substantiated otherwise by an *approved* method.
- 2. Demolition of unsafe conditions shall be permitted where *approved* by the *code official*.

### SECTION 307 HANDRAILS AND GUARDRAILS

**307.1 General.** Every exterior and interior flight of stairs having more than four risers shall have a handrail on one side of the stair and every open portion of a stair, landing, balcony, porch, deck, ramp or other walking surface that is more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor or grade below shall have *guards*. Handrails shall be not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in height or more than 42 inches (1067 mm) in height measured vertically above the nosing of the tread or above the finished floor of the landing or walking surfaces. *Guards* shall be not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in height above the floor of the landing, balcony, porch, deck, or ramp or other walking surface.

**Exception:** *Guards* shall not be required where exempted by the adopted building code.

### SECTION 308 RUBBISH AND GARBAGE

**308.1 Accumulation of rubbish or garbage.** *Exterior property* and *premises*, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of *rubbish* or *garbage*.

**308.2 Disposal of rubbish.** Every *occupant* of a structure shall dispose of all *rubbish* in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such *rubbish* in *approved* containers.

**308.2.1 Rubbish storage facilities.** The *owner* of every occupied *premises* shall supply *approved* covered containers for *rubbish*, and the *owner* of the *premises* shall be responsible for the removal of *rubbish*.

**308.2.2 Refrigerators.** Refrigerators and similar equipment not in operation shall not be discarded, abandoned or stored on *premises* without first removing the doors.

**308.3 Disposal of garbage.** Every *occupant* of a structure shall dispose of garbage in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such garbage in an *approved* garbage disposal facility or *approved* garbage containers.

**308.3.1 Garbage facilities.** The *owner* of every dwelling shall supply one of the following: an *approved* mechanical food waste grinder in each *dwelling unit*; an *approved* incinerator unit in the structure available to the *occupants* in each *dwelling unit*; or an *approved* leakproof, covered, outside garbage container.

**308.3.2 Containers.** The *operator* of every establishment producing garbage shall provide, and at all times cause to be utilized, *approved* leakproof containers provided with close-fitting covers for the storage of such materials until removed from the *premises* for disposal.

### SECTION 309 PEST ELIMINATION

**309.1 Infestation.** Structures shall be kept free from insect and rodent *infestation*. Structures in which insects or rodents are found shall be promptly exterminated by *approved* processes that will not be injurious to human health. After pest

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elimination, proper precautions shall be taken to prevent reinfestation.

**309.2 Owner.** The *owner* of any structure shall be responsible for pest elimination within the structure prior to renting or leasing the structure.

**309.3 Single occupant.** The *occupant* of a one-family dwelling or of a *single-tenant* nonresidential structure shall be responsible for pest elimination on the *premises*.

**309.4 Multiple occupancy.** The *owner* of a structure containing two or more *dwelling units*, a multiple *occupancy*, a *rooming house* or a nonresidential structure shall be responsible for pest elimination in the public or shared areas of the structure and *exterior property*. If *infestation* is caused by failure of an *occupant* to prevent such *infestation* in the area occupied, the *occupant* and *owner* shall be responsible for pest elimination.

**309.5 Occupant.** The *occupant* of any structure shall be responsible for the continued rodent and pest-free condition of the structure.

**Exception:** Where the *infestations* are caused by defects in the structure, the *owner* shall be responsible for pest elimination.



## CHAPTER 4

# LIGHT, VENTILATION AND OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS

### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 4 sets forth requirements to establish the minimum environment for occupiable and habitable buildings by establishing the minimum criteria for light and ventilation and identifying occupancy limitations including minimum room width and area, minimum ceiling height and restrictions to prevent overcrowding.

### SECTION 401 GENERAL

**401.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum conditions and standards for light, ventilation and space for occupying a structure.

**401.2 Responsibility.** The owner of the structure shall provide and maintain light, ventilation and space conditions in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant, or permit another person to occupy, any premises that do not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

**401.3 Alternative devices.** In lieu of the means for natural light and ventilation herein prescribed, artificial light or mechanical ventilation complying with the *International Building Code* shall be permitted.

### SECTION 402 LIGHT

**402.1 Habitable spaces.** Every habitable space shall have not less than one window of approved size facing directly to the outdoors or to a court. The minimum total glazed area for every habitable space shall be 8 percent of the floor area of such room. Wherever walls or other portions of a structure face a window of any room and such obstructions are located less than 3 feet (914 mm) from the window and extend to a level above that of the ceiling of the room, such window shall not be deemed to face directly to the outdoors nor to a court and shall not be included as contributing to the required minimum total window area for the room.

**Exception:** Where natural light for rooms or spaces without exterior glazing areas is provided through an adjoining room, the unobstructed opening to the adjoining room shall be not less than 8 percent of the floor area of the interior room or space, or not less than 25 square feet (2.33 m<sup>2</sup>), whichever is greater. The exterior glazing area shall be based on the total floor area being served.

**402.2 Common halls and stairways.** Every common hall and stairway in residential occupancies, other than in one- and two-family dwellings, shall be lighted at all times with not less than a 60-watt standard incandescent light bulb for each 200 square feet (19 m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area or equivalent illumination, provided that the spacing between lights shall not be greater than 30 feet (9144 mm). In other than residential occupancies, interior and exterior means of egress, stairways

shall be illuminated at all times the building space served by the means of egress is occupied with not less than 1 footcandle (11 lux) at floors, landings and treads.

**402.3 Other spaces.** Other spaces shall be provided with natural or artificial light sufficient to permit the maintenance of sanitary conditions, and the safe occupancy of the space and utilization of the appliances, equipment and fixtures.

### SECTION 403 VENTILATION

**403.1 Habitable spaces.** Every habitable space shall have not less than one openable window. The total openable area of the window in every room shall be equal to not less than 45 percent of the minimum glazed area required in Section 402.1.

**Exception:** Where rooms and spaces without openings to the outdoors are ventilated through an adjoining room, the unobstructed opening to the adjoining room shall be not less than 8 percent of the floor area of the interior room or space, but not less than 25 square feet (2.33 m<sup>2</sup>). The ventilation openings to the outdoors shall be based on a total floor area being ventilated.

**403.2 Bathrooms and toilet rooms.** Every bathroom and toilet room shall comply with the ventilation requirements for habitable spaces as required by Section 403.1, except that a window shall not be required in such spaces equipped with a mechanical ventilation system. Air exhausted by a mechanical ventilation system from a bathroom or toilet room shall discharge to the outdoors and shall not be recirculated.

**403.3 Cooking facilities.** Unless approved through the certificate of occupancy, cooking shall not be permitted in any rooming unit or dormitory unit, and a cooking facility or appliance shall not be permitted to be present in the rooming unit or dormitory unit.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where specifically approved in writing by the code official.
2. Devices such as coffee pots and microwave ovens shall not be considered cooking appliances.

**403.4 Process ventilation.** Where injurious, toxic, irritating or noxious fumes, gases, dusts or mists are generated, a local exhaust ventilation system shall be provided to remove the contaminating agent at the source. Air shall be exhausted to the exterior and not be recirculated to any space.

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**403.5 Clothes dryer exhaust.** Clothes dryer exhaust systems shall be independent of all other systems and shall be exhausted outside the structure in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**Exception:** Listed and labeled condensing (ductless) clothes dryers.

### SECTION 404 OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS

**404.1 Privacy.** Dwelling units, hotel units, housekeeping units, rooming units and dormitory units shall be arranged to provide privacy and be separate from other adjoining spaces.

**404.2 Minimum room widths.** A habitable room, other than a kitchen, shall be not less than 7 feet (2134 mm) in any plan dimension. Kitchens shall have a minimum clear passageway of 3 feet (914 mm) between counterfronts and appliances or counterfronts and walls.

**404.3 Minimum ceiling heights.** Habitable spaces, hallways, corridors, laundry areas, bathrooms, toilet rooms and habitable basement areas shall have a minimum clear ceiling height of 7 feet (2134 mm).

#### Exceptions:

1. In one- and two-family dwellings, beams or girders spaced not less than 4 feet (1219 mm) on center and projecting not greater than 6 inches (152 mm) below the required ceiling height.
2. Basement rooms in one- and two-family dwellings occupied exclusively for laundry, study or recreation purposes, having a minimum ceiling height of 6 feet 8 inches (2033 mm) with a minimum clear height of 6 feet 4 inches (1932 mm) under beams, girders, ducts and similar obstructions.
3. Rooms occupied exclusively for sleeping, study or similar purposes and having a sloped ceiling over all or part of the room, with a minimum clear ceiling height of 7 feet (2134 mm) over not less than one-third of the required minimum floor area. In calculating the floor area of such rooms, only those portions of the floor area with a minimum clear ceiling height of 5 feet (1524 mm) shall be included.

**404.4 Bedroom and living room requirements.** Every bedroom and living room shall comply with the requirements of Sections 404.4.1 through 404.4.5.

**404.4.1 Room area.** Every living room shall contain not less than 120 square feet (11.2 m<sup>2</sup>) and every bedroom shall contain not less than 70 square feet (6.5 m<sup>2</sup>) and every bedroom occupied by more than one person shall contain not less than 50 square feet (4.6 m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area for each occupant thereof.

**404.4.2 Access from bedrooms.** Bedrooms shall not constitute the only means of access to other bedrooms or habitable spaces and shall not serve as the only means of egress from other habitable spaces.

**Exception:** Units that contain fewer than two bedrooms.

**404.4.3 Water closet accessibility.** Every bedroom shall have access to not less than one water closet and one lavatory without passing through another bedroom. Every bedroom in a dwelling unit shall have access to not less than one water closet and lavatory located in the same story as the bedroom or an adjacent story.

**404.4.4 Prohibited occupancy.** Kitchens and nonhabitable spaces shall not be used for sleeping purposes.

**404.4.5 Other requirements.** Bedrooms shall comply with the applicable provisions of this code including, but not limited to, the light, ventilation, room area, ceiling height and room width requirements of this chapter; the plumbing facilities and water-heating facilities requirements of Chapter 5; the heating facilities and electrical receptacle requirements of Chapter 6; and the smoke detector and emergency escape requirements of Chapter 7.

**404.5 Overcrowding.** Dwelling units shall not be occupied by more occupants than permitted by the minimum area requirements of Table 404.5.

TABLE 404.5  
MINIMUM AREA REQUIREMENTS

SPACE	MINIMUM AREA IN SQUARE FEET		
	1-2 occupants	3-5 occupants	6 or more occupants
Living room <sup>a, b</sup>	120	120	150
Dining room <sup>a, b</sup>	No requirement	80	100
Bedrooms	Shall comply with Section 404.4.1		

For SI: 1 square foot = 0.0929 m<sup>2</sup>

a. See Section 404.5.2 for combined living room/dining room spaces.

b. See Section 404.5.1 for limitations on determining the minimum occupancy area for sleeping purposes.

**404.5.1 Sleeping area.** The minimum occupancy area required by Table 404.5 shall not be included as a sleeping area in determining the minimum occupancy area for sleeping purposes. Sleeping areas shall comply with Section 404.4.

**404.5.2 Combined spaces.** Combined living room and dining room spaces shall comply with the requirements of Table 404.5 if the total area is equal to that required for separate rooms and if the space is located so as to function as a combination living room/dining room.

**404.6 Efficiency unit.** Nothing in this section shall prohibit an efficiency living unit from meeting the following requirements:

1. A unit occupied by not more than one occupant shall have a minimum clear floor area of 120 square feet (11.2 m<sup>2</sup>). A unit occupied by not more than two occupants shall have a minimum clear floor area of 220 square feet (20.4 m<sup>2</sup>). A unit occupied by three occupants shall have a minimum clear floor area of 320 square feet (29.7 m<sup>2</sup>). These required areas shall be exclusive of the areas required by Items 2 and 3.
2. The unit shall be provided with a kitchen sink, cooking appliance and refrigeration facilities, each having a minimum clear working space of 30 inches (762 mm)

in front. Light and *ventilation* conforming to this code shall be provided.

3. The unit shall be provided with a separate *bathroom* containing a water closet, lavatory and bathtub or shower.
4. The maximum number of *occupants* shall be three.

**404.7 Food preparation.** Spaces to be occupied for food preparation purposes shall contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare and serve foods in a sanitary manner. There shall be adequate facilities and services for the sanitary disposal of food wastes and refuse, including facilities for temporary storage.



## CHAPTER 5

# PLUMBING FACILITIES AND FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

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### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 5 establishes minimum sanitary and clean conditions in occupied buildings by containing requirements for the installation, maintenance and location of plumbing systems and facilities, including the water supply system, water heating appliances, sewage disposal systems and related plumbing fixtures. Chapter 5 includes requirements for providing potable water to a building and the basic fixtures to effectively utilize and dispose of that water.

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### SECTION 501 GENERAL

**501.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum plumbing systems, facilities and plumbing fixtures to be provided.

**501.2 Responsibility.** The *owner* of the structure shall provide and maintain such plumbing facilities and plumbing fixtures in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as *owner-occupant* or permit another person to occupy any structure or *premises* that does not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

### SECTION 502 REQUIRED FACILITIES

**[P] 502.1 Dwelling units.** Every *dwelling unit* shall contain its own bathtub or shower, lavatory, water closet and kitchen sink that shall be maintained in a sanitary, safe working condition. The lavatory shall be placed in the same room as the water closet or located in close proximity to the door leading directly into the room in which such water closet is located. A kitchen sink shall not be used as a substitute for the required lavatory.

**[P] 502.2 Rooming houses.** Not less than one water closet, lavatory and bathtub or shower shall be supplied for each four *rooming units*.

**[P] 502.3 Hotels.** Where private water closets, lavatories and baths are not provided, one water closet, one lavatory and one bathtub or shower having access from a public hallway shall be provided for each 10 *occupants*.

**[P] 502.4 Employees' facilities.** Not less than one water closet, one lavatory and one drinking facility shall be available to employees.

**[P] 502.4.1 Drinking facilities.** Drinking facilities shall be a drinking fountain, water cooler, bottled water cooler or disposable cups next to a sink or water dispenser. Drinking facilities shall not be located in *toilet rooms* or *bathrooms*.

**[P] 502.5 Public toilet facilities.** Public toilet facilities shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and working condition in accordance with the *International Plumbing Code*. Except for periodic maintenance or cleaning, public access and use shall

be provided to the toilet facilities at all times during *occupancy* of the *premises*.

### SECTION 503 TOILET ROOMS

**[P] 503.1 Privacy.** *Toilet rooms* and *bathrooms* shall provide privacy and shall not constitute the only passageway to a hall or other space, or to the exterior. A door and interior locking device shall be provided for all common or shared *bathrooms* and *toilet rooms* in a multiple dwelling.

**[P] 503.2 Location.** *Toilet rooms* and *bathrooms* serving hotel units, *rooming units* or dormitory units or *housekeeping units*, shall have access by traversing not more than one flight of stairs and shall have access from a common hall or passageway.

**[P] 503.3 Location of employee toilet facilities.** Toilet facilities shall have access from within the employees' working area. The required toilet facilities shall be located not more than one story above or below the employees' working area and the path of travel to such facilities shall not exceed a distance of 500 feet (152 m). Employee facilities shall either be separate facilities or combined employee and public facilities.

**Exception:** Facilities that are required for employees in storage structures or kiosks, which are located in adjacent structures under the same ownership, lease or control, shall not exceed a travel distance of 500 feet (152 m) from the employees' regular working area to the facilities.

**[P] 503.4 Floor surface.** In other than *dwelling units*, every *toilet room* floor shall be maintained to be a smooth, hard, nonabsorbent surface to permit such floor to be easily kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

### SECTION 504 PLUMBING SYSTEMS AND FIXTURES

**[P] 504.1 General.** Plumbing fixtures shall be properly installed and maintained in working order, and shall be kept free from obstructions, leaks and defects and be capable of performing the function for which such plumbing fixtures are designed. Plumbing fixtures shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and functional condition.

**[P] 504.2 Fixture clearances.** Plumbing fixtures shall have adequate clearances for usage and cleaning.

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[P] **504.3 Plumbing system hazards.** Where it is found that a plumbing system in a structure constitutes a hazard to the *occupants* or the structure by reason of inadequate service, inadequate venting, cross connection, backsiphonage, improper installation, *deterioration* or damage or for similar reasons, the *code official* shall require the defects to be corrected to eliminate the hazard.

### SECTION 505 WATER SYSTEM

[P] **505.1 General.** Every sink, lavatory, bathtub or shower, drinking fountain, water closet or other plumbing fixture shall be properly connected to either a public water system or to an *approved* private water system. Kitchen sinks, lavatories, laundry facilities, bathtubs and showers shall be supplied with hot or tempered and cold running water in accordance with the *International Plumbing Code*.

[P] **505.2 Contamination.** The water supply shall be maintained free from contamination, and all water inlets for plumbing fixtures shall be located above the flood-level rim of the fixture. Shampoo basin faucets, janitor sink faucets and other hose bibs or faucets to which hoses are attached and left in place, shall be protected by an approved atmospheric-type vacuum breaker or an approved permanently attached hose connection vacuum breaker.

[P] **505.3 Supply.** The water supply system shall be installed and maintained to provide a supply of water to plumbing fixtures, devices and appurtenances in sufficient volume and at pressures adequate to enable the fixtures to function properly, safely, and free from defects and leaks.

[P] **505.4 Water heating facilities.** Water heating facilities shall be properly installed, maintained and capable of providing an adequate amount of water to be drawn at every required sink, lavatory, bathtub, shower and laundry facility at a temperature not less than 110°F (43°C). A gas-burning water heater shall not be located in any *bathroom, toilet room, bedroom* or other occupied room normally kept closed, unless adequate combustion air is provided. An *approved* combination temperature and pressure-relief valve and relief valve discharge pipe shall be properly installed and maintained on water heaters.

[P] **505.5 Nonpotable water reuse systems.** Nonpotable water reuse systems and rainwater collection and conveyance systems shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. Where such systems are not properly maintained, the systems shall be repaired to provide for safe and sanitary conditions, or the system shall be abandoned in accordance with Section 505.5.1.

[P] **505.5.1 Abandonment of systems.** Where a nonpotable water reuse system or a rainwater collection and distribution system is not maintained or the owner ceases use of the system, the system shall be abandoned in accordance with Section 1301.10 of the *International Plumbing Code*.

### SECTION 506 SANITARY DRAINAGE SYSTEM

[P] **506.1 General.** Plumbing fixtures shall be properly connected to either a public sewer system or to an *approved* private sewage disposal system.

[P] **506.2 Maintenance.** Every plumbing stack, vent, waste and sewer line shall function properly and be kept free from obstructions, leaks and defects.

[P] **506.3 Grease interceptors.** Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices shall be maintained in accordance with this code and the manufacturer's installation instructions. Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices shall be regularly serviced and cleaned to prevent the discharge of oil, grease, and other substances harmful or hazardous to the building drainage system, the public sewer, the private sewage disposal system or the sewage treatment plant or processes. Records of maintenance, cleaning and repairs shall be available for inspection by the *code official*.

### SECTION 507 STORM DRAINAGE

[P] **507.1 General.** Drainage of roofs and paved areas, *yards* and courts, and other open areas on the *premises* shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.

## CHAPTER 6

# MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 6 establishes minimum performance requirements for heating, electrical and mechanical facilities serving existing structures, such as heating and air-conditioning equipment, appliances and their supporting systems; water heating equipment, appliances and systems; cooking equipment and appliances; ventilation and exhaust equipment; gas and liquid fuel distribution piping and components; fireplaces and solid fuel-burning appliances; chimneys and vents; electrical services; lighting fixtures; electrical receptacle outlets; electrical distribution system equipment, devices and wiring, and elevators, escalators and dumbwaiters.

### SECTION 601 GENERAL

**601.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum mechanical and electrical facilities and equipment to be provided.

**601.2 Responsibility.** The owner of the structure shall provide and maintain mechanical and electrical facilities and equipment in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant or permit another person to occupy any premises that does not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

### SECTION 602 HEATING FACILITIES

**602.1 Facilities required.** Heating facilities shall be provided in structures as required by this section.

**602.2 Residential occupancies.** Dwellings shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68°F (20°C) in all habitable rooms, *bathrooms* and *toilet rooms* based on the winter outdoor design temperature for the locality indicated in Appendix D of the *International Plumbing Code*. Cooking appliances shall not be used, nor shall portable unvented fuel-burning space heaters be used, as a means to provide required heating.

**Exception:** In areas where the average monthly temperature is above 30°F (-1°C), a minimum temperature of 65°F (18°C) shall be maintained.

**602.3 Heat supply.** Every owner and operator of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more *dwelling units* or *sleeping units* on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the occupants thereof shall supply heat during the period from [DATE] to [DATE] to maintain a minimum temperature of 68°F (20°C) in all habitable rooms, *bathrooms* and *toilet rooms*.

#### Exceptions:

1. When the outdoor temperature is below the winter outdoor design temperature for the locality, maintenance of the minimum room temperature shall not be required provided that the heating system is operating at its full design capacity. The winter outdoor

design temperature for the locality shall be as indicated in Appendix D of the *International Plumbing Code*.

2. In areas where the average monthly temperature is above 30°F (-1°C), a minimum temperature of 65°F (18°C) shall be maintained.

**602.4 Occupiable work spaces.** Indoor occupiable work spaces shall be supplied with heat during the period from [DATE] to [DATE] to maintain a minimum temperature of 65°F (18°C) during the period the spaces are occupied.

#### Exceptions:

1. Processing, storage and operation areas that require cooling or special temperature conditions.
2. Areas in which persons are primarily engaged in vigorous physical activities.

**602.5 Room temperature measurement.** The required room temperatures shall be measured 3 feet (914 mm) above the floor near the center of the room and 2 feet (610 mm) inward from the center of each exterior wall.

### SECTION 603 MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

**603.1 Mechanical equipment and appliances.** Mechanical equipment, appliances, fireplaces, solid fuel-burning appliances, cooking appliances and water heating appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe working condition, and shall be capable of performing the intended function.

**603.2 Removal of combustion products.** Fuel-burning equipment and appliances shall be connected to an *approved* chimney or vent.

**Exception:** Fuel-burning equipment and appliances that are *labeled* for unvented operation.

**603.3 Clearances.** Required clearances to combustible materials shall be maintained.

**603.4 Safety controls.** Safety controls for fuel-burning equipment shall be maintained in effective operation.

**603.5 Combustion air.** A supply of air for complete combustion of the fuel and for *ventilation* of the space containing the

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fuel-burning equipment shall be provided for the fuel-burning equipment.

**603.6 Energy conservation devices.** Devices intended to reduce fuel consumption by attachment to a fuel-burning appliance, to the fuel supply line thereto, or to the vent outlet or vent piping therefrom, shall not be installed unless *labeled* for such purpose and the installation is specifically *approved*.

### SECTION 604 ELECTRICAL FACILITIES

**604.1 Facilities required.** Every occupied building shall be provided with an electrical system in compliance with the requirements of this section and Section 605.

**604.2 Service.** The size and usage of appliances and equipment shall serve as a basis for determining the need for additional facilities in accordance with NFPA 70. *Dwelling units* shall be served by a three-wire, 120/240 volt, single-phase electrical service having a minimum rating of 60 amperes.

**604.3 Electrical system hazards.** Where it is found that the electrical system in a structure constitutes a hazard to the *occupants* or the structure by reason of inadequate service, improper fusing, insufficient receptacle and lighting outlets, improper wiring or installation, *deterioration* or damage, or for similar reasons, the *code official* shall require the defects to be corrected to eliminate the hazard.

**604.3.1 Abatement of electrical hazards associated with water exposure.** The provisions of this section shall govern the repair and replacement of electrical systems and equipment that have been exposed to water.

**604.3.1.1 Electrical equipment.** Electrical distribution equipment, motor circuits, power equipment, transformers, wire, cable, flexible cords, wiring devices, ground fault circuit interrupters, surge protectors, molded case circuit breakers, low-voltage fuses, luminaires, ballasts, motors and electronic control, signaling and communication equipment that have been exposed to water shall be replaced in accordance with the provisions of the *International Building Code*.

**Exception:** The following equipment shall be allowed to be repaired where an inspection report from the equipment manufacturer or *approved* manufacturer's representative indicates that the equipment has not sustained damage that requires replacement:

1. Enclosed switches, rated not more than 600 volts or less.
2. Busway, rated not more than 600 volts.
3. Panelboards, rated not more than 600 volts.
4. Switchboards, rated not more than 600 volts.
5. Fire pump controllers, rated not more than 600 volts.
6. Manual and magnetic motor controllers.
7. Motor control centers.

8. Alternating current high-voltage circuit breakers.
9. Low-voltage power circuit breakers.
10. Protective relays, meters and current transformers.
11. Low- and medium-voltage switchgear.
12. Liquid-filled transformers.
13. Cast-resin transformers.
14. Wire or cable that is suitable for wet locations and whose ends have not been exposed to water.
15. Wire or cable, not containing fillers, that is suitable for wet locations and whose ends have not been exposed to water.
16. Luminaires that are listed as submersible.
17. Motors.
18. Electronic control, signaling and communication equipment.

**604.3.2 Abatement of electrical hazards associated with fire exposure.** The provisions of this section shall govern the repair and replacement of electrical systems and equipment that have been exposed to fire.

**604.3.2.1 Electrical equipment.** Electrical switches, receptacles and fixtures, including furnace, water heating, security system and power distribution circuits, that have been exposed to fire, shall be replaced in accordance with the provisions of the *International Building Code*.

**Exception:** Electrical switches, receptacles and fixtures that shall be allowed to be repaired where an inspection report from the equipment manufacturer or *approved* manufacturer's representative indicates that the equipment has not sustained damage that requires replacement.

### SECTION 605 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

**605.1 Installation.** Electrical equipment, wiring and appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe and *approved* manner.

**605.2 Receptacles.** Every *habitable space* in a dwelling shall contain not less than two separate and remote receptacle outlets. Every laundry area shall contain not less than one grounding-type receptacle or a receptacle with a ground fault circuit interrupter. Every *bathroom* shall contain not less than one receptacle. Any new *bathroom* receptacle outlet shall have ground fault circuit interrupter protection. All receptacle outlets shall have the appropriate faceplate cover for the location.

**605.3 Luminaires.** Every public hall, interior stairway, *toilet room*, kitchen, *bathroom*, laundry room, boiler room and furnace room shall contain not less than one electric luminaire.



Pool and spa luminaires over 15 V shall have ground fault circuit interrupter protection.

**605.4 Wiring.** Flexible cords shall not be used for permanent wiring, or for running through doors, windows, or cabinets, or concealed within walls, floors, or ceilings.

## SECTION 606 ELEVATORS, ESCALATORS AND DUMBWAITERS

**606.1 General.** Elevators, dumbwaiters and escalators shall be maintained in compliance with ASME A17.1. The most current certificate of inspection shall be on display at all times within the elevator or attached to the escalator or dumbwaiter, be available for public inspection in the office of the building *operator* or be posted in a publicly conspicuous location *approved* by the *code official*. The inspection and tests shall be performed at not less than the periodic intervals listed in ASME A17.1, Appendix N, except where otherwise specified by the authority having jurisdiction.

**606.2 Elevators.** In buildings equipped with passenger elevators, not less than one elevator shall be maintained in operation at all times when the building is occupied.

**Exception:** Buildings equipped with only one elevator shall be permitted to have the elevator temporarily out of service for testing or servicing.

## SECTION 607 DUCT SYSTEMS

**607.1 General.** Duct systems shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall be capable of performing the required function.



## CHAPTER 7

# FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 7 establishes fire safety requirements for existing structures by containing requirements for means of egress, including path of travel, required egress width, means of egress doors and emergency escape openings, and for the maintenance of fire-resistance-rated assemblies, fire protection systems, and carbon monoxide alarm and detection systems.

### SECTION 701 GENERAL

**701.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum conditions and standards for fire safety relating to structures and exterior *premises*, including fire safety facilities and equipment to be provided.

**701.2 Responsibility.** The *owner* of the *premises* shall provide and maintain such fire safety facilities and equipment in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as *owner-occupant* or permit another person to occupy any *premises* that do not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

### SECTION 702 MEANS OF EGRESS

**[F] 702.1 General.** A safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel shall be provided from any point in a building or structure to the *public way*. Means of egress shall comply with the *International Fire Code*.

**[F] 702.2 Aisles.** The required width of aisles in accordance with the *International Fire Code* shall be unobstructed.

**[F] 702.3 Locked doors.** Means of egress doors shall be readily openable from the side from which egress is to be made without the need for keys, special knowledge or effort, except where the door hardware conforms to that permitted by the *International Building Code*.

**[F] 702.4 Emergency escape openings.** Required emergency escape openings shall be maintained in accordance with the code in effect at the time of construction, and the following. Required emergency escape and rescue openings shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys or tools. Bars, grilles, grates or similar devices are permitted to be placed over emergency escape and rescue openings provided that the minimum net clear opening size complies with the code that was in effect at the time of construction and such devices shall be releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool or force greater than that which is required for normal operation of the escape and rescue opening.

### SECTION 703 FIRE-RESISTANCE RATINGS

**[F] 703.1 Fire-resistance-rated assemblies.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern maintenance of the materials, systems and assemblies used for structural fire resistance and fire-resistance-rated construction separation of adjacent spaces to safeguard against the spread of fire and smoke within a building and the spread of fire to or from buildings.

**[F] 703.2 Unsafe conditions.** Where any components are not maintained and do not function as intended or do not have the fire resistance required by the code under which the building was constructed or altered, such components or portions thereof shall be deemed unsafe conditions in accordance with Section 111.1.1 of the *International Fire Code*. Components or portions thereof determined to be unsafe shall be repaired or replaced to conform to that code under which the building was constructed or altered. Where the condition of components is such that any building, structure or portion thereof presents an imminent danger to the occupants of the building, structure or portion thereof, the fire code official shall act in accordance with Section 111.2 of the *International Fire Code*.

**[F] 703.3 Maintenance.** The required fire-resistance rating of fire-resistance-rated construction, including walls, firestops, shaft enclosures, partitions, smoke barriers, floors, fire-resistive coatings and sprayed fire-resistant materials applied to structural members and joint systems, shall be maintained. Such elements shall be visually inspected annually by the owner and repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated. Records of inspections and repairs shall be maintained. Where concealed, such elements shall not be required to be visually inspected by the owner unless the concealed space is accessible by the removal or movement of a panel, access door, ceiling tile or entry to the space. Openings made therein for the passage of pipes, electrical conduit, wires, ducts, air transfer and any other reason shall be protected with approved methods capable of resisting the passage of smoke and fire. Openings through fire-resistance-rated assemblies shall be protected by self- or automatic-closing doors of approved construction meeting the fire protection requirements for the assembly.

[F] 703.3.1 **Fire blocking and draft stopping.** Required fire blocking and draft stopping in combustible concealed spaces shall be maintained to provide continuity and integrity of the construction.

[F] 703.3.2 **Smoke barriers and smoke partitions.** Required smoke barriers and smoke partitions shall be maintained to prevent the passage of smoke. Openings protected with approved smoke barrier doors or smoke dampers shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 105.

[F] 703.3.3 **Fire walls, fire barriers, and fire partitions.** Required fire walls, fire barriers and fire partitions shall be maintained to prevent the passage of fire. Openings protected with approved doors or fire dampers shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 80.

[F] 703.4 **Opening protectives.** Opening protectives shall be maintained in an operative condition in accordance with NFPA 80. The application of field-applied labels associated with the maintenance of opening protectives shall follow the requirements of the approved third-party certification organization accredited for listing the opening protective. Fire doors and smoke barrier doors shall not be blocked or obstructed, or otherwise made inoperable. Fusible links shall be replaced whenever fused or damaged. Fire door assemblies shall not be modified.

[F] 703.4.1 **Signs.** Where required by the code official, a sign shall be permanently displayed on or near each fire door in letters not less than 1 inch (25 mm) high to read as follows:

1. For doors designed to be kept normally open: FIRE DOOR – DO NOT BLOCK.
2. For doors designed to be kept normally closed: FIRE DOOR – KEEP CLOSED.

[F] 703.4.2 **Hold-open devices and closers.** Hold-open devices and automatic door closers shall be maintained. During the period that such a device is out of service for repairs, the door it operates shall remain in the closed position.

[F] 703.4.3 **Door operation.** Swinging fire doors shall close from the full-open position and latch automatically. The door closer shall exert enough force to close and latch the door from any partially open position.

[F] 703.5 **Ceilings.** The hanging and displaying of salable goods and other decorative materials from acoustical ceiling systems that are part of a fire-resistance-rated horizontal assembly shall be prohibited.

[F] 703.6 **Testing.** Horizontal and vertical sliding and rolling fire doors shall be inspected and tested annually to confirm operation and full closure. Records of inspections and testing shall be maintained.

[F] 703.7 **Vertical shafts.** Interior vertical shafts, including stairways, elevator hoistways and service and utility shafts, which connect two or more stories of a building shall be enclosed or protected as required in Chapter 11 of the *International Fire Code*. New floor openings in existing buildings shall comply with the *International Building Code*.

[F] 703.8 **Opening protective closers.** Where openings are required to be protected, opening protectives shall be maintained self-closing or automatic-closing by smoke detection. Existing fusible-link-type automatic door-closing devices shall be replaced if the fusible link rating exceeds 135°F (57°C).

## SECTION 704 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

[F] 704.1 **Inspection, testing and maintenance.** Fire detection, alarm and extinguishing systems, mechanical smoke exhaust systems, and smoke and heat vents shall be maintained in accordance with the *International Fire Code* in an operative condition at all times, and shall be replaced or repaired where defective.

[F] 704.1.1 **Installation.** Fire protection systems shall be maintained in accordance with the original installation standards for that system. Required systems shall be extended, altered or augmented as necessary to maintain and continue protection where the building is altered or enlarged. Alterations to fire protection systems shall be done in accordance with applicable standards.

[F] 704.1.2 **Required fire protection systems.** Fire protection systems required by this code, the *International Fire Code* or the *International Building Code* shall be installed, repaired, operated, tested and maintained in accordance with this code. A fire protection system for which a design option, exception or reduction to the provisions of this code, the *International Fire Code* or the *International Building Code* has been granted shall be considered to be a required system.

[F] 704.1.3 **Fire protection systems.** Fire protection systems shall be inspected, maintained and tested in accordance with the following *International Fire Code* requirements.

1. Automatic sprinkler systems, see Section 903.5.
2. Automatic fire-extinguishing systems protecting commercial cooking systems, see Section 904.12.5.
3. Automatic water mist extinguishing systems, see Section 904.11.
4. Carbon dioxide extinguishing systems, see Section 904.8.
5. Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detection systems, see Section 915.6.
6. Clean-agent extinguishing systems, see Section 904.10.
7. Dry-chemical extinguishing systems, see Section 904.6.
8. Fire alarm and fire detection systems, see Section 907.8.
9. Fire department connections, see Sections 912.4 and 912.7.
10. Fire pumps, see Section 913.5.
11. Foam extinguishing systems, see Section 904.7.
12. Halon extinguishing systems, see Section 904.9.

13. Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms, see Section 907.10.
14. Smoke and heat vents and mechanical smoke removal systems, see Section 910.5.
15. Smoke control systems, see Section 909.20.
16. Wet-chemical extinguishing systems, see Section 904.5.

[F] **704.2 Standards.** Fire protection systems shall be inspected, tested and maintained in accordance with the referenced standards listed in Table 704.2 and as required in this section.

**TABLE 704.2**  
**FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE STANDARDS**

SYSTEM	STANDARD
Portable fire extinguishers	NFPA 10
Carbon dioxide fire-extinguishing system	NFPA 12
Halon 1301 fire-extinguishing systems	NFPA 12A
Dry-chemical extinguishing systems	NFPA 17
Wet-chemical extinguishing systems	NFPA 17A
Water-based fire protection systems	NFPA 25
Fire alarm systems	NFPA 72
Smoke and heat vents	NFPA 204
Water-mist systems	NFPA 750
Clean-agent extinguishing systems	NFPA 2001

[F] **704.2.1 Records.** Records shall be maintained of all system inspections, tests and maintenance required by the referenced standards.

[F] **704.2.2 Records information.** Initial records shall include the: name of the installation contractor; type of components installed; manufacturer of the components; location and number of components installed per floor; and manufacturers' operation and maintenance instruction manuals. Such records shall be maintained for the life of the installation.

[F] **704.3 Systems out of service.** Where a required fire protection system is out of service, the fire department and the fire code official shall be notified immediately and, where required by the fire code official, either the building shall be evacuated or an approved fire watch shall be provided for all occupants left unprotected by the shutdown until the fire protection system has been returned to service. Where utilized, fire watches shall be provided with not less than one approved means for notification of the fire department and shall not have duties beyond performing constant patrols of the protected premises and keeping watch for fires. Actions shall be taken in accordance with Section 901 of the *International Fire Code* to bring the systems back in service.

[F] **704.3.1 Emergency impairments.** Where unplanned impairments of fire protection systems occur, appropriate emergency action shall be taken to minimize potential injury and damage. The impairment coordinator shall implement the steps outlined in Section 901.7.4 of the *International Fire Code*.

[F] **704.4 Removal of or tampering with equipment.** It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant, fire detection and alarm system, fire suppression system or other fire appliance required by this code except for the purposes of extinguishing fire, training, recharging or making necessary repairs.

[F] **704.4.1 Removal of or tampering with appurtenances.** Locks, gates, doors, barricades, chains, enclosures, signs, tags and seals that have been installed by or at the direction of the fire code official shall not be removed, unlocked, destroyed or tampered with in any manner.

[F] **704.4.2 Removal of existing occupant-use hose lines.** The fire code official is authorized to permit the removal of existing occupant-use hose lines where all of the following apply:

1. The installation is not required by the *International Fire Code* or the *International Building Code*.
2. The hose line would not be utilized by trained personnel or the fire department.
3. The remaining outlets are compatible with local fire department fittings.

[F] **704.4.3 Termination of monitoring service.** For fire alarm systems required to be monitored by the *International Fire Code*, notice shall be made to the fire code official whenever alarm monitoring services are terminated. Notice shall be made in writing by the provider of the monitoring service being terminated.

[F] **704.5 Fire department connection.** Where the fire department connection is not visible to approaching fire apparatus, the fire department connection shall be indicated by an *approved* sign mounted on the street front or on the side of the building. Such sign shall have the letters "FDC" not less than 6 inches (152 mm) high and words in letters not less than 2 inches (51 mm) high or an arrow to indicate the location. Such signs shall be subject to the approval of the fire code official.

[F] **704.5.1 Fire department connection access.** Ready access to fire department connections shall be maintained at all times and without obstruction by fences, bushes, trees, walls or any other fixed or movable object. Access to fire department connections shall be approved by the fire chief.

**Exception:** Fences, where provided with an access gate equipped with a sign complying with the legend requirements of Section 912.5 of the *International Fire Code* and a means of emergency operation. The gate and the means of emergency operation shall be approved by the fire chief and maintained operational at all times.

[F] **704.5.2 Clear space around connections.** A working space of not less than 36 inches (914 mm) in width, 36 inches (914 mm) in depth and 78 inches (1981 mm) in height shall be provided and maintained in front of and to the sides of wall-mounted fire department connections and around the circumference of free-standing fire department connections.

## FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

[F] **704.6 Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms.** Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed in existing Group I-1 and R occupancies in accordance with Sections 704.6.1 through 704.6.3.

[F] **704.6.1 Where required.** Existing Group I-1 and R occupancies shall be provided with single-station smoke alarms in accordance with Sections 704.6.1.1 through 704.6.1.4. Interconnection and power sources shall be in accordance with Sections 704.6.2 and 704.6.3.

### Exceptions:

1. Where the code that was in effect at the time of construction required smoke alarms and smoke alarms complying with those requirements are already provided.
2. Where smoke alarms have been installed in occupancies and dwellings that were not required to have them at the time of construction, additional smoke alarms shall not be required provided that the existing smoke alarms comply with requirements that were in effect at the time of installation.
3. Where smoke detectors connected to a fire alarm system have been installed as a substitute for smoke alarms.

[F] **704.6.1.1 Group R-1.** Single- or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed in all of the following locations in Group R-1:

1. In sleeping areas.
2. In every room in the path of the *means of egress* from the sleeping area to the door leading from the *sleeping unit*.
3. In each story within the *sleeping unit*, including basements. For *sleeping units* with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

[F] **704.6.1.2 Groups R-2, R-3, R-4 and I-1.** Single- or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed and maintained in Groups R-2, R-3, R-4 and I-1 regardless of *occupant load* at all of the following locations:

1. On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.
2. In each room used for sleeping purposes.
3. In each story within a *dwelling unit*, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In *dwellings* or *dwelling units* with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

[F] **704.6.1.3 Installation near cooking appliances.** Smoke alarms shall not be installed in the following

locations unless this would prevent placement of a smoke alarm in a location required by Section 704.6.1.1 or 704.6.1.2.

1. Ionization smoke alarms shall not be installed less than 20 feet (6096 mm) horizontally from a permanently installed cooking appliance.
2. Ionization smoke alarms with an alarm-silencing switch shall not be installed less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from a permanently installed cooking appliance.
3. Photoelectric smoke alarms shall not be installed less than 6 feet (1829 mm) horizontally from a permanently installed cooking appliance.

[F] **704.6.1.4 Installation near bathrooms.** Smoke alarms shall be installed not less than 3 feet (914 mm) horizontally from the door or opening of a bathroom that contains a bathtub or shower unless this would prevent placement of a smoke alarm required by Section 704.6.1.1 or 704.6.1.2.

[F] **704.6.2 Interconnection.** Where more than one smoke alarm is required to be installed within an individual *dwelling* or *sleeping unit*, the smoke alarms shall be interconnected in such a manner that the activation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual unit. Physical interconnection of smoke alarms shall not be required where listed wireless alarms are installed and all alarms sound upon activation of one alarm. The alarm shall be clearly audible in all bedrooms over background noise levels with all intervening doors closed.

### Exceptions:

1. Interconnection is not required in buildings that are not undergoing *alterations*, repairs or construction of any kind.
2. Smoke alarms in existing areas are not required to be interconnected where *alterations* or repairs do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available that could provide access for interconnection without the removal of interior finishes.

[F] **704.6.3 Power source.** Single-station smoke alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring provided that such wiring is served from a commercial source and shall be equipped with a battery backup. Smoke alarms with integral strobes that are not equipped with battery backup shall be connected to an emergency electrical system. Smoke alarms shall emit a signal when the batteries are low. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than as required for over-current protection.

### Exceptions:

1. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in existing buildings where construction is not taking place.
2. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in buildings that are not served from a commercial power source.

3. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in existing areas of buildings undergoing *alterations* or repairs that do not result in the removal of interior walls or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or *basement* available that could provide access for building wiring without the removal of interior finishes.

[F] **704.6.4 Smoke detection system.** Smoke detectors listed in accordance with UL 268 and provided as part of the building's fire alarm system shall be an acceptable alternative to single- and multiple-station smoke alarms and shall comply with the following:

1. The fire alarm system shall comply with all applicable requirements in Section 907 of the *International Fire Code*.
2. Activation of a smoke detector in a dwelling or sleeping unit shall initiate alarm notification in the *dwelling* or *sleeping unit* in accordance with Section 907.5.2 of the *International Fire Code*.
3. Activation of a smoke detector in a *dwelling* or *sleeping unit* shall not activate alarm notification appliances outside of the *dwelling* or *sleeping unit*, provided that a supervisory signal is generated and monitored in accordance with Section 907.6.6 of the *International Fire Code*.

[F] **704.7 Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms.** Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms shall be tested and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Smoke alarms that do not function shall be replaced. Smoke alarms installed in one- and two-family dwellings shall be replaced not more than 10 years from the date of manufacture marked on the unit, or shall be replaced if the date of manufacture cannot be determined.

## SECTION 705 CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS AND DETECTION

[F] **705.1 General.** Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in dwellings in accordance with Section 1103.9 of the *International Fire Code*, except that alarms in dwellings covered by the *International Residential Code* shall be installed in accordance with Section R315 of that code.

[F] **705.2 Carbon monoxide alarms and detectors.** Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detection systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 720. Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detectors that become inoperable or begin producing end-of-life signals shall be replaced.





## CHAPTER 8

# REFERENCED STANDARDS

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### User note:

*About this chapter:* This code contains numerous references to standards promulgated by other organizations that are used to provide requirements for materials and methods of construction. Chapter 8 contains a comprehensive list of all standards that are referenced in this code. These standards, in essence, are part of this code to the extent of the reference to the standard.

*This chapter lists the standards that are referenced in various sections of this document. The standards are listed herein by the promulgating agency of the standard, the standard identification, the effective date and title and the section or sections of this document that reference the standard. The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in Section 102.7.*

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## ASME

American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Two Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10016-5990

ASME A17.1—2016/CSA B44—16: Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators  
606.1

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## ASTM

ASTM International  
100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959

F1346—91 (2010): Performance Specifications for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs  
303.2

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## ICC

International Code Council  
500 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
6th Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

IBC—18: International Building Code<sup>®</sup>  
102.3, 201.3, 304.1.1, 305.1.1, 306.1.1, 401.3, 604.3.1.1, 604.3.2.1, 702.3, 704.4.2

IECC—18: International Energy Conservation Code<sup>®</sup>  
102.3

IEBC—18: International Existing Building Code<sup>®</sup>  
102.3, 201.3, 304.1.1, 305.1.1, 306.1.1

IFC—18: International Fire Code<sup>®</sup>  
102.3, 201.3, 604.3.1.1, 702.1, 702.2, 704.1, 704.1.2, 704.1.3, 704.3, 704.3.1, 704.4.2, 704.4.3, 704.5.1, 704.6.4, 705.1

IFGC—18: International Fuel Gas Code<sup>®</sup>  
102.3, 201.3

IMC—18: International Mechanical Code<sup>®</sup>  
102.3, 201.3

IPC—18: International Plumbing Code<sup>®</sup>  
102.3, 201.3, 502.5, 505.1, 505.5.1, 602.2, 602.3

IRC—18: International Residential Code<sup>®</sup>  
102.3, 201.3

IZC—18: International Zoning Code<sup>®</sup>  
102.3, 201.3

## REFERENCED STANDARDS

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### NFPA

National Fire Protection Association  
1 Batterymarch Park  
Quincy, MA 02169-7471

- 10—17: Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers  
Table 704.2
- 12—15: Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems  
Table 704.2
- 12A—15: Standard on Halon 1301 Fire Extinguishing Systems  
Table 704.2
- 17—17: Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems  
Table 704.2
- 17A—17: Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems  
Table 704.2
- 25—17: Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems  
Table 704.2
- 70—17: National Electrical Code  
102.3, 201.3, 604.2
- 72—16: National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code  
Table 704.2
- 80—16: Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives  
703.3.3, 703.4
- 105—16: Standard for Smoke Door Assemblies and Other Opening Protectives  
703.3.2
- 204—15: Standard for Smoke and Heat Venting  
Table 704.2
- 720—15: Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection and Warning Equipment  
[F] 705.2
- 750—14: Standard on Water Mist Fire Protection Systems  
Table 704.2
- 2001—15: Standard on Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems  
Table 704.2

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### UL

Underwriters Laboratories, LLC  
333 Pfingsten Road  
Northbrook, IL 60062

- 268—09: Smoke Detectors for Fire Alarm Systems  
704.6.4

## APPENDIX A

# BOARDING STANDARD

*The provisions contained in this appendix are not mandatory unless specifically referenced in the adopting ordinance.*

### User note:

**About this appendix:** Appendix A provides minimum specifications for boarding a structure. This can be utilized by a jurisdiction as a set of minimum requirements in order to result in consistent boarding quality. These requirements also provide a reasonable means to eliminate having to approve numerous methods or materials for the boarding and securing of a structure. It is important to note that the provisions of Appendix A are not mandatory unless specifically referenced in the adopting ordinance of the authority having jurisdiction.

### A101 GENERAL

**A101.1 General.** Windows and doors shall be boarded in an *approved* manner to prevent entry by unauthorized persons and shall be painted to correspond to the color of the existing structure.

### A102 MATERIALS

**A102.1 Boarding sheet material.** Boarding sheet material shall be minimum  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-thick (12.7 mm) wood structural panels complying with the *International Building Code*.

**A102.2 Boarding framing material.** Boarding framing material shall be minimum nominal 2-inch by 4-inch (51 mm by 102 mm) solid sawn lumber complying with the *International Building Code*.

**A102.3 Boarding fasteners.** Boarding fasteners shall be minimum  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch-diameter (9.5 mm) carriage bolts of such a length as required to penetrate the assembly and as required to adequately attach the washers and nuts. Washers and nuts shall comply with the *International Building Code*.

### A103 INSTALLATION

**A103.1 Boarding installation.** The boarding installation shall be in accordance with Figures A103.1(1) and A103.1(2) and Sections A103.2 through A103.5.

**A103.2 Boarding sheet material.** The boarding sheet material shall be cut to fit the door or window opening neatly or shall be cut to provide an equal overlap at the perimeter of the door or window.

**A103.3 Windows.** The window shall be opened to allow the carriage bolt to pass through or the window sash shall be removed and stored. The 2-inch by 4-inch (51 mm by 102 mm) strong back framing material shall be cut minimum 2 inches (51 mm) wider than the window opening and shall be placed on the inside of the window opening 6 inches (152 mm) minimum above the bottom and below the top of the window opening. The framing and boarding shall be pre-

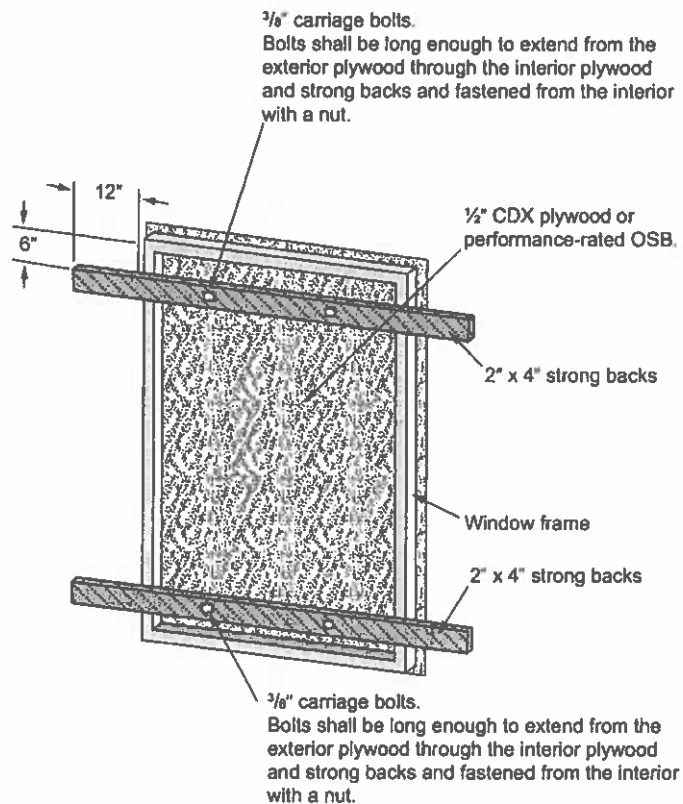
drilled. The assembly shall be aligned and the bolts, washers and nuts shall be installed and secured.

**A103.4 Door walls.** The door opening shall be framed with minimum 2-inch by 4-inch (51 mm by 102 mm) framing material secured at the entire perimeter and vertical members at a maximum of 24 inches (610 mm) on center. Blocking shall also be secured at a maximum of 48 inches (1219 mm) on center vertically. Boarding sheet material shall be secured with screws and nails alternating every 6 inches (152 mm) on center.

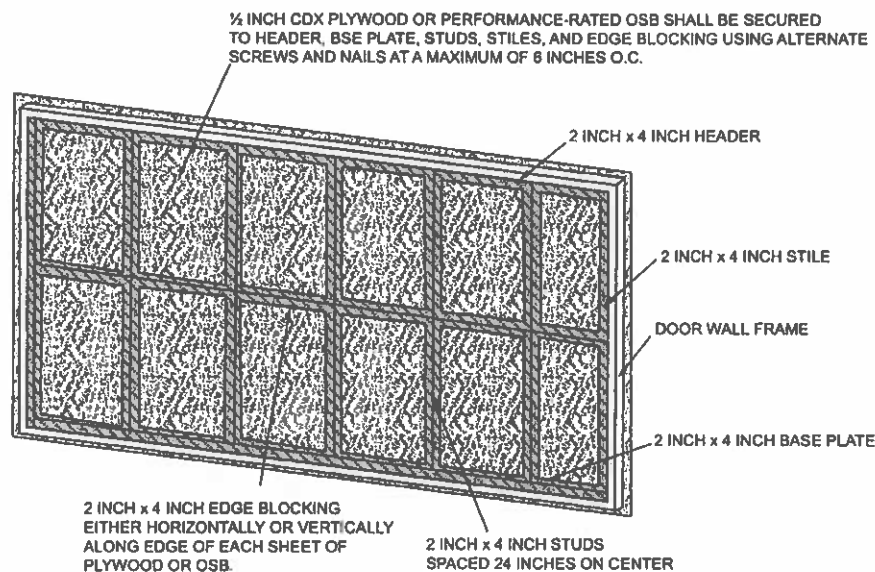
**A103.5 Doors.** Doors shall be secured by the same method as for windows or door openings. One door to the structure shall be available for authorized entry and shall be secured and locked in an *approved* manner.

### A104 REFERENCED STANDARD

IBC—18 International Building Code A102.1,  
A102.2, A102.3



**FIGURE A103.1(1)**  
**BOARDING OF DOOR OR WINDOW**



For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm.

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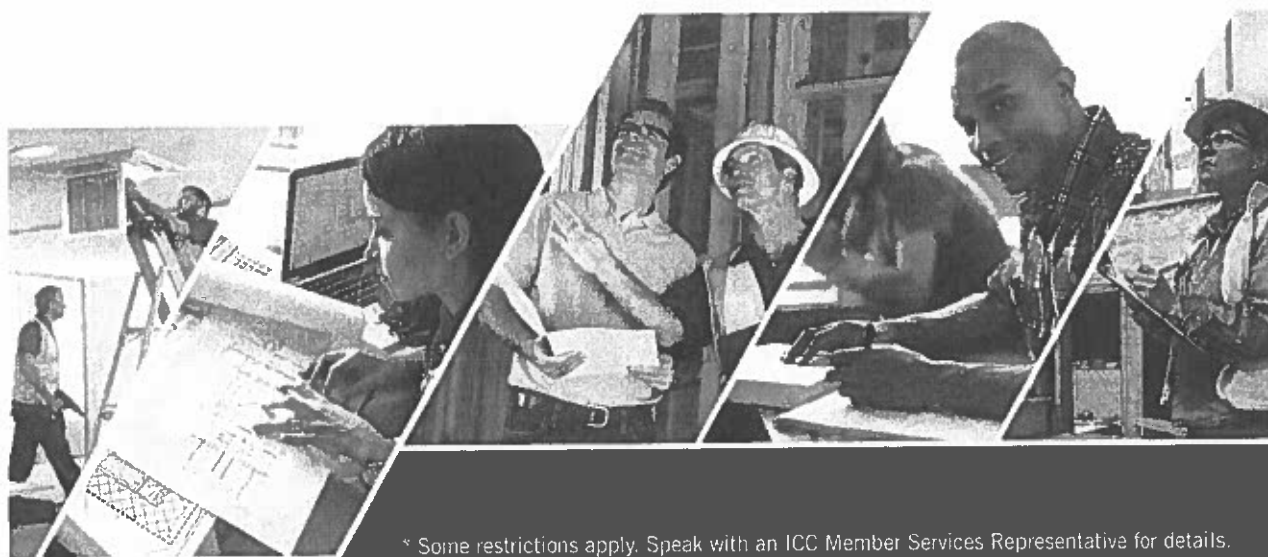
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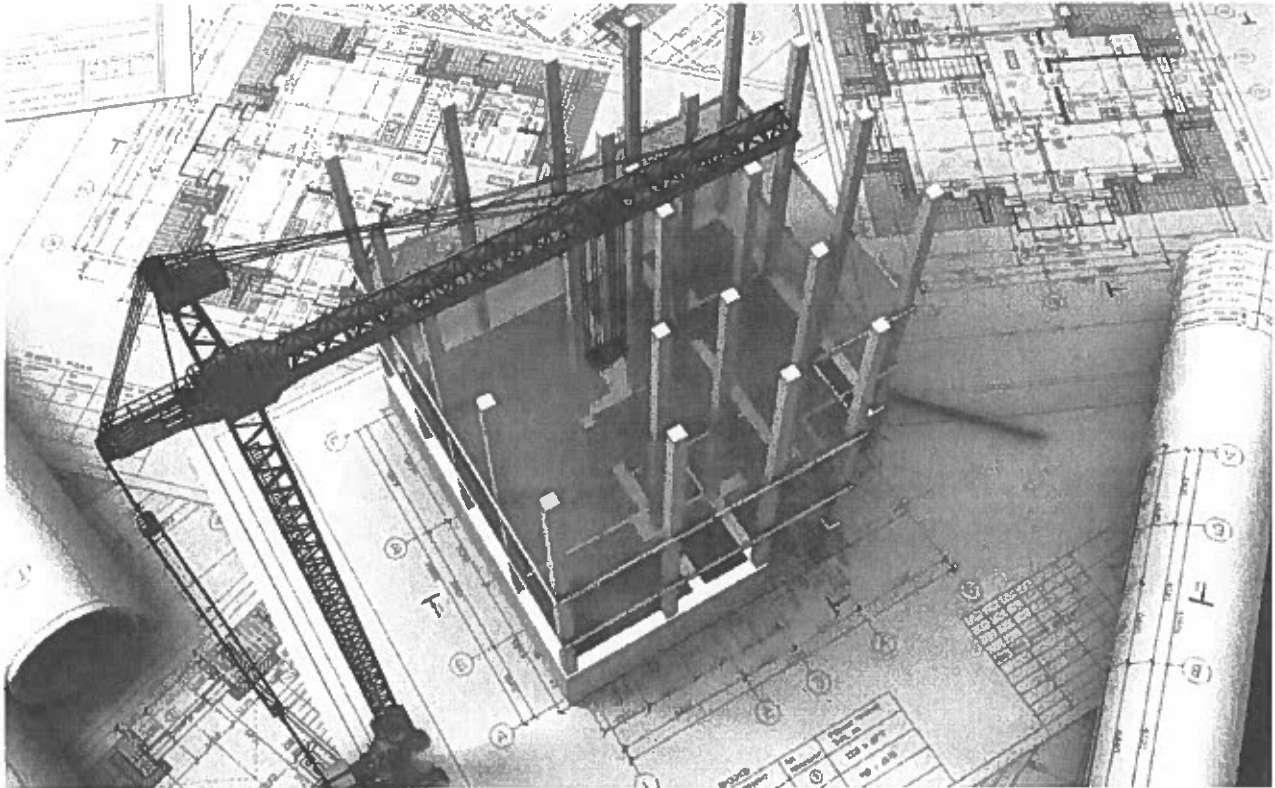
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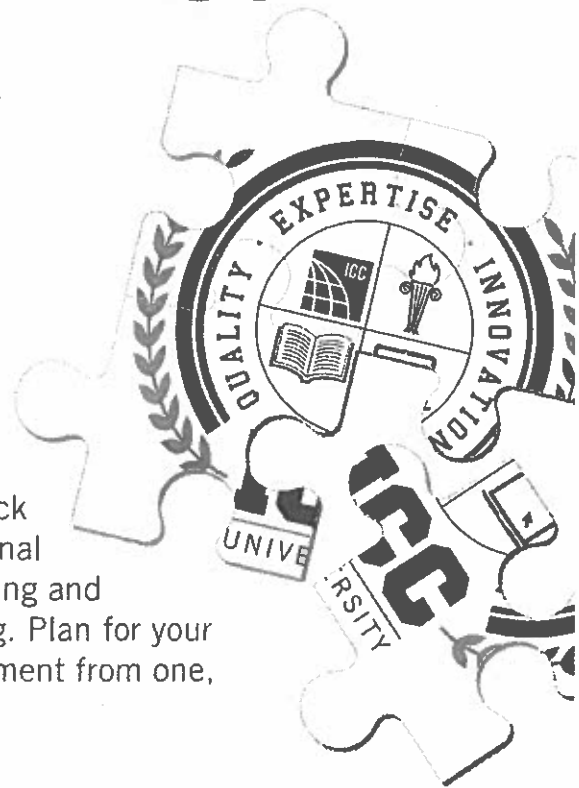
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## Staff Report

To: Board of Adjustment  
From: Sandra Jones  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Date: August 1, 2023  
Re: Variance Case V-24-002

### 1. Requested Action

Variance Case #V-24-002: Scott and Twanette Stauth request a variance of Planning & Zoning Code Chapter 8, Section 8-5.4.1-D (1): Minimum Interior Yard Setback: 6 on his lot located at 11771 Castle Dome Street (Parcel #: 709-59-312). The request is for a 5-foot variance of the interior yard setback for construction of 2 storage sheds and a 2-foot variance of the rear yard setback for one of the storage sheds.

### 2. Summary

The location is 11771 Castle Dome Street.

### 3. Fiscal Impact

N/A

### 4. Recommended Motion

Variance Case V-24-002 will be on the September 5, 2023 Regular meeting Agenda.

Prepared by:

  
Sandra Jones, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved for  
Agenda by:

  
Richard Marsh, Town Manager



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☐ MAJOR AMENDMENT                      ☐ MINOR AMENDMENT                      ☐ LOT SPLIT/LOT TIE  
☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: V-24-002 Public Hearing Date: 8/1/2023

70459312 Property Information	
Address/Parcel No.: <u>11771 Castle Dome St., Wellton</u>	Current Zoning: <u>Residential</u>
Area (acres/sq ft) to be affected: <u>90 sq. ft.</u>	Proposed Zoning or Number of Lot Splits/Ties: <u>n/a</u>
Current Use: <u>Single family Home</u>	Proposed Use: <u>add 2 storage Sheds</u>
Request: <u>Setback reduction</u>	Valuation of Work: <u>\$10,000</u>
Purpose of the above requested actions? <u>See attached supplemental sheet</u>	

Property Owner(s) / Agent(s) Information	
Property Owner's Name(s): <u>Scott &amp; Twanette Stauth</u>	Agent's Name(s):
Mailing Address: <u>11771 Castle Dome St.</u>	Mailing Address:
City, State, & Zip: <u>Wellton, AZ 85356</u>	City, State, & Zip:
Phone: <u>(214) 586-5180</u>	Phone:
E-mail: <u>Twanette2271@yahoo.com</u>	E-mail:
Fax: <u>—</u>	Fax:

I affirm that I am the owner of record of the subject property. If an agent is named, I hereby authorize that person to act on my behalf in matters relating to this application. <b>Property Owner's signature is mandatory on all applications.</b>		I hereby declare that all of the above information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that errors in this application may delay review.	
Property Owner's Signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date	Agent's Signature	Date
Property Owner's Signature <u>Twanette Stauth</u>	Date	Agent's Signature	Date



## VARIANCE APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Property owner: Scott and Twanette Stauth  
11771 Castle Dome Street, Wellton, AZ

### PURPOSE OF THE REQUESTED VARIANCE:

To place two small storage sheds on the subject property. Both sheds will be placed on pads 9'x 5' and be 7 feet high.

Shed #1 request a variance of Zoning Code Section 8-5.4.1-D(1) in sideyard (interior) setback from 6' to 1' on south side of property

Shed #2 request a variance of Zoning Code Section 8-5.4.1-D(1) from sideyard (interior) setback from 6' to 1' and from rearyard setback from 3' to 1'.

### REASONS FOR GRANTING THE VARIANCE:

1. The strict application of the Zoning Code deprives the property owner of privileges enjoyed by other property in the vicinity and under identical zoning classification.
2. The variance will not constitute a special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity and zone in which this property is located.
3. The variance will not authorize a use or activity which is not otherwise expressly authorized by the applicable use classification.
4. Granting the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, or injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity and zone in which the property is located.



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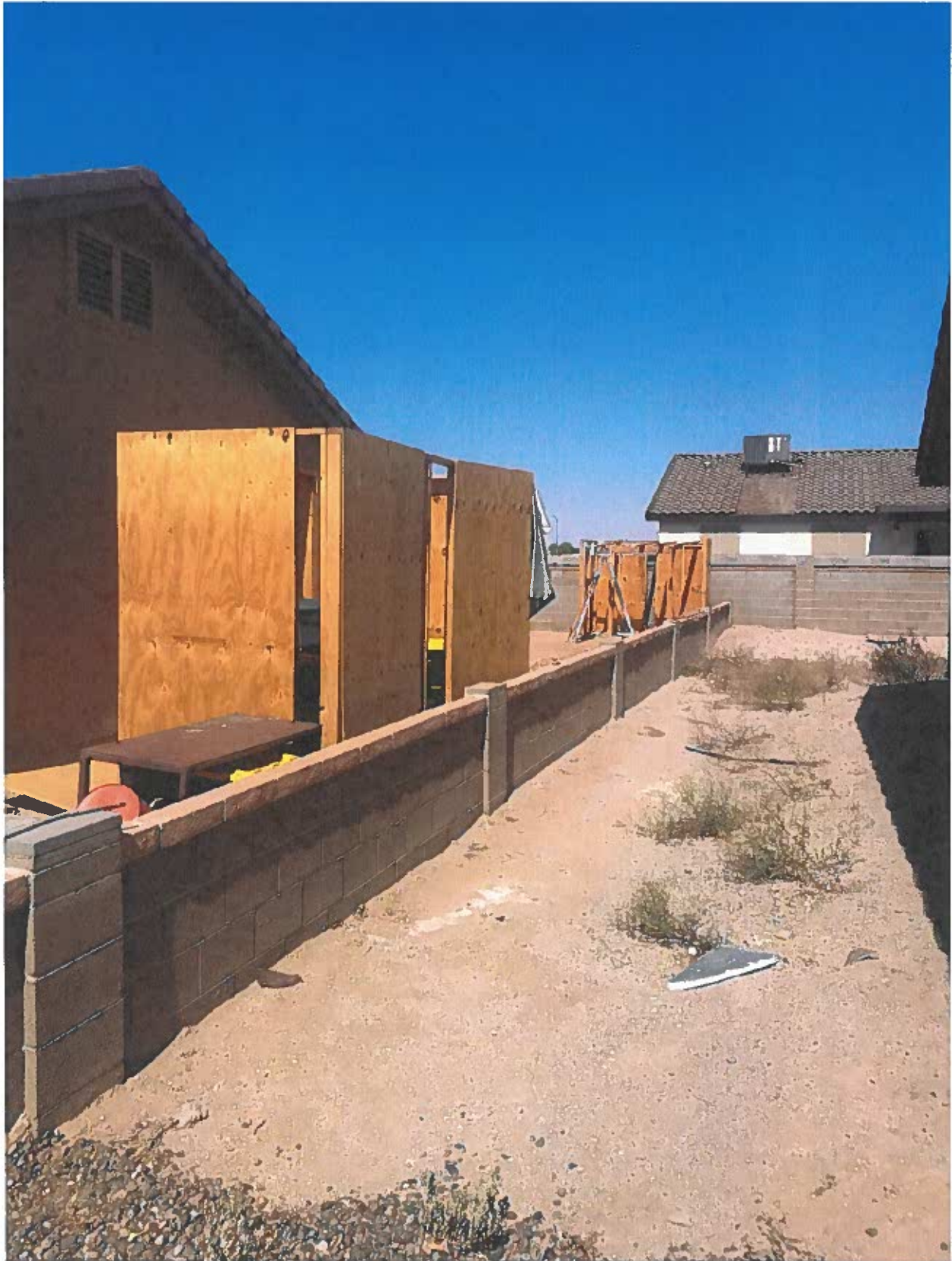
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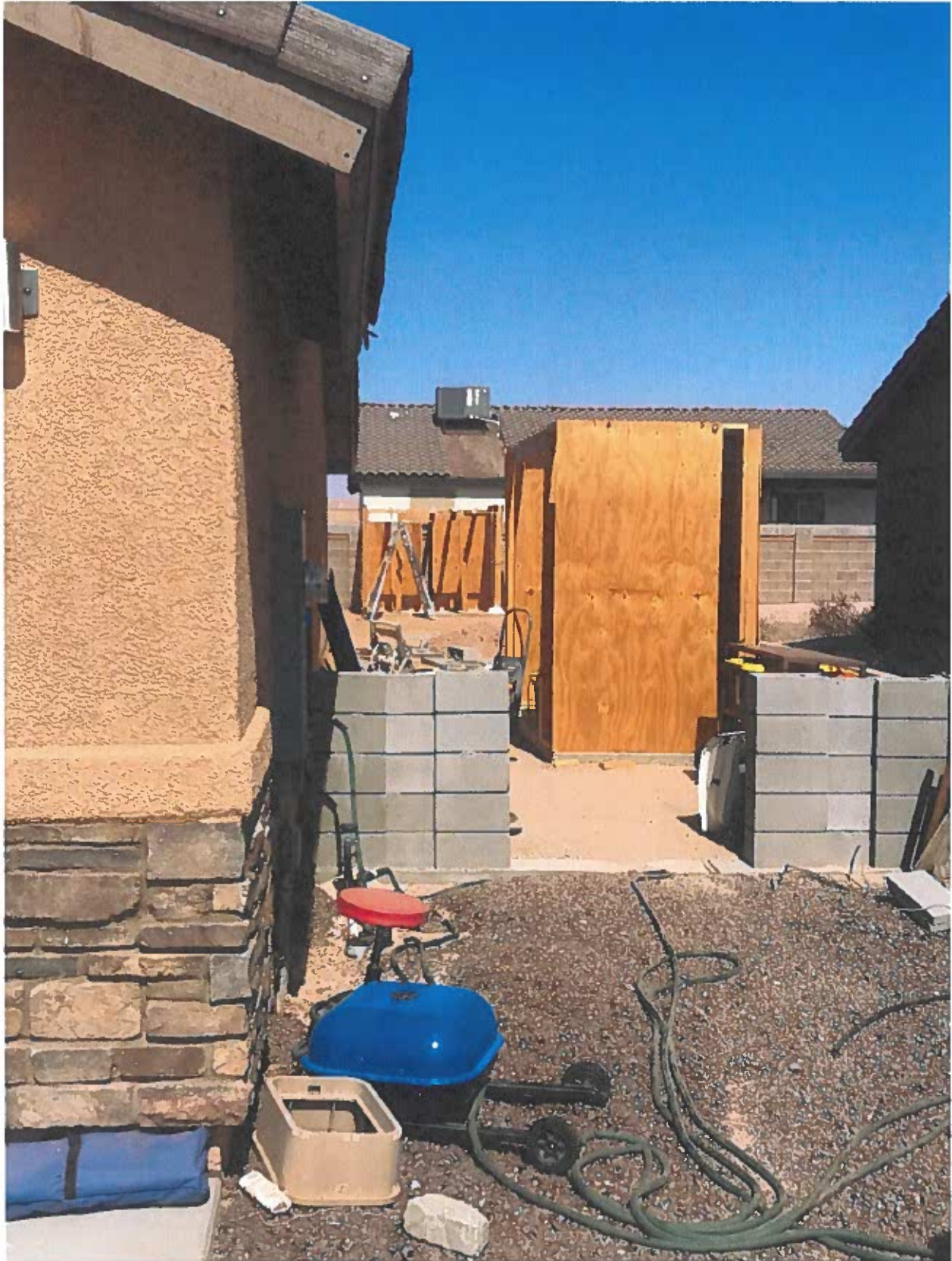
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2. **Variance Case #V-24-003:** Jose A Montoya requests a variance of Planning & Zoning Code Chapter 8, Section 8-5.4.1-D (1): Minimum Interior Yard Setback: 6 feet on his lot located at 28412 Telegraph Avenue (Parcel #: 709-58-332). The request is for a 6 foot variance of the interior yard setback for construction of a carport.

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## Staff Report

To: Board of Adjustment  
From: Sandra Jones  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Date: August 1, 2023  
Re: Variance Case V-24-003

### 1. Requested Action

Variance Case #V-24-003: Jose A Montoya requests a variance of Planning & Zoning Code Chapter 8, Section 8-5.4.1-D (1): Minimum Interior Yard Setback: 6 feet on his lot located at 28412 Telegraph Avenue (Parcel #: 709-58-332). The request is for a 6-foot variance of the interior yard setback for construction of a carport.

### 2. Summary

The location is 28412 Telegraph Avenue.

### 3. Fiscal Impact

N/A

### 4. Recommended Motion

Variance Case V-24-002 will be on the September 5, 2023 Regular meeting Agenda.

Prepared by:

  
Sandra Jones, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved for  
Agenda by:

  
Richard Marsh, Town Manager



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☐ MAJOR AMENDMENT                      ☐ MINOR AMENDMENT                      ☐ LOT SPLIT/LOT TIE  
☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: V-24-003                      Public Hearing Date: 8/1/2023

Property Information	
Address/Parcel No.: <u>28412 Telegraph AV 709 58332</u>	Current Zoning: <u>residential</u>
Area (acres/sq ft) to be affected:	Proposed Zoning or Number of Lot Splits/Ties: <u>—</u>
Current Use: <u>residential</u>	Proposed Use: <u>residential</u>
Request: <u>6ft variance on east</u>	Valuation of Work: <u>—</u>
Purpose of the above requested actions? <u>install a carport</u>	

Property Owner(s) / Agent(s) Information	
Property Owner's Name(s): <u>Jose A Montoya</u>	Agent's Name(s):
Mailing Address: <u>28412 Telegraph AV</u>	Mailing Address:
City, State, & Zip: <u>Wellton, AZ 85356</u>	City, State, & Zip:
Phone: <u>928-581-5898</u>	Phone:
E-mail: <u>JoseMontoya39756@gmail.com</u>	E-mail:
Fax:	Fax:

<i>I affirm that I am the owner of record of the subject property. If an agent is named, I hereby authorize that person to act on my behalf in matters relating to this application. Property Owner's signature is mandatory on all applications.</i>		<i>I hereby declare that all of the above information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that errors in this application may delay review.</i>	
<u>Jose A Montoya</u> Property Owner's Signature	<u>7/17/23</u> Date		
		Agent's Signature	Date
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May 26, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

We Gary and Connie Bennett reside at 28402 Telegraph Ave. in Wellton, Az. It has come to our attention that permits will be needed by our neighbors Jose and Nora Montoya living at 28412 Telegraph Ave to install a shaded car port on their property.

This letter is to inform the Town of Wellton that we Gary and Connie Bennett, who are the neighbors west of 28412 Telegraph Ave, are perfectly accepting of the installment of the car port on Jose and Nora Montoya's property.

Sincerely

Gary and Connie Bennett

*Gary Bennett*

*Connie J. Bennett*

28402 Telegraph Ave.  
Wellton, AZ  
970-946-4564

cc Jose and Nora Montoya

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## Staff Report

To: Board of Adjustment  
From: Sandra Jones  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Date: August 1, 2023  
Re: Variance Case V-24-001

### 1. Requested Action

Variance Case #V-24-001: Quick Fix Pools and Spas LLC, agent for Jim and Tamra Wilcox, requests a variance of Planning & Zoning Code Chapter 8, Section 8-5.4.1-D (1): Minimum Interior Yard Setback: 6 feet on their lot located at 28731 Canal Avenue (Parcel #: 709-52-139) for the installation of a pool.

### 2. Summary

The location is 28731 Canal Avenue. The customer would like to maintain a width of 6 feet for their pool.

### 3. Fiscal Impact

N/A

### 4. Recommended Motion

It is recommended the Town Council approve Variance Case V-24-001.

Prepared by:

  
Sandra Jones, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved for  
Agenda by:

  
Richard Marsh, Town Manager



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☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_



Case Number: V-24-001                      Public Hearing Date: 7/11/2023

Property Information	
Address/Parcel No.: 28731 Canal Ave 85356	Current Zoning: Residential
Area (acres/sq ft) to be affected: 40	Proposed Zoning or Number of Lot Splits/Ties: No change
Current Use: Set back from property line	Proposed Use: Set back variance to allow for more width on pool
Request: Our request is to bring the pool closer to property line. We would like to build 5ft off the property line.	Valuation of Work: \$80,000.00
Purpose of the above requested actions?  To have more width for pool water	

Property Owner(s) / Agent(s) Information	
Property Owner's Name(s): Shanna Helgath & Jim & Tamra Wilcox	Agent's Name(s): Quick Fix Pools And Spas LLC
Mailing Address: 28731 Canal Avenue	Mailing Address: 13835 east 52nd drive
City, State, & Zip: Wellton arizona 85356	City, State, & Zip: Yuma Arizona 85367
Phone: +12533509718	Phone: 9289200838
E-mail: ShannaHelgath@hotmail.com	E-mail: Office@quickfixpools.com
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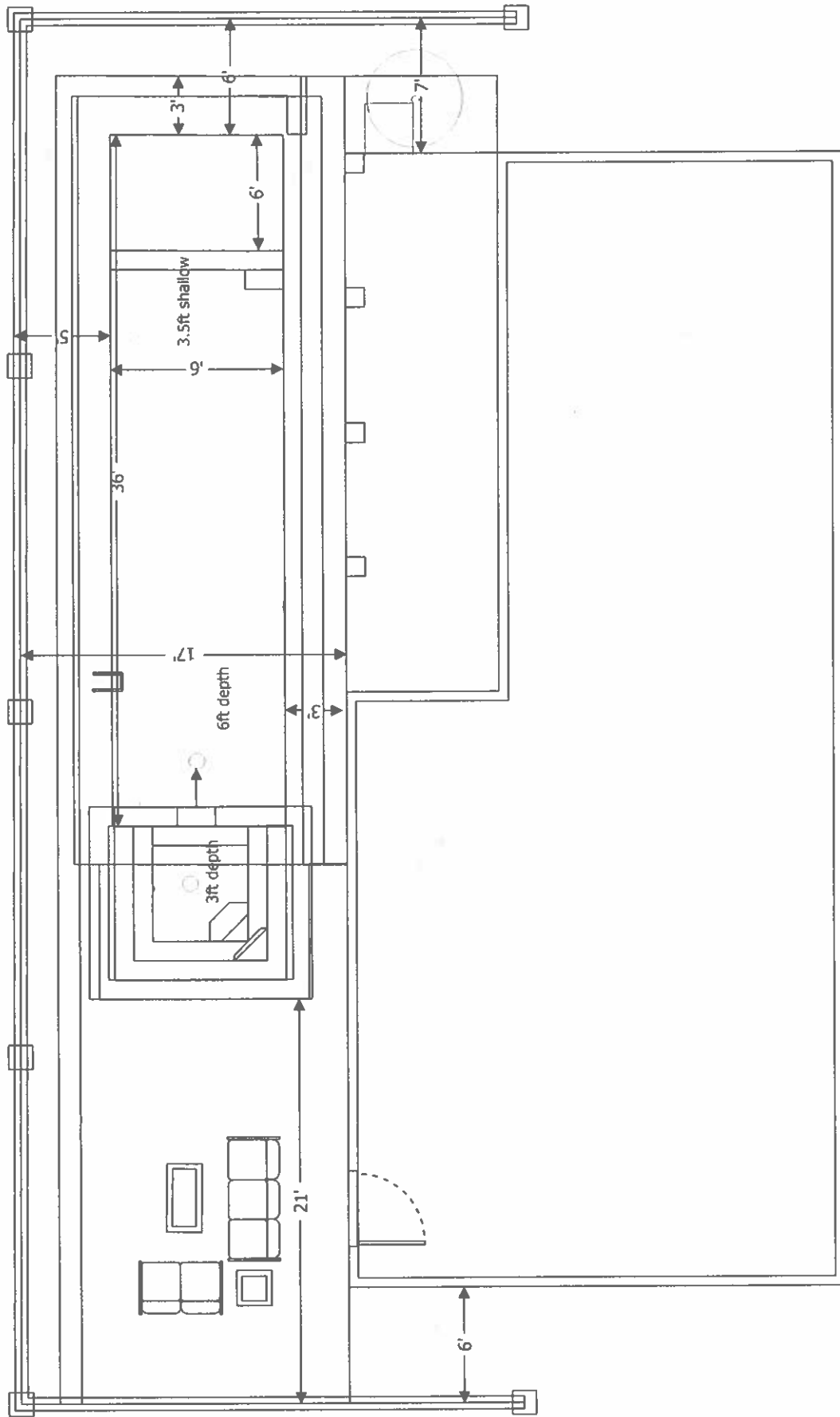
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Property Owner's Signature                      Date

Agent's Signature                      Date  
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## Staff Report

To: Mayor & Council  
From: Richard Marsh  
Town Manager  
Date: August 1, 2023  
Re: Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between the Town of Wellton and Osuch Consulting Services, PLLC for Finance Director

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### 1. Requested Action

Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between the Town of Wellton and Osuch Consulting Services, PLLC for Finance Director.

### 2. Summary

The former Finance Director \$79,400 (inclusive of benefits). There was also the additional expense of \$35,000 for the CPAs to prepare the financial statements for the annual Fiscal Year Audit. The contractor's fee would be a flat \$78,000. The contractor is a CPA and will complete all necessary financial statements and fulfill duties of the Finance Director.

### 3. Fiscal Impact

Total savings to the Town would be \$36,000 annually. The contractor has a higher degree of expertise and experience for the position.

### 4. Recommended Motion

It is recommended the Mayor and Council approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between the Town of Wellton and Osuch Consulting Services, PLLC for Finance Director.

Prepared and  
Approved for  
Agenda by:

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Richard Marsh, Town Manager

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE TOWN OF WELLTON  
AND  
OSUCH CONSULTING SERVICES, PLLC**

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is entered into as of September 1, 2023, between the Town of Wellton, an Arizona municipal corporation (the "Town"), and Osuch Consulting Services, PLLC, an Arizona professional limited liability company (the "Consultant").

**RECITALS**

A. The Town requires the services of a Finance Director, including but not limited to monthly bank reconciliations and other key reconciliations, review and approval of processed payroll, banking transactions (including ACH approvals, bank transfers, Xpress pay reconciliations, and transfers to the Town checking account), certain grant reimbursement preparations, review of accounts payable, budget preparation, and other duties necessary by the Town or Town Manager (the "Services").

B. The Consultant possesses the skill and experience required to provide the Services.

C. After a competitive selection proves, the Town has selected the Consultant to provide the Services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing introduction and recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, the following mutual covenants and conditions, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Town and the Consultant hereby agree as follows:

1. **Term of Agreement.**

1.1 **Initial Term.** This Agreement shall be effective as of the date first set forth above and shall remain in full force and effect until August 31, 2024 (the "Initial Term"), unless terminated as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

1.2 **Renewal Terms.** After the expiration of the Initial Term, this Agreement may be renewed for up to two successive one-year terms (each, a "Renewal Term") if (A) it is deemed in the best interests of the Town, subject to availability and appropriation of funds for renewal in each subsequent year, (B) at least 30 days prior to the end of the then-current term of this Agreement, the Consultant requests, in writing, to extend this Agreement for an additional one-year term, and (C) the Town approves the additional one-year term in writing (including any price adjustments), as evidenced by the Town Manager's signature thereon, which approval may be withheld by the Town for any reason. The Consultant's failure to seek a renewal of this Agreement shall cause this Agreement to terminate at the end of the then-current term of this

Agreement; provided, however, that the Town may, at its discretion and with the agreement of the Consultant, elect to waive this requirement and renew this Agreement. The Initial Term and any Renewal Term(s) are collectively referred to herein as the "Term." Upon renewal, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

1.3 Non-Default. By requesting extension for a Renewal Term as set forth above, or by consenting to a Renewal Term in any manner, Consultant shall be deemed to affirmatively assert that (A) the Town is not currently in default, nor has been in default at any time prior to the Renewal Term, under any of the terms or conditions of the Agreement, and (B) any and all claims, known and unknown, relating to the Agreement and existing on or before the commencement date of the Renewal Term are forever waived.

2. Scope of Work. The Consultant shall (i) provide the Services, (ii) be responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences, and proceedings associated with the Services, and (iii) be responsible for the acts and omissions of its employees, agents and other persons performing any of the Services under a contract with the Consultant.

3. Compensation. The Town shall pay the Consultant for the Services at a rate of \$6,500 per month, for a maximum amount not to exceed \$78,000 in a single Term or Renewal Term.

4. Payments. The Town shall pay the Consultant monthly for the Services, based upon work performed and completed to date and upon submission and approval of invoices. All invoices shall document and itemize all work completed to date. Each invoice statement shall include a record of time expended and work performed in sufficient detail to justify payment.

5. Safety Plan. The Consultant shall provide the Services in accordance with a safety plan that is compliant with Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA"), American National Standards Institute, and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health standards. If, in the Consultant's sole determination, the Services to be provided do not require a safety plan, the Consultant shall notify the Town, in writing, describing the reasons a safety plan is unnecessary. The Town reserves the right to request a safety plan following such notification.

6. Documents. All documents, including any intellectual property rights thereto, prepared and submitted to the Town pursuant to this Agreement shall be the property of the Town. The Town may use such documents for other purposes without further compensation to the Consultant; however, any reuse without written verification or adaptation by the Consultant for the specific purpose intended will be at the Town's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to the Consultant.

7. Consultant Personnel. The Consultant shall provide experienced personnel, capable of and devoted to the successful performance of the Services under this Agreement. The Consultant agrees to assign specific individuals to key positions. If deemed qualified, the Consultant is encouraged to hire Town residents to fill vacant positions at all levels. The Consultant agrees that, upon commencement of the Services to be performed under this Agreement, key personnel will not be removed or replaced without prior written notice to the Town. If key personnel are not available to perform the Services for a continuous period exceeding

30 calendar days, or are expected to devote substantially less effort to the Services than initially anticipated, the Consultant shall immediately notify the Town of same and shall, subject to the concurrence of the Town, replace such personnel with personnel possessing substantially equal ability and qualifications.

8. Inspection; Acceptance. All work shall be subject to inspection and acceptance by the Town at reasonable times during the Consultant's performance. The Consultant shall provide and maintain a self-inspection system that is acceptable to the Town.

9. Licenses. The Consultant shall maintain in current status all federal, state, and local licenses and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by the Consultant. The Town has no obligation to provide the Consultant, its employees, or subcontractors any business registrations or licenses required to perform the specific services set forth in this Agreement.

10. Materials; Equipment. The Consultant shall provide, pay for, and insure under the requisite laws and regulations all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Services.

11. Performance Warranty. In addition to any specific obligations set forth in Section 2, the Consultant warrants that the Services rendered will conform to the requirements of this Agreement and shall be carried out with the care and skill ordinarily used by members of the same profession practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality.

12. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town and each council member, officer, employee, or agent thereof (the Town and any such person being herein called an "Indemnified Party"), for, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs and the costs of appellate proceedings) to which any such Indemnified Party may become subject, under any theory of liability whatsoever ("Claims") to the extent that such Claims (or actions in respect thereof) are caused by the negligent acts, recklessness or intentional misconduct of the Consultant, its officers, employees, agents, or any tier of subcontractor in connection with the Consultant's work or services in the performance of this Agreement. The amount and type of insurance coverage requirements set forth below will in no way be construed as limiting the scope of the indemnity in this Section.

13. Insurance.

13.1 General.

A. Insurer Qualifications. Without limiting any obligations or liabilities of the Consultant, the Consultant shall purchase and maintain, at its own expense, hereinafter stipulated minimum insurance with insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Arizona pursuant to ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 20-206, as amended, with an AM Best, Inc. rating of A- or above with policies and forms satisfactory to the Town. Failure to maintain insurance as specified herein may result in termination of this Agreement at the Town's option.



B. No Representation of Coverage Adequacy. By requiring insurance herein, or by approving or expressing satisfaction with insurance policies and forms pursuant to the provisions of this agreement, the Town does not represent that coverage and limits will be adequate to protect the Consultant. The Town reserves the right to review any and all of the insurance policies and/or endorsements cited in this Agreement, but has no obligation to do so. Failure to demand such evidence of full compliance with the insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement or failure to identify any insurance deficiency shall not relieve Consultant from, nor be construed or deemed a waiver of, its obligation to maintain the required insurance at all times during the performance of this Agreement.

C. Additional Insured. All insurance coverage, except Workers' Compensation insurance and Professional Liability insurance, if applicable, shall name, to the fullest extent permitted by law for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement, the Town, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials, and employees as Additional Named Insured as specified under the respective coverage sections of this Agreement.

D. Coverage Term. All insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect until all work or services required to be performed under the terms of this Agreement are satisfactorily performed, completed, and formally accepted by the Town, unless specified otherwise in this Agreement.

E. Primary Insurance. The Consultant's insurance shall be primary insurance with respect to performance of this Agreement and in the protection of the Town as an Additional Insured.

F. Claims Made. In the event any insurance policies required by this Agreement are written on a "claims made" basis, coverage shall extend, either by keeping coverage in force or purchasing an extended reporting option, for three years past completion and acceptance of the services. Such continuing coverage shall be evidenced by submission of annual Certificates of Insurance and necessary endorsements citing applicable coverage is in force and contains the provisions as required herein for the three-year period.

G. Waiver. All policies, except for Professional Liability, including Workers' Compensation insurance, shall contain a waiver of rights of recovery (subrogation) against the Town, its agents, representatives, officials, officers, and employees for any claims arising out of the work or services of the Consultant. The Consultant shall arrange to have such subrogation waivers incorporated into each policy via formal written endorsement thereto.

H. Policy Deductibles and/or Self-Insured Retentions. The policies set forth in these requirements may provide coverage that contains deductibles or self-insured retention amounts. Such deductibles or self-insured retention shall not be applicable with respect to the policy limits provided to the Town. The Consultant shall be solely responsible for any such deductible or self-insured retention amount.



I. Use of Subcontractors. If any work under this Agreement is subcontracted in any way, the Consultant shall execute written agreements with its subcontractors containing the indemnification provisions set forth in this Section and insurance requirements set forth herein protecting the Town and the Consultant. The Consultant shall be responsible for executing any agreements with its subcontractors and obtaining certificates of insurance verifying the insurance requirements.

J. Evidence of Insurance. Prior to commencing any work or services under this Agreement, the Consultant will provide the Town with suitable evidence of insurance in the form of certificates of insurance and a copy of the declaration page(s) of the insurance policies as required by this Agreement, issued by the Consultant's insurance insurer(s) as evidence that policies are placed with acceptable insurers as specified herein and provide the required coverages, conditions and limits of coverage specified in this Agreement and that such coverage and provisions are in full force and effect. Confidential information such as the policy premium may be redacted from the declaration page(s) of each insurance policy, provided that such redactions do not alter any of the information required by this Agreement. The Town shall reasonably rely upon the certificates of insurance and declaration page(s) of the insurance policies as evidence of coverage but such acceptance and reliance shall not waive or alter in any way the insurance requirements or obligations of this Agreement. If any of the policies required by this Agreement expire during the life of this Agreement, it shall be the Consultant's responsibility to forward renewal certificates and declaration page(s) to the Town 30 days prior to the expiration date. All certificates of insurance and declarations required by this Agreement shall be identified by referencing this Agreement. A \$25.00 administrative fee shall be assessed for all certificates or declarations received without the appropriate reference to this Agreement. Additionally, certificates of insurance and declaration page(s) of the insurance policies submitted without referencing this Agreement will be subject to rejection and may be returned or discarded. Certificates of insurance and declaration page(s) shall specifically include the following provisions:

(1) The Town, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials, and employees are Additional Insureds as follows:

(a) Commercial General Liability – Under Insurance Services Office, Inc., ("ISO") Form CG 20 10 04 13 or equivalent.

(b) Auto Liability – Under ISO Form CA 20 48 or equivalent.

(c) Excess Liability – Follow Form to underlying insurance.

(2) The Consultant's insurance shall be primary insurance with respect to performance of this Agreement.

(3) All policies, except for Professional Liability, including Workers' Compensation, waive rights of recovery (subrogation) against Town, its agents, representatives, officers, officials, and employees for any claims arising out of work or services performed by Consultant under this Agreement.

ACORD certificate of insurance form 25 (2014/01) is preferred. If ACORD certificate of insurance form 25 (2001/08) is used, the phrases in the cancellation provision "endeavor to" and "but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company, its agents or representatives" shall be deleted. Certificate forms other than ACORD form shall have similar restrictive language deleted.

K. Endorsements. The Consultant shall provide the Town with the necessary endorsements to ensure Town is provided the insurance coverage set forth in this Section 13.

### 13.2 Required Insurance Coverage.

A. Commercial General Liability. The Consultant shall maintain "occurrence" form Commercial General Liability insurance with an unimpaired limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence, \$2,000,000 Products and Completed Operations Annual Aggregate, and a \$2,000,000 General Aggregate Limit. The policy shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal injury, and advertising injury. Coverage under the policy will be at least as broad as ISO policy form CG 00 010 93 or equivalent thereof, including but not limited to, separation of insured's clause. To the fullest extent allowed by law, for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement, the Town, its agents, representatives, officers, officials, and employees shall be cited as an Additional Insured under ISO, Commercial General Liability Additional Insured Endorsement form CG 20 10 04 13, or equivalent, which shall read "Who is an Insured (Section II) is amended to include as an insured the person or organization shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability arising out of "your work" for that insured by or for you." If any Excess insurance is utilized to fulfill the requirements of this subsection, such Excess insurance shall be "follow form" equal or broader in coverage scope than underlying insurance.

B. Vehicle Liability. The Consultant shall maintain Business Automobile Liability insurance with a limit of \$1,000,000 each occurrence on the Consultant's owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles assigned to or used in the performance of the Consultant's work or services under this Agreement. Coverage will be at least as broad as ISO coverage code "1" "any auto" policy form CA 00 01 12 93 or equivalent thereof. To the fullest extent allowed by law, for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement, the Town, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials, and employees shall be cited as an Additional Insured under ISO Business Auto policy Designated Insured Endorsement form CA 20 48 or equivalent. If any Excess insurance is utilized to fulfill the requirements of this subsection, such Excess insurance shall be "follow form" equal or broader in coverage scope than underlying insurance.

C. Professional Liability. If this Agreement is the subject of any professional services or work, or if the Consultant engages in any professional services or work in any way related to performing the work under this Agreement, the Consultant shall maintain Professional Liability insurance covering negligent errors and omissions arising out of the Services performed by the Consultant, or anyone employed by the Consultant, or anyone for whose negligent acts, mistakes, errors, and omissions the Consultant is legally liable, with an unimpaired liability insurance limit of \$2,000,000 each claim and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate.

D. Workers' Compensation Insurance. If the Consultant employs anyone who is required by law to be covered by workers' compensation insurance, the Consultant shall maintain Workers' Compensation insurance to cover obligations imposed by federal and state statutes having jurisdiction over the Consultant's employees engaged in the performance of work or services under this Agreement and shall also maintain Employers Liability Insurance of not less than \$500,000 for each accident, \$500,000 disease for each employee and \$1,000,000 disease policy limit.

13.3 Cancellation and Expiration Notice. The Consultant shall provide at least 30 days prior written notice to the Town before insurance required herein expires, is canceled, or is materially changed.

14. Termination; Cancellation. The Town may, by written notice to the Consultant as set forth in this Section, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part.

14.1 For Town's Convenience. This Agreement is for the convenience of the Town and, as such, may be terminated without cause after receipt by the Consultant of written notice by the Town. Upon termination for convenience, the Consultant shall be paid for all undisputed services performed to the termination date.

14.2 For Cause. If either party fails to perform any obligation pursuant to this Agreement and such party fails to cure its nonperformance within 30 days after notice of nonperformance is given by the non-defaulting party, such party will be in default. In the event of such default, the non-defaulting party may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause and will have all remedies that are available to it at law or in equity including, without limitation, the remedy of specific performance. If the nature of the defaulting party's nonperformance is such that it cannot reasonably be cured within 30 days, then the defaulting party will have such additional periods of time as may be reasonably necessary under the circumstances, provided the defaulting party immediately (A) provides written notice to the non-defaulting party and (B) commences to cure its nonperformance and thereafter diligently continues to completion the cure of its nonperformance. In no event shall any such cure period exceed 90 days. In the event of such termination for cause, payment shall be made by the Town to the Consultant for the undisputed portion of its fee due as of the termination date.

14.3 Due to Work Stoppage. This Agreement may be terminated by the Town upon 30 days' written notice to the Consultant in the event that the Services are permanently abandoned. If the Consultant abandons the Services without the consent of the Town, the Consultant shall be liable for all actual, incidental, and consequential damages arising from or

related to said abandonment, including, but not limited to: (A) the difference between the cost of a replacement consultant to complete the Services and the contract price for the Consultant under this Agreement; and (B) any additional charges, costs, fees or expenses for labor, materials, or professional services incurred by the Town as a result of delays caused by abandonment of the Services by the Consultant. The Town shall use its best efforts to replace the Consultant within a reasonable time.

14.4 Conflict of Interest. This Agreement is subject to the provisions of ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 38-511. The Town may cancel this Agreement without penalty or further obligations by the Town or any of its departments or agencies if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting, or creating this Agreement on behalf of the Town or any of its departments or agencies is, at any time while this Agreement or any extension of this Agreement is in effect, an employee of any other party to this Agreement in any capacity or a consultant to any other party of this Agreement with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

14.5 Gratuities. The Town may, by written notice to the Consultant, cancel this Agreement if it is found by the Town that gratuities, in the form of economic opportunity, future employment, entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the Consultant or any agent or representative of the Consultant to any officer, agent or employee of the Town for the purpose of securing this Agreement. In the event this Agreement is canceled by the Town pursuant to this provision, the Town shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover and withhold from the Consultant an amount equal to 150% of the gratuity.

14.6 Agreement Subject to Appropriation. The Town is obligated only to pay its obligations set forth in this Agreement as may lawfully be made from funds appropriated and budgeted for that purpose during the Town's then-current fiscal year. The Town's obligations under this Agreement are current expenses subject to the "budget law" and the unfettered legislative discretion of the Town concerning budgeted purposes and appropriation of funds. Should the Town elect not to appropriate and budget funds to pay its Agreement obligations, this Agreement shall be deemed terminated at the end of the then-current fiscal year term for which such funds were appropriated and budgeted for such purpose and the Town shall be relieved of any subsequent obligation under this Agreement. The parties agree that the Town has no obligation or duty of good faith to budget or appropriate the payment of the Town's obligations set forth in this Agreement in any budget in any fiscal year other than the fiscal year in which this Agreement is executed and delivered. The Town shall be the sole judge and authority in determining the availability of funds for its obligations under this Agreement. The Town shall keep the Consultant informed as to the availability of funds for this Agreement. The obligation of the Town to make any payment pursuant to this Agreement is not a general obligation or indebtedness of the Town. The Consultant hereby waives any and all rights to bring any claim against the Town from or relating in any way to the Town's termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section.

14.7 Forced Labor of Ethnic Uyghurs. To the extent applicable under ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 35-394, the Consultant warrants and certifies that it does not currently, and agrees that it will not for the duration of this Agreement use the forced labor, any goods or services produced by the forced labor, or any contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers that use the forced labor or any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China. If the Consultant becomes aware that it is not in compliance with this paragraph, the

Consultant shall notify the Town of the noncompliance within five business days of becoming aware of it. If the Consultant fails to provide a written certification that it has remedied the noncompliance within 180 days after that, this Agreement shall terminate unless the termination date of this Agreement occurs before the end of the remedy, in which case this Agreement terminates on the contract termination date

14.8 Obligations Upon Receipt of Termination Notice. Upon receipt of a notice of termination as set forth above, the Consultant shall (A) immediately discontinue all Services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (B) deliver to the Town copies of all data, reports, calculations, drawings, specifications, and estimates entirely or partially completed, together with all unused materials supplied by the Town, related to the Services including any completed divisible part of the Services which can be deemed to stand alone (the completed divisible parts of the Services will be determined by both parties at the time of termination). Such termination shall not relieve the Consultant of liability for errors and omissions. Any use of incomplete documents for the Services or for any other project without the specific written authorization by the Consultant will be without liability or legal exposure to the Consultant. The Consultant shall appraise the work it has completed and submit the appraisal to the Town for evaluation.

15. Suspension of Work.

15.1 Order to Suspend. The Town may, for its convenience, order the Consultant, in writing, to suspend all or any part of the Services for such period of time as it may determine to be appropriate.

15.2 Adjustment to Contract Sum. If the performance of all or any part of the Services is, for any unreasonable period of time, suspended or delayed by an act of the Town in the administration of this Agreement, or by its failure to act within the time specified in this Agreement (or if no time is specified, within a reasonable time), an adjustment shall be made for any increase in cost of performance of this Agreement necessarily caused by such unreasonable suspension or modified in writing accordingly. However, no adjustment shall be made under this clause for any suspension or delay (A) to the extent that performance was suspended or delayed for any other cause, including the fault or negligence of the Consultant, or (B) for which a change order is executed.

16. Miscellaneous.

16.1 Independent Contractor. It is clearly understood that each party will act in its individual capacity and not as an agent, employee, partner, joint venturer, or associate of the other. An employee or agent of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employee or agent of the other for any purpose whatsoever. The Consultant acknowledges and agrees that the Services provided under this Agreement are being provided as an independent contractor, not as an employee or agent of the Town. The Consultant, its employees, and subcontractors are not entitled to workers' compensation benefits from the Town. The Town does not have the authority to supervise or control the actual work of the Consultant, its employees, or subcontractors. The Consultant, and not the Town, shall determine the time of its performance of the services provided under this Agreement so long as the Consultant meets the requirements of its agreed Scope of

Work as set forth in Section 2. The Consultant is neither prohibited from entering into other contracts nor prohibited from practicing its profession elsewhere. The Town and the Consultant do not intend to nor will they combine business operations under this Agreement.

16.2 Applicable Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona, and suit pertaining to this Agreement may be brought only in courts in Yuma County, Arizona.

16.3 Laws and Regulations. The Consultant shall keep fully informed and shall at all times during the performance of its duties under this Agreement ensure that it and any person for whom the Consultant is responsible abides by, and remains in compliance with, all rules, regulations, ordinances, statutes, or laws affecting the Services, including, but not limited to, the following: (A) existing and future Town and County ordinances and regulations, (B) existing and future State and Federal laws, and (C) existing and future OSHA standards.

16.4 Amendments. This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment signed by persons duly authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the Town and the Consultant.

16.5 Provisions Required by Law. Each and every provision of law and any clause required by law to be in this Agreement will be read and enforced as though it were included herein and, if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted, or is not correctly inserted, then upon the application of either party, this Agreement will promptly be physically amended to make such insertion or correction.

16.6 Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable to the extent that any provision or application held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect any other provision or application of this Agreement that may remain in effect without the invalid provision or application.

16.7 Entire Agreement; Interpretation; Parol Evidence. This Agreement represents the entire agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter, and all previous agreements, whether oral or written, entered into prior to this Agreement are hereby revoked and superseded by this Agreement. No representations, warranties, inducements, or oral agreements have been made by any of the parties except as expressly set forth herein, or in any other contemporaneous written agreement executed for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to its plain meaning, and no presumption shall be deemed to apply in favor of, or against the party drafting this Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree that each has had the opportunity to seek and utilize legal counsel in the drafting of, review of, and entry into this Agreement.

16.8 Assignment; Delegation. No right or interest in this Agreement shall be assigned or delegated by the Consultant without prior, written permission of the Town, signed by the Town Manager. Any attempted assignment or delegation by the Consultant in violation of this provision shall be a breach of this Agreement by the Consultant.

16.9 Subcontracts. No subcontract shall be entered into by the Consultant with any other party to furnish any of the material or services specified herein without the prior written approval of the Town. The Consultant is responsible for performance under this Agreement whether or not subcontractors are used. Failure to pay subcontractors in a timely manner pursuant to any subcontract shall be a material breach of this Agreement by the Consultant.

16.10 Rights and Remedies. No provision in this Agreement shall be construed, expressly or by implication, as waiver by the Town of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim of default or breach of this Agreement. The failure of the Town to insist upon the strict performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise or delay the exercise of any right or remedy provided in this Agreement, or by law, or the Town's acceptance of and payment for services, shall not release the Consultant from any responsibilities or obligations imposed by this Agreement or by law, and shall not be deemed a waiver of any right of the Town to insist upon the strict performance of this Agreement.

16.11 Attorneys' Fees. In the event either party brings any action for any relief, declaratory or otherwise, arising out of this Agreement or on account of any breach or default hereof, the prevailing party shall be entitled to receive from the other party reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable costs and expenses, determined by the court sitting without a jury, which shall be deemed to have accrued on the commencement of such action and shall be enforced whether or not such action is prosecuted through judgment.

16.12 Liens. All materials or services shall be free of all liens and, if the Town requests, a formal release of all liens shall be delivered to the Town.

16.13 Offset.

A. Offset for Damages. In addition to all other remedies at law or equity, the Town may offset from any money due to the Consultant any amounts the Consultant owes to the Town for damages that have been reduced to a judgment resulting from breach or deficiencies in performance or breach of any obligation under this Agreement.

B. Offset for Delinquent Fees or Taxes. The Town may offset from any money due to the Consultant any amounts the Consultant owes to the Town for delinquent fees, transaction privilege use taxes, and property taxes, including any interest or penalties.

16.14 Notices and Requests. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if (A) delivered to the party at the address set forth below, (B) deposited in the U.S. Mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, to the address set forth below or (C) given to a recognized and reputable overnight delivery service, to the address set forth below:

If to the Town:      Town of Wellton  
28634 Oakland Avenue  
Wellton, Arizona 85356

Attn: Richard Marsh, Town Manager

With copy to:

GUST ROSENFELD P.L.C.  
One East Washington Street, Suite 1600  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2553  
Attn: Andrew J. McGuire

If to Consultant:

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Attn: Dennis Osuch

or at such other address, and to the attention of such other person or officer, as any party may designate in writing by notice duly given pursuant to this subsection. Notices shall be deemed received (A) when delivered to the party, (B) three business days after being placed in the U.S. Mail, properly addressed, with sufficient postage, or (C) the following business day after being given to a recognized overnight delivery service, with the person giving the notice paying all required charges and instructing the delivery service to deliver on the following business day. If a copy of a notice is also given to a party's counsel or other recipient, the provisions above governing the date on which a notice is deemed to have been received by a party shall mean and refer to the date on which the party, and not its counsel or other recipient to which a copy of the notice may be sent, is deemed to have received the notice.

16.15 Confidentiality of Records. The Consultant shall establish and maintain procedures and controls that are acceptable to the Town for the purpose of ensuring that information contained in its records or obtained from the Town or from others in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement shall not be used or disclosed by it, its agents, officers, or employees, except as required to perform the Consultant's duties under this Agreement. Persons requesting such information should be referred to the Town. The Consultant also agrees that any information pertaining to individual persons shall not be divulged other than to employees or officers of the Consultant as needed for the performance of duties under this Agreement.

16.16 Information Technology.

A. Limited Access. If necessary for the fulfillment of this Agreement, the Town may provide the Consultant with non-exclusive, limited access to the Town's information technology infrastructure. The Consultant understands and agrees to abide by all Town policies, standards, regulations, and restrictions regarding access and usage of the Town's information and communication technology resources. The Consultant shall enforce all such policies, standards, regulations, and restrictions with all the Consultant's employees, agents, or any tier of subcontractor granted access in the performance of this Agreement and shall be granted and authorized only such access as may be necessary for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this Agreement.

B. Permitted Access. The Consultant's employees, agents, and subcontractors must receive prior, written approval from the Town before being granted access to the Town's information and communication technology resources and data. The



Town, in its sole discretion, shall determine accessibility and limitations thereto. The Consultant agrees that the requirements of this Section shall be incorporated into all subcontractor/subconsultant agreements entered into by the Consultant. It is further agreed that a violation of this Section shall be deemed to cause irreparable harm that justifies injunctive relief in court. Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 14, a violation of this Section may result in immediate termination of this Agreement without notice.

C. Data Confidentiality. All Town data and technical information, regardless of form, including originals, images, and reproductions, prepared by, obtained by, or transmitted to the Consultant in connection with this Agreement, are confidential, proprietary information owned by the Town. Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, the Consultant shall not, without the prior, written consent of the Town Manager or authorized designee, (A) disclose data generated in the performance of the services to any third party, or (B) use Town data and information.

D. Data Security. Personal identifying information, financial account information, or restricted Town information, whether in electronic format or hard copy, must be secured and protected at all times to avoid unauthorized access. At a minimum, the Consultant must encrypt and/or password-protect electronic files. This includes data saved to laptop computers, computerized devices, or removable storage devices. When Town information, regardless of its format, is no longer required by the Consultant to execute the work contracted by the Town, the information must be redacted or destroyed through appropriate and secure methods to ensure the information cannot be viewed, accessed, or reconstructed.

E. Compromised Security. In the event that data collected or obtained by the Consultant in connection with this Agreement is believed to have been compromised, the Consultant shall immediately notify the Town Manager, or authorized Town designee. The Consultant agrees to reimburse the Town for any costs incurred by the Town to investigate potential breaches of this data by the Consultant and, where applicable, the cost of notifying and/or assisting individuals who may be impacted by the breach.

F. Disengagement. In the event this Agreement is terminated by either party, the Consultant agrees to confer back to the Town all of its data, in usable and normalized format, within 30 days of notice of termination. There shall be no charge for the return of Town data to the Town.

G. Survival. The obligations of the Consultant under this Section 16.15 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

16.17 Records and Audit Rights. To ensure that the Consultant and its subcontractors are complying with the warranty under subsection 16.18, the Consultant's and its subcontractor's books, records, correspondence, accounting procedures and practices, and any other supporting evidence relating to this Agreement, including the papers of any of the Consultant's and its subcontractors' employees who perform any work or services pursuant to this Agreement (all of the foregoing hereinafter referred to as "Records"), shall be open to inspection

and subject to audit and/or reproduction during normal working hours by the Town, to the extent necessary to adequately permit (A) evaluation and verification of any invoices, payments or claims based on the Consultant's and its subcontractors' actual costs (including direct and indirect costs and overhead allocations) incurred, or units expended directly in the performance of work under this Agreement and (B) evaluation of the Consultant's and its subcontractors' compliance with the Arizona employer sanctions laws referenced in subsection 16.18. To the extent necessary for the Town to audit Records as set forth in this subsection, the Consultant and its subcontractors hereby waive any rights to keep such Records confidential. For the purpose of evaluating or verifying such actual or claimed costs or units expended, the Town shall have access to said Records, even if located at its subcontractors' facilities, from the effective date of this Agreement for the duration of the work and until three years after the date of final payment by the Town to the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement. The Consultant and its subcontractors shall provide the Town with adequate and appropriate workspace so that the Town can conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this subsection. The Town shall give the Consultant or its subcontractors reasonable advance notice of intended audits. The Consultant shall require its subcontractors to comply with the provisions of this subsection by insertion of the requirements hereof in any subcontract pursuant to this Agreement.

16.18 E-Verify Requirements. To the extent applicable under ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 41-4401, the Consultant and its subcontractors warrant compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations that relate to their employees and their compliance with the E-Verify requirements under ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 23-214(A). The Consultant's or its subcontractor's failure to comply with such warranty shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and may result in the termination of this Agreement by the Town.

16.19 Israel. To the extent ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 35-393 through § 35-393.03 are applicable, the parties hereby certify that they are not currently engaged in, and agree for the duration of this Agreement to not engage in, a "boycott" of goods or services from Israel, as that term is defined in ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 35-393.

16.20 Conflicting Terms. In the event of any inconsistency, conflict or ambiguity among the terms of this Agreement, any amendments, the Scope of Work, any Town-approved Purchase Order, or the Fee Proposal, the documents shall govern in the order listed herein.

16.21 Time is of the Essence. The timely completion of the Services is of critical importance to the economic circumstances of the Town.

16.22 Meaning of Terms. References made in the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine or the neuter.

16.23 Non-Exclusive Contract. This Agreement is entered into with the understanding and agreement that it is for the sole convenience of the Town. The Town reserves the right to obtain like goods and services from another source when necessary.

Signatures on following page.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first set forth above.

**“Town”**

TOWN OF WELLTON,  
an Arizona municipal corporation

**“Consultant”**

OSUCH CONSULTING SERVICES,  
PLLC, an Arizona professional limited  
liability company

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Richard March, Town Manager

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Dennis Osuch, Owner

ATTEST:

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