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**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**

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

IFC Chapter 11, Section 1103.7.6 & Appendix O

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**Previous change:**

**1104.25 Egress Path Markings.** This section, including the exception has been moved and renumbered into a newly created Appendix O entitled "Egress Path Markings for Existing Buildings" and is not adopted as a minimum standard for residential or commercial fire prevention and fire protection systems within the State of Oklahoma. The section number 1104.25 itself, will stay as part of this code for numbering alignment but will not have any requirements attached to it.

**748:20-4-86. Appendix O, Egress Path Markings for Existing Buildings**

This appendix has been newly created and entitled "Appendix O, Egress Path Markings for Existing Buildings." The provisions contained in this appendix are not mandatory unless specifically referenced in the adopting ordinance.

**(1) Section O101 General.** This section has been added to clarify scope and intent for this appendix. This section has been added to read: O101 General.

**(A) Section O101.1 Scope.** This section has been added to specify the provisions of the appendix and shall apply to existing high-rise buildings of Group A, B, E, I, M and R-1 occupancies. This section has been added to read: O101.1 Scope. The provisions of this appendix shall apply to existing high-rise buildings of Group A, B, E, I, M, and R-1 occupancies in addition to the requirements of Chapter 11.

**(B) Section O101.2 Intent.** This section has been added to specify the intent of this appendix is to provide an additional degree of life-safety to persons occupying existing high-rise buildings of Group A, B, E, I, M and R-1 occupancies. This section has been added to read: O101.2 Intent. The intent of this appendix is to provide an additional degree of life-safety to persons occupying existing high-rise buildings of Group A, B, E, I, M and R-1 occupancies where such buildings do not contain luminous egress path markings.

**(2) Section O102. Egress path markings.** This section, formerly numbered Section 1104.25 has been moved into Appendix O entitled "Egress Path Markings for Existing Buildings." The section has been added to read: O102. Egress path markings. Existing high-rise buildings of Group A, B, E, I, M and R-1 occupancies shall be provided with luminous egress path markings in accordance with Section 1025. Exception: Open, unenclosed stairwells in historic buildings designated as historic under a state or local historic preservation program.

**Historical information:**

This change was made with the adoption of the 2015 code and carried forward into the 2018 adoption. The change only moves the requirements for luminous egress path markings into an appendix. All other egress requirements such as exit signs and emergency lighting are still required. The change was made after public input at the 2015 code adoption. Concerns were expressed that the change would be made retroactive and to add the requirements to older structures could have significant impacts financially.