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# OKLAHOMA

## Uniform Building Code Commission Technical Code Review Committee

### Public Comment Form

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3. Each requested change must be on a separate form.
4. If the space to show the proposed change or supporting information is not big enough to show the entire change, write the words "See Attached" in the space provided and submit the change on a separate page.

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**Code Change Information:**

Will this change increase the cost of construction? Yes  No

Which code needs to be revised? 2021 IBC

Which section of the code needs to be revised?

Section 423.5 Table \_\_\_\_\_ Figure \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Change:**

Show the proposed new, revised, or deleted text in Legislative format. Line through text to be deleted and underline text to be added or revised.

**Section 423.5** is amended to read as follows:

**Section 423.5 Group E Occupancies.** In areas where the shelter design wind speed for tornadoes is 250 MPH in accordance with Figure 304.2(1) of ICC 500, all new buildings or structures, or changes in occupancy group, incorporating Group E occupancies with an occupant load of 50 or more shall have a storm shelter constructed in accordance with ICC 500.

**Exception:**

1. Group E day care facilities.
2. Group E occupancies used in conjunction with religious activities and accessory to places of religious worship.
3. Buildings meeting the requirements for shelter design in ICC 500.
4. Additions to Group E occupancies shall comply with the requirements of Section 303 of the International Existing Building Code.

**Supporting Information:**

State the purpose and reason for the change and provide substantiation to support the proposed change.

The purpose for this change is to guarantee that structures newly converted to E-use will also be included as requiring a storm shelter. The amendment to exception 2 provides that schools using church facilities will not be granted such exception as they are not truly accessory to the religious use. (We have seen a number of private schools utilize church structures in such cases.) The addition of exception 4 is to guarantee that schools adding new occupancy load must also provide shelters for said occupants.

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