



Adoption of International Existing Building Code® 2024 (IEBC® 2024)

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Chapter 1 Scope and Administration

Adoption of Chapter 1

The OUBCC has adopted the IEBC® 2024 as amended and revised by the OUBCC, as the statewide minimum 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® 2018 2024 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.

All provisions of the adopted IEBC® 2018 2024 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.

105.1.1 Annual permit.

105.1.1 Annual permit. 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.

Change Summary

This section has been modified to clarify 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.

105.1.2 Annual permit records.

105.1.2 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.

Change Summary

This section has been modified to clarify 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.

Chapter 3 Provisions for all Compliance Methods

303.2 Addition to a Group E occupancy.

303.2 Addition to a Group E occupancy. Where an addition is added to an existing Group E occupancy and the occupant load in the addition is 200 or more in accordance with IBC® Table 1004.5, the addition shall have a storm shelter constructed in accordance with ICC 500.

Exceptions:

1. Group E day care facilities.
2. Group E occupancies accessory to places of religious worship.
3. Additions meeting the requirements for shelter design in ICC 500.

Change Summary

This section has been modified to remove the language related to the shelter design wind speed and to change the occupant load from 50 to 200.

303.2.1 Design occupant capacity.

303.2.1 Occupant capacity. The required occupant capacity of the storm shelter shall be the total number of students and staff. The enrollment and staff numbers shall be submitted on district or school letterhead and be signed by the Owner or Owner's authorized agent.

Exceptions:

1. Where an addition is being added on an existing Group E building, and where the addition is not of sufficient size to accommodate the required occupant capacity of the storm shelter for the building, the storm shelter shall, at a minimum, accommodate the students and staff within the new addition.
2. The required occupant capacity of the shelter shall be permitted to be reduced by the occupant capacity of any existing storm shelters.
3. Where approved by the building official, temporary facilities shall be exempt from storm shelter requirements, when said temporary facilities are part of a phased project that includes a storm shelter.

Change Summary

This section has been modified to change the section heading from "Design occupant capacity " to "Occupant capacity " and clarify the occupant capacity shall be based on the number of currently enrolled students and staff in the building on a regular basis and requires the information to be provided on district or school letterhead signed by the Owner or Owner's authorized agent. The exceptions to the section were modified by clarifying in the first exception that when the addition is not of sufficient size, the required storm shelter shall be designed to house all the students and staff in the new edition. The second exception was modified to allow the occupant capacity of the storm shelter to be reduced by any existing shelters; and adds a third exception to clarify a storm shelter is not required for temporary facilities when approved by the code official and the temporary facilities are part of a phased building project that includes a storm shelter.

303.4 Change of use or occupancy.

303.4 Change of use or occupancy. Any existing building or structure undergoing a change of use group or occupancy to a Group E occupancy shall be required to provide storm shelters in compliance with the provisions of Section 423 of the International Building Code®. **Exception:**

Buildings in which an E use currently exists in operation and in which the change of use or occupancy is performed in conjunction with no more than a level 2 alteration.

Change Summary

This section has been added to clarify when any existing building or structure is undergoing a change of use group or occupancy to a Group E occupancy, storm shelters must be provided in compliance with Section 423 of the International Building Code® and provides an exception for buildings in which an E use exists in operation and in which the change of use or occupancy is performed in conjunction with not more than a level 2 alteration.

306.7.12 Toilet rooms.

306.7.12 Toilet rooms. Where it is technically infeasible to alter existing toilet rooms to be accessible, one accessible single-user toilet room or one accessible family or assisted-use toilet room constructed in accordance with Section 1110.2.1 of the International Building Code is permitted. The toilet room shall be located on the same floor as and within a 500-foot travel distance of the existing toilet room. At the inaccessible toilet rooms, directional signs indicating the location nearest such toilet room shall be provided. These directional signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility, and sign characters shall meet the visual character requirements in accordance with ICC A117.1.

Change Summary

This section has been modified to remove the wording "in the same area" and provide a 500-foot travel distance from existing toilet rooms to an accessible toilet room.

306.7.13 Bathing rooms.

306.7.13 Bathing rooms. Where it is technically infeasible to alter existing bathing rooms to be accessible, one accessible single-user bathing room constructed in accordance with Section 1110.2.1 of the International Building Code® is permitted. The bathing room shall be located on the same floor as and within a 500-foot travel distance of the existing bathing room. At the inaccessible bathing rooms, directional signs indicating the location nearest such bathing room shall be provided. These directional signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility, and sign characters shall meet the visual character requirements in accordance with ICC A117.1®.

Change Summary

This section has been modified to remove the wording "in the same area" and provide a 500-foot travel distance from existing bathing rooms to an accessible bathing room.

Chapter 10 Change of Occupancy

1011.7.1 Exterior wall rating for change of occupancy classification to a higher-hazard category.

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Where a change of occupancy classification is made to a higher hazard category as shown in Table 1011.7, exterior walls shall have a fire resistance, exterior opening areas and opening protectives as required by the International Building Code®. **Exceptions:**

1. A 2-hour-fire-resistance rating shall be allowed where the building does not exceed three stories in height and is classified as one of the following groups: A-2 and A-3 with an occupant load of less than 300, B, F, M, or S.
2. Where approved by the building official, in multi-tenant buildings, only the portion of the

exterior wall that is part of the tenant undergoing the change of occupancy must have the fire resistance and exterior opening protectives as required by the International Building Code®, given: The tenant undergoing the change of occupancy is fully encapsulated by fire barriers and horizontal assemblies, constructed in accordance with Section 707 and 711 of the International Building Code®, having the same fire resistance rating required for the exterior wall. In this condition a parapet is not required. **Exceptions:**

2.1. If a parapet is not required by Section 705.12 of the International Building Code®, a fire resistance rated horizontal assembly is not required.

2.2. Walls opposite of the fire resistance rated exterior wall do not need to be fire resistance rated.

Change Summary

This section has been modified to add a second exception to the section when approved by the building official.

Chapter 15 Construction Safeguards

1509.1 Where required.

1509.1 Where required. In buildings required to have standpipes by Section 905.3.1 of the International Building Code®, not less than one standpipe shall be provided for use during construction. Such standpipes shall be installed prior to construction exceeding 30 feet (9144 mm) in height above the lowest level of the fire department vehicle access. Such standpipes shall be provided with fire department hose connections at locations adjacent to stairways complying with Section 1508.1. As construction progresses, such standpipes shall be extended to within one floor of the highest point of construction secured decking or flooring.

Change Summary

This section has been modified to change the height from 40 feet to 30 feet at which the standpipe needs to be installed for use during construction.

1512.1 When required.

1512.1 When required. An approved water supply for fire protection, either temporary or permanent, shall be made available as soon as combustible building material arrives on the site, on commencement of vertical combustible construction and on installation of a standpipe system in buildings under construction, in accordance with Sections 1512.1 through 1512.5. **Exception:** The fire code official is authorized to reduce the fire flow requirements or allow other alternatives for isolated buildings or a group of buildings in rural areas or small communities where the development of full fire flow requirements is impractical.

Change Summary

This section has been modified to clarify in the exception, the fire code official has the ability to approve other alternatives for isolated buildings or a group of buildings in rural areas or small communities where the development full fire flow requirements is impractical.

1512.2. Combustible building materials.

1512.2 Combustible building materials. When combustible building materials of the building under construction are delivered to a site, a minimum fire flow of 500 gallons per minute (1893 liters per minute) shall be provided. The fire hydrant used to provide this fire flow supply shall be

within 500 feet (152 meters) of the combustible building materials as measured along an approved fire apparatus access lane. Where the configuration is such that one fire hydrant cannot be located within 500 feet (152 meters) of all combustible building materials, additional fire hydrants shall be required to provide coverage in accordance with this section. **Exception:** The fire code official is authorized to reduce the fire flow requirements or allow other alternative for isolated buildings or a group of buildings in rural areas or small communities where the development of full fire flow requirements is impractical.

Change Summary

This section has been modified to add an exception for the fire code official to reduce the fire flow requirements or allow other alternative for isolated buildings or a group of buildings in rural areas or small communities where the development of full fire flow requirements is impractical.

Chapter 16 Referenced Standards

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®-24 International Building Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.

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®.

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®-24 International Fire Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.

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®-24 International Fuel Gas Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.

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®-24 International Mechanical Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.

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®-24 International Plumbing Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.

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®-24 International Residential Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.

The referenced standard for NFPA® 70 National Electrical 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: 70-23 National Electrical Code® as adopted and modified by the State of Oklahoma through the OUBCC.