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Title

2. Title: Proposed Building Codes and Amendments under Utah Uniform Building Standards Act

Rule Summary

3. Summary:

See the attached documents for full details and summary of proposed building codes and amendments. A public hearing regarding the proposed building codes will be held September 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Sandy City Hall, 10000 South Centennial Parkway, Room 341, Sandy, Utah. The attached document has two parts: Part 1 - Proposed Building Codes and Amendment Changes. The second part is a summary and explanation of the changes proposed in the first part. It should be noted that the proposed changes are made with strikethrough and underline as if making changes to existing statutes, which have adopted the current building codes. This format is used for easier identification of items that are recommended for changes. The Uniform Building Code Commission is obligated under the Uniform Building Standards Act to have a public hearing regarding the proposed changes to the building codes. This public notice and scheduled public hearing are for the Uniform Building Code Commission to receive public comment on the proposed building codes prior to it making its recommendation to the legislative Business and Labor Interim Committee.

File Information

4. Attach an RTF document containing the text of this rule change (filename): There is a document associated with this rule filing.

**Recommended Changes to Construction Codes Under
Title 15A State Construction and Fire Code Act
Proposed by the Uniform Building Code Commission**

This document has two parts. The first part is a proposed change to the State Construction Codes which has been recommended by the Uniform Building Code Commission advisory committees and which the Uniform Building Code Commission is considering for recommendation to the Business and Labor Interim Committee. This proposed change is written with strikethrough and underline to the existing statute for easier identification of the item that is being recommended for change. The second part is a summary of the reasons for the proposed change to the State Construction Codes.

Part 1

15A-3-206 Amendments to Chapters 36, and 44, and Appendix F of IRC.

- (1) In IRC, Section E3901.9, the following exception is added:
"Exception: Receptacles or other outlets adjacent to the exterior walls of the garage, outlets adjacent to an exterior wall of the garage, or outlets in a storage room with entry from the garage may be connected to the garage branch circuit."
- (2) In IRC, Section E3902.16, the following words in the first sentence are deleted:
"family rooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens," and
"sunrooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, and similar rooms or areas."
- (3) In Section E3902.17:
 - (a) following the word "Exception" the number "1." is added; and
 - (b) at the end of the section, the following sentences are added:
"2. This section does not apply for a simple move or an extension of a branch circuit or an outlet which does not significantly increase the existing electrical load. This exception does not include changes involving remodeling or additions to a residence."
- (4) IRC, Chapter 44, is amended by adding the following reference standard:

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section
USC-FCCCHR 10 th Edition Manual of Cross Connection Control	Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research University of Southern California Kaprielian Hall 300 Los Angeles Los Angeles CA 90089-2531	Table P2902.3"
- (5) When passive radon controls or portions thereof are installed, the installation shall comply with Appendix F of the IRC.

Part 2

Summary of Reasons for Recommended Changes to Construction Codes Under Title 15A State Construction and Fire Code Act

Excess radon gas is a naturally caused problem that occurs in a substantial number of homes throughout the state of Utah. Excess radon gas causes cancer. It is impossible, before a home is built, to determine whether a home will have an excess radon gas problem. As a result, radon controls systems are not required to be installed in every home when it is built. However, the homeowner or contractor will often choose to voluntarily install passive radon controls when the home is being built. This is because it is far less expensive to install these controls before a home is built rather than to retrofit a home after it is built. Adding these passive controls is totally voluntary. If after a home is built, the home is determined to have an excess radon gas problem that is beyond the capacity of the passive radon controls, then a fan can be added for very little extra cost to the passive controls to make the system an active radon control system.

This recommended code change requires that when passive radon controls are voluntarily installed, the installation complies with Appendix F of the International Residential Code. If the passive radon controls are not properly installed, then the homeowner may not reap the saving that was intended by his investment in additional safety measures at the time the home was built and his investment would be wasted.