

Uniform Building Code Commission Staff Comment Form - BEBF 18

BEBF Technical Committee

Review of the 2021 Editions of the International Building Code® (IBC®), International Existing Building Code® (IEBC®), International Fire Code®

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Code Change Information

Originating Committee: SSTC 2015 Code Modified: 2018 IBC

Original Comment Form Number: <u>SSTC 15</u> Rule Number: <u>748:20-2-9 (19) and (20)</u>

Which area of the code (Section, Table, Figure) was revised?

<u>IBC Section 423.5.6 and 423.5.6.1</u> Page Number: <u>n/a</u>

Previous change:

<u>423.5.6 Door operation.</u> Means of egress doors shall be operable from the inside without the use of keys or special knowledge or effort.

<u>423.5.6.1 Additional door and shutter operation.</u> Doors and shutters designed to protect windows or other unprotected openings not in a required means of egress in storm shelters shall be operable from the inside without the use of keys or special relocatable tools.

Historical information:

The language for Section 423.5.6 was added by the SSTC committee to clarify all storm shelter doors must open from the inside of the shelter without the use of keys or special knowledge or effort.

The language for Section 423.5.6.1 was added due to concern expressed regarding multipurpose rooms where windows or other areas that are not required as a means of egress were locked in an open position, when the room was not in use as a storm shelter. If keys or special relocatable tools were needed and the individual with the access to them was not available, or the items were lost, the space would not be functional as a storm shelter.

The language is not part of the 2021 code.

Staff recommends the committee determine if the change should be kept as written, further modified, or deleted from the agency rules.