



OKLAHOMA UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION RULES

Title 748 - Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission

Chapter 20 - Adopted Codes

Subchapter 7 - International Existing Building Code®, 2015 Edition (IEBC®, 2015) 748:20-7-1 through 748:20-7-9

NOTICES:

1. Section headers within this document marked "Revoked" do not revoke the current chapter associated with this revocation language. This language simply means the modifications made in a previous adoption have been "revoked" and the language reverts to the published content of the currently adopted code without amendment.
2. Through its rulemaking process, the OUBCC has adopted the first printing of the 2015 edition of the International Existing Building Code® (IEBC®, 2015), which has been promulgated as a permanent rule pursuant to Oklahoma law at OAC 748:20-7-1. Errata found and corrected by the ICC®, if any, in a printing of the code other than the specific printing listed previously in this notice, has not been reviewed or approved by any OUBCC technical committee, adopted by the OUBCC itself, or promulgated as a permanent rule by the OUBCC pursuant to Oklahoma law.
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Chapter 20 - Adopted Codes

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Subchapter 7 - IEBC® 2015

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748:20-7-1. Adoption of International Existing Building Code®, 2015 Edition (IEBC® 2015)

(a) The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (the "OUBCC") hereby adopts the International Existing Building Code®, 2015 Edition (IEBC® 2015) as amended and modified in this subchapter as the statewide minimum code for commercial existing building construction in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to 59 O.S. 1000.23.

(b) The OUBCC through formal action expressly chose to adopt the IEBC® 2015 as amended and modified in this subchapter, as the statewide minimum code for commercial existing building construction in the State of Oklahoma. In like manner, the OUBCC through formal action expressly chose not to adopt the International Existing Building Code®, 2012 Edition (IEBC®, 2012) for any purpose.

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748:20-7-2. Effect of Adoption

The IEBC® 2015 as amended and revised by these rules, is hereby established and adopted as the statewide minimum code for commercial existing building construction in Oklahoma pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1000.23, and may only be amended or altered by other jurisdictions pursuant to Oklahoma law and the administrative rules of the OUBCC as set forth in Title 748, Chapter 15 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code.

[Source: Added at 29 Ok Reg 1646, eff 11-1-12, Amended at 32 Ok Reg 2270, eff 11-1-15]

748:20-7-3. IEBC® 2015 Appendices

(a) None of the appendices of the IEBC® 2015 have been adopted by the OUBCC for inclusion in the statewide minimum standards code for commercial existing building construction in the State of Oklahoma.

(b) Appendices A through C and Resource A are not adopted as the statewide minimum code for commercial existing building construction within the State of Oklahoma. However, other jurisdictions within the State of Oklahoma may adopt any or all of said appendices and Resource A in accordance with 59 O.S. § 1000.29.

[Source: Added at 29 Ok Reg 1646, eff 11-1-12, Amended at 32 Ok Reg 2270, eff 11-1-15]

748:20-7-4. IEBC® 2015 Provisions Adopted and Modified

(a) All chapters and provisions within chapters, including exceptions, of the IEBC® 2015 not specifically addressed within these rules as being modified, deleted, moved or removed are hereby adopted without modification as the statewide minimum code for commercial existing building construction within the State of Oklahoma pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1000.23. Chapters and provisions within chapters, including exceptions adopted with modifications are specifically addressed in these rules.

(b) To the extent any references in the IEBC® 2015 as amended and modified in this sub-chapter are made to any other code or standard, the particular edition for that reference is defined in the referenced standards found in the IEBC®, 2015 as amended and modified in this sub-chapter and in Chapter 16 entitled "Referenced Standards".

[Source: Added at 29 Ok Reg 1646, eff 11-1-12, Amended at 32 Ok Reg 2270, eff 11-1-15]

748:20-7-5. Participation in Federal Programs and/or Federally Funded or Financed Projects

In order to maximize federal financial aid, assistance, participation, financing and/or funding in any public project(s) and/or federal financial aid, participation, funding for and participation in any federal program(s) by the State of Oklahoma, its agencies, public trusts and instrumentalities, or by any Oklahoma municipalities and other political subdivisions, that receive financial aid, assistance, participation, financing and/or funding for

and participate in any federal program(s), the State of Oklahoma, its agencies and instrumentalities, and any Oklahoma municipalities and other political subdivisions, may cooperate with the United States Government and any agency or instrumentality thereof, in the manner authorized and provided by federal law and regulation and in doing so may perform all necessary functions and take all necessary actions for accomplishing such federal purposes and programs, including but not limited to, following and/or complying with federal laws, regulations and/or requirements arising from or related to federal financial aid, assistance, participation, financing and/or funding, in the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, improvement, expansion, operation, maintenance, removal, and demolition of buildings and structures or any appurtenances attached to such buildings or structures, notwithstanding any provisions of any and all uniform building codes and standards adopted by the OUBCC to the contrary.

[Source: Added at 29 Ok Reg 1646, eff 11-1-12, Amended at 32 Ok Reg 2270, eff 11-1-15]

748:20-7-6. IEBC® 2015 Chapter 1 Scope and Administration

Chapter 1 of the Oklahoma adopted IEBC® 2015, includes the following Preamble at the very beginning of the chapter:

(1) Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1000.23, the OUBCC has adopted the IEBC® 2015 as amended and revised by the OUBCC, as the statewide minimum standards code to be used by all entities for commercial existing building construction in jurisdictions throughout the State of Oklahoma. However, the OUBCC's adoption of Chapter 1 "Scope and Administration" of the IEBC® 2015 is for continuity purposes and the OUBCC's adoption of Chapter 1 recognizes the methods of best practice in fully implementing the statewide minimum code for commercial existing building construction.

(2) All provisions of the adopted IEBC® 2015 including Chapter 1, as amended and revised by the OUBCC are hereby established and adopted as the statewide minimum code for commercial existing building construction in Oklahoma pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1000.23, which may only be amended or altered pursuant to Oklahoma law and the administrative rules of the OUBCC as set forth in Title 748, Chapter 15 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code. However, the provisions of Chapter 1 adopted herein are only intended to be in force and effect to the extent that the respective provisions do not conflict with State law or the lawful exercise of code administration and enforcement jurisdiction by entities empowered to do so pursuant to applicable law.

(3) Section 105.1.1 Annual permit. This section has been modified to clarify what an annual permit is. This section shall read: An annual permit is a yearly permit which represents a group of individual permits for each alteration to an already approved electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing installation. The building official is authorized to issue an annual permit upon application therefor to any person, firm or corporation regularly employing one or more qualified tradespersons in the building, structure or on the premises owned or operated by the applicant for the permit.

(4) Section 105.1.2 Annual permit records. This section has been modified to require the building official to collect the OUBCC permit fee for each individual permit that is part of the annual permit at the completion of the annual permit term. This section has been modified to read: Annual permit records. The person to whom an annual permit is issued shall keep a detailed record of alterations made under such annual permit. The building official shall have access to such detailed records of alterations at all times. At the completion of the entity's annual permit term, the applicant shall file such detailed records of alterations with the building official. Pursuant to the authority of 59 O.S. § 1000.25, the building official shall collect fees for each individual permit which is part of the annual permit once the detailed records are submitted and remit such fees to the OUBCC.

(5) The OUBCC's adoption of Chapter 1 in this manner is made with the recognition that the legal authority granting state and local code administration and enforcement jurisdictions the power and discretion to administer and enforce codes arises from Oklahoma laws governing those jurisdictions. Furthermore, the OUBCC also recognizes that many state and local code administration and enforcement jurisdictions have already created, or have the lawful authority to create, departments, offices and administrative policies pursuant to various applicable laws and other adopted model codes with "Scope and Administration" provisions similar to Chapter 1 of the adopted IEBC® 2015.

(6) This limited adoption of Chapter 1 is made in recognition of the authority and discretion possessed by jurisdictions to administer and enforce building codes. Exercising such authority and jurisdiction in a manner inconsistent with Chapter 1 must be supported by Oklahoma law. Code administration and enforcement jurisdictions shall not use the OUBCC's limited adoption of Chapter 1 to circumvent the remainder of the requirements established by the Oklahoma adopted IEBC® 2015 and the OUBCC will strongly oppose any such practice.

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748:20-7-7. IEBC® Chapter 2 Definitions [REVOKED]

[Source: Added at 29 Ok Reg 1646, eff 11-1-12, Revoked at 32 Ok Reg 2270, eff 11-1-15]

748:20-7-8. IEBC® 2015 Chapter 14 Performance Compliance Methods

Chapter 14 of the IEBC® 2015 is adopted with the following modification: Section 1401.2 Applicability. This section has been modified to add a date certain for when the provisions of Chapter 14 may be used for an existing structure as well as provide the authority having jurisdiction to insert a different date as deemed necessary by the authority having jurisdiction. This section has been modified to read: November 1, 2005 [OR ANY DATE MAY BE INSERTED BY A JURISDICTION THAT HAS THE LEGAL RIGHT TO DO SO, SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO STATE AGENCIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS] in which there is work involving additions, alterations or changes of occupancy shall be made to conform to the requirements of this chapter or the provisions of Chapters 5 through 13. The provisions of Sections 1401.2.1 through 1401.2.5 shall apply to existing occupancies that will continue to be, or are proposed to be, in Groups A, B, E, F, I-2 M, R, and S. These provisions shall not apply to buildings with occupancies in Group H or Group I-1, I-3, OR I-4.

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748:20-7-9. IEBC® 2015 Chapter 16 Referenced Standards

Chapter 16 of the IEBC® 2015 is adopted with the following modifications:

- (1) The reference to the International Building Code® has been modified to include after the title the words "as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC." This section has been modified to read: IBC®-15 International Building Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.
- (2) The reference to the International Energy Conservation Code® has been modified to change the edition year to 2006. This section has been modified to read: IECC®-06 International Energy Conservation Code®.
- (3) The reference to the International Fire Code® has been modified to include after the title the words "as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC." This section has been modified to read: IFC®-15 International Fire Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.
- (4) The reference to the International Fuel Gas Code® has been modified to include after the title the words "as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC." This section has been modified to read: IFGC®-15 International Fuel Gas Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.
- (5) The reference to the International Mechanical Code® has been modified to include after the title the words "as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC." This section has been modified to read: IMC®-15 International Mechanical Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.
- (6) The reference to the International Plumbing Code® has been modified to include after the title the words "as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC." This section has been modified to read: IPC®-15 International Plumbing Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.
- (7) The reference to the International Residential Code® has been modified to include after the title the words "as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC." This section has been

modified to read: IRC®-15 International Residential Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.

(8) The referenced standard for NFPA® 70 National Electrical Code® has been modified to add after the title the words "as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC." This section shall now read: 70-14 National Electrical Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.

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