

**TITLE 748. OKLAHOMA UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION
CHAPTER 20. ADOPTED CODES**

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBCHAPTER 2. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 [AMENDED]

748:20-2-1. Adoption of the International Building Code®, ~~2018 Edition (IBC® 2018)~~ 2024 Edition (IBC® 2024) [AMENDED]

748:20-2-2. Effect of Adoption [AMENDED]

748:20-2-3. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 and Other Appendices [AMENDED]

748:20-2-4. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Provisions Adopted and Modified [AMENDED]

748:20-2-6. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 1 Scope and Administration [AMENDED]

748:20-2-7. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 2 Definitions [AMENDED]

748:20-2-8. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 3 Use and Occupancy Classification [AMENDED]

748:20-2-9. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 4 Special Detailed Requirements Based on Use and Occupancy [AMENDED]

748:20-2-10. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 5 General Building Heights and Areas [AMENDED]

748:20-2-12. IBC® 2018 Chapter 7 Fire and Smoke Protection Features [REVOKED]

748:20-2-14. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 9 Fire Protection Systems [AMENDED]

748:20-2-15. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 10 Means of Egress [AMENDED]

748:20-2-16. IBC® 2024 Chapter 11 Accessibility [NEW]

748:20-2-20. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 15 Roof Assemblies and Rooftop Structures [AMENDED]

748:20-2-21. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 16 Structural Design [AMENDED]

748:20-2-22. IBC® 2018 Chapter 17 Special Inspections and Tests [REVOKED]

748:20-2-23. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 18 Soils and Foundations [AMENDED]

748:20-2-28. IBC® 2018 Chapter 23 Wood [REVOKED]

748:20-2-32. IBC® 2018 Chapter 27 Electrical [REVOKED]

748:20-2-34. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 29 Plumbing Systems [AMENDED]

748:20-2-36. IBC® 2018 Chapter 31 Special Construction [REVOKED]

748:20-2-37. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 32 Encroachments into the Public Right-of-Way [AMENDED]

748:20-2-38. IBC® 2024 Chapter 33 Safeguards During Construction [NEW]

748:20-2-40. IBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 35 Referenced Standards

SUBCHAPTER 4. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 [AMENDED]

748:20-4-1. Adoption of the International Fire Code®, ~~2018 Edition (IFC® 2018)~~ 2024 Edition (IFC® 2024) [AMENDED]

748:20-4-2. Effect of Adoption [AMENDED]

748:20-4-3. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 and Other Appendices [AMENDED]

748:20-4-4. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Provisions Adopted and Modified [AMENDED]

748:20-4-6. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 1 Scope and Administration [AMENDED]

748:20-4-7. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 2 Definitions [AMENDED]

748:20-4-8. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 3 General Requirements [AMENDED]

748:20-4-9. IFC® 2018 Chapter 4 Emergency Planning and Preparedness [REVOKED]

748:20-4-10. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 5 Fire Service Features [AMENDED]

748:20-4-11. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 6 Building Services and Systems [AMENDED]

- 748:20-4-14. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 9 Fire Protection Systems [AMENDED]
- 748:20-4-15. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 10 Means of Egress [AMENDED]
- 748:20-4-16. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 11 Construction Requirements for Existing Buildings [AMENDED]
- 748:20-4-17. IFC® 2018 Chapter 12 Energy Systems [REVOKED]
- 748:20-4-28. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 23 Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages [AMENDED]
- 748:20-4-38. IFC® 2024 Chapter 33 Fire Safety during Construction and Demolition [NEW]
- 748:20-4-44. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 39 Processing and Extraction Facilities [AMENDED]
- 748:20-4-58. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 53 Compressed Gases [AMENDED]
- 748:20-4-60. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 55 Cryogenic Fluids [AMENDED]
- 748:20-4-62. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 57 Flammable and Combustible Liquids [AMENDED]
- 748:20-4-66. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 61 Liquefied Petroleum Gases [AMENDED]
- 748:20-4-85. IFC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 80 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]
- 748:20-4-86. Appendix ~~O~~ P, Egress Path Markings for Existing Buildings [AMENDED]
- SUBCHAPTER 6. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 [AMENDED]**
- 748:20-6-1. Adoption of International Residential Code® ~~2018~~ (~~IRC® 2018~~ 2024 (IRC® 2024)) [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-2. Effect of Adoption [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-3. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 and Other Appendices [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-4. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Provisions Adopted and Modified [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-6. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 1 Scope and Administration [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-7. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 2 Definitions [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-8. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 3 Building Planning [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-9. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 4 Foundations [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-10. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 5 Floors [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-11. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 6 Wall Construction [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-12. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 7 Wall Covering [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-13. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 8 Roof-Ceiling Construction [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-14. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 9 Roof Assemblies [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-15. IRC® 2018 Chapter 10 Chimneys and Fireplaces [REVOKED]
- 748:20-6-16. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 11 Energy Efficiency [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-18. IRC® 2024 Chapter 13 General Mechanical System Requirements [NEW]
- 748:20-6-19. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 14 Heating and Cooling Equipment and Appliances [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-20. IRC® 2024 Chapter 15 Exhaust Systems [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-21. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 16 Duct Systems [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-24. IRC® 2018 Chapter 19 Special Appliances, Equipment and Systems [REVOKED]
- 748:20-6-28. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 23 Solar Thermal Energy Systems [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-29. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 24 Fuel Gas [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-30. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 25 Plumbing Administration [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-31. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 26 General Plumbing Requirements [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-32. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 27 Plumbing Fixtures [AMENDED]
- 748:20-6-33. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 28 Water Heaters [AMENDED]

748:20-6-34. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 29 Water Supply and Distribution [AMENDED]
748:20-6-35. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 30 Sanitary Drainage [AMENDED]
748:20-6-39. IRC® 2018 Chapter 34 General Requirements (Electrical) [REVOKED]
748:20-6-41. IRC® 2024 Chapter 36 Services [NEW]
748:20-6-44. IRC® 2024 Chapter 39 Power and Lighting Distribution [NEW]
748:20-6-46. IRC® 2024 Chapter 41 Appliance Installation [NEW]
748:20-6-47. IRC 2018® Chapter 42 Swimming Pools [REVOKED]
748:20-6-49. IRC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 44 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]
748:20-6-50. Appendix ~~U~~ BP, Automatic Fire Systems [AMENDED]
748:20-6-51. Appendix ~~V~~ BQ, Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs [AMENDED]
748:20-6-52. Appendix W, Energy Efficiency [REVOKED]
748:20-6-53. Appendix ~~X~~ BR, Residential Tornado Provisions [AMENDED]

SUBCHAPTER 8. IEBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 [AMENDED]

748:20-8-1. Adoption of the International Existing Building Code®, ~~2018 Edition (IEBC® 2018 2024~~
Edition (IEBC® 2024)

748:20-8-2. Effect of Adoption [AMENDED]
748:20-8-3. IEBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Appendices [AMENDED]
748:20-8-4. IEBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Provisions Adopted and Modified [AMENDED]
748:20-8-6. IEBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 1 Scope and Administration [AMENDED]
748:20-8-8. IEBC® 2024 Chapter 3 Provisions for all Compliance Methods [NEW]
748:20-8-10. IEBC® 2018 Chapter 5 Prescriptive Compliance Methods [REVOKED]
748:20-8-14. IEBC® 2018 Chapter 9 Alterations, Level 3 [REVOKED]
748:20-8-15. IEBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 10 Change of Occupancy [AMENDED]
748:20-8-16. IEBC® 2018 Chapter 11 Additions [REVOKED]
748:20-8-20. IEBC® 2024 Chapter 15 Construction Safeguards [NEW]
748:20-8-21. IEBC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 16 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

SUBCHAPTER 12. IFGC® ~~2018~~ 2024 [AMENDED]

748:20-12-1. Adoption of the International Fuel Gas Code®, ~~2018 Edition (IFGC® 2018 2024~~
Edition (IFGC® 2024) [AMENDED]

748:20-12-2. Effect of Adoption [AMENDED]
748:20-12-3. IFGC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Appendices [AMENDED]
748:20-12-4. IFGC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Provisions Adopted and Modified [AMENDED]
748:20-12-6. IFGC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 1 Scope and Administration [AMENDED]
748:20-12-7. IFGC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 2 Definitions [AMENDED]
748:20-12-8. IFGC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 3 General Regulations
748:20-12-9. IFGC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 4 Gas Piping Installations [AMENDED]
748:20-12-13. IFGC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 8 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

SUBCHAPTER 14. IMC® ~~2018~~ 2024 [AMENDED]

748:20-14-1. Adoption of the International Mechanical Code®, ~~2018 Edition (IMC® 2018 2024~~
Edition (IMC® 2024) [AMENDED]

748:20-14-2. Effect of Adoption [AMENDED]
748:20-14-3. IMC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Appendices [AMENDED]
748:20-14-4. IMC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Provisions Adopted and Modified [AMENDED]
748:20-14-6. IMC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 1 Scope and Administration [AMENDED]

- 748:20-14-8. IMC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 3 General Regulations [AMENDED]
- 748:20-14-10. IMC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 5 Exhaust Systems [AMENDED]
- 748:20-14-11. IMC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 6 Duct Systems [AMENDED]
- 748:20-14-13. IMC® 2018 Chapter 8 Chimneys and Vents [REVOKED]
- 748:20-14-16. IMC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 11 Refrigeration [AMENDED]
- 748:20-14-19. IMC® 2018 Chapter 14 Solar Thermal Systems [REVOKED]
- 748:20-14-20. IMC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 15 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

SUBCHAPTER 16. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 [AMENDED]

748:20-16-1. Adoption of the International Plumbing Code®, ~~2018 Edition (IPC® 2018 2024 Edition~~
(IPC® 2024) [AMENDED]

- 748:20-16-2. Effect of Adoption [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-3. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Appendices [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-4. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Provisions Adopted and Modified [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-6. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 1 Scope and Administration [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-7. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 2 Definitions [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-8. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 3 General Regulations [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-9. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 4 Fixtures, Faucets and Fixture Fittings [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-11. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 6 Water Supply and Distribution [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-12. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 7 Sanitary Drainage [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-13. IPC 2018 Chapter 8 Indirect/Special Waste [REVOKED]
- 748:20-16-14. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 9 Vents [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-15. IPC® 2024 Chapter 10 Traps, Interceptors, and Separators [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-16. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 11 Storm Drainage [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-18. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 13 Nonpotable Water Systems [AMENDED]
- 748:20-16-20. IPC® ~~2018~~ 2024 Chapter 15 Referenced Standards [AMENDED]

Before the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (the "OUBCC")

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STATEMENT OF NEED/PURPOSE OF PROPOSED RULES:

The purpose of these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules, is to continue implementation of 59 O.S. §1000.20 - 1000.31 (the "Act"), creating the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission. The agency's primary duty is to review and adopt the minimum building codes for the state.

RULE CLASSIFICATION:

These proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules, are classified as major rules. Construction as a whole, is an industry that exceeds \$1,000,000.00 in one year in Oklahoma, in fact, one built structure could easily exceed \$1,000,000. These proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules address the statewide minimum codes for residential and commercial construction in Oklahoma to be utilized by all entities in Oklahoma. There is no way to quantify the costs expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, state or local government units or individuals following the promulgation of these rules.

RULE DESCRIPTION:

These proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules update the minimum residential and commercial construction codes for Oklahoma, updating the editions from the 2018 to the 2024 codes.

Subchapter 2 of these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules amend or add new modifications, and change the edition year from 2018 to 2024 to the adoption of the International Building Code® as the statewide minimum code for commercial building construction, as modified by the OUBCC for implementation in the State of Oklahoma.

Subchapter 4 of these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules amend or add new modifications, and change the edition year from 2018 to 2024 to the adoption of the International Fire Code® (IFC®), as the statewide minimum code for residential and commercial fire prevention and fire protection systems in the State of Oklahoma.

Subchapter 6 of these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules amend or add new modifications, and change the edition year from 2018 to 2024 to the adoption of the International Residential Code® (IRC®), as the statewide minimum code for residential building construction for one- and two family dwellings and townhouses as modified by the OUBCC for implementation in the State of Oklahoma.

Subchapter 8 of these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules amend or add new modifications, and change the edition year from 2018 to 2024 to the adoption of the International Existing Building Code® (IEBC®), as the statewide minimum code for commercial existing building construction, as modified by the OUBCC for implementation in the State of Oklahoma.

Subchapter 12 of these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules amend or add new modifications, and change the edition year from 2018 to 2024 to the adoption of the International Fuel Gas Code® (IFGC®), as the statewide minimum code for commercial fuel gas construction, as modified by the OUBCC for implementation in the State of Oklahoma.

Subchapter 14 of these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules amend or add new modifications, and change the edition year from 2018 to 2024 to the adoption of the International Mechanical Code® (IMC®), as the statewide minimum code for commercial mechanical construction, as modified by the OUBCC for implementation in the State of Oklahoma.

Subchapter 16 of these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules amend or add new modifications, and change the edition year from 2018 to 2024 to the adoption of the International Plumbing Code® (IPC®), as the statewide minimum code for commercial plumbing construction, as modified by the OUBCC for implementation in the State of Oklahoma.

CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED:

These proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules govern commercial construction contractors with regards to be new and existing building structures, fire prevention and fire protection systems, fuel gas systems, mechanical systems, plumbing systems; and residential contractors with regard to new and existing building structures, fire prevention and fire protection systems, fuel gas systems, mechanical systems, plumbing systems and electrical systems; as well as land and building owners. These proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules also affect State agencies, municipalities and other political subdivisions which administer or enforce building and construction codes in the State of Oklahoma.

CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:

Every person in Oklahoma who enters or works in a newly constructed or altered building wherein work has been performed pursuant to the codes of Oklahoma modified and adopted 2024 Editions of the IBC®, IEBC®, IFC®, IFGC®, IMC®, IPC®, and IRC®, will benefit by these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules insofar as these rules set forth statewide minimum codes for construction and alterations of residential and commercial structures. In so far as these proposed permanent rules provide for modern and uniform codes of construction to be applied by construction contractors, these rules will benefit every person in Oklahoma, citizen and resident alike.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The economic impact of the proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules in Title 748, Chapter 20 cannot be quantified. Some new rules remove requirements lessening costs or add requirements that increase costs, some rules carry forward existing modifications that either increase, decrease or keep costs the same as already exist in the current rules, all of which affect the cost of construction. Some rule changes were made to address State statutory requirements or other state agency requirements and may or may not affect the cost of construction. However, construction is subjective and is based on many things including the use and size of the structure, materials utilized to build the structure, and options selected during the planning and design of the structure. Some items during this selection are mandatory, some are not. Each code with the exception of any published appendices is adopted by reference with only the modifications made to the code to fit Oklahoma specifically called out in these rules. Below is summary of the rules broken out by subchapter (each code), Section (each chapter of the code) and Paragraph (each specific section of code modified by the OUBCC) to clarify if it is expected to increase, decrease or keep costs the same.

Subchapter 2: Adoption of the 2024 IBC®:

Sections 748:20-2-1., 748:20-2-2., 748:20-2-3., and 748:20-2-4., adopt the IBC® without appendices and establish the IBC® as the statewide minimum code for commercial construction in the State of Oklahoma.

Section 748:20-2-6., adopts Chapter 1, entitled "Scope and Administration" only to the extent its provisions are not inconsistent with other laws or lawfully established code administration and enforcement policies.

748:20-2-7., adopts Chapter 2, entitled "Definitions." The amendment is a new rule that adds a definition utilized in the code and does not have any cost impact.

748:20-2-8., adopts Chapter 3, entitled "Use and Occupancy." Paragraphs (1) through (6) align with statutory or other state agency requirements. Paragraphs (1) through (4) may lower costs for construction under certain circumstances. Paragraphs (5) and (6) are existing rules that have been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-2-9., adopts Chapter 4, entitled "Special Detailed Requirements Based on Use and Occupancy." Paragraphs (1), (2), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (15), (16), (17), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), (24) and (25) carry forward existing rules resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) had been modified to reduce requirements that should result in a decrease to the costs of construction. Paragraph (14) is a new rule that has been added that is expected to reduce the cost of construction.

748:20-2-10., adopts Chapter 5, entitled "General Building Heights and Areas." Paragraphs (1) and (2) were existing rules in Chapter 4 in the 2018 code but were moved to Chapter 5 in the 2024 code.

Paragraph (1) has been modified, this should reduce costs for construction. Paragraph (2) has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (3) is a new rule that decreases the costs for construction.

748:20-2-14., adopts Chapter 9, entitled "Fire Protection Systems." The new rule modification for this section will increase the cost of construction, but is expected to be minimal.

748:20-2-15., adopts Chapter 10, entitled "Means of Egress." Paragraphs (1) through (5) carry forward existing rules that mirror changes made in Chapter 3 of both the IMC® and IFGC® in Paragraphs (1) through (4) and do not increase the cost of construction resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (6) is a new rule that is expected to increase the cost of construction. Paragraphs (7) and (8) are part of the same new rule and are expected to reduce the cost of construction.

748:20-2-16., adopts Chapter 11, entitled "Accessibility." Paragraphs (1) through (3) are new rules that are expected to increase the cost of construction.

748:20-2-20., adopts Chapter 15, entitled "Roof Assemblies and Rooftop Structures." This modification is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-2-21., adopts Chapter 16, entitled "Structural Design." This is an existing rule that has been modified and is expected to continue to decrease the cost of construction as this is already required by the existing rule.

748:20-2-23., adopts Chapter 18, entitled "Soils and Foundations." Paragraph (1) is a new added rule that is expected to increase the cost of construction. Paragraph (2) is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-2-34., adopts Chapter 29, entitled "Plumbing Systems." Paragraphs (1) and (3) are new rules that have been added that mirrors changes added to the IPC® Chapter 4 Paragraphs (1) and (4) that are expected to reduce costs for construction. Paragraph (2) is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (4) is a new rule that has been added to move an existing section in the code to accommodate the added section in Paragraph (3) and does not change the cost of construction.

748:20-2-37., adopts Chapter 32, entitled "Encroachments into the Public Right-of-Way." This is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-2-38., adopts Chapter 33, entitled "Safeguards During Construction." Paragraph (1) is a new rule that has been added that is expected to increase the cost of construction. Paragraphs (2) and (3) are new rules that have been added that will allow for options that may decrease the cost of construction. All three changes mirror changes made to the IFC® in Chapter 33 Paragraphs (1) through (3) and the IEBC® in Chapter 15, Paragraphs (1) through (3).

748:20-2-40., adopts Chapter 35, entitled "Referenced Standards." Paragraphs (1) through (9) are existing rules that amend the referenced standards and clarify the codes adopted by the OUBCC are as amended, and do not increase or decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-2-12., 748:20-2-22., 748:20-2-28., 748:20-2-32., and 748:20-2-36., revoke rules from the adoption of the 2018 IBC® that are no longer needed.

Subchapter 4: Adoption of the 2024 IFC®:

Sections 748:20-4-1., 748:20-4-2., 748:20-4-3., and 748:20-4-4., adopt the IFC® without appendices

and establishes the IFC® as the statewide minimum code for residential and commercial fire prevention and fire protection systems within the State of Oklahoma.

Section 748:20-4-6., adopts Chapter 1, entitled "Scope and Administration" only to the extent its provisions are not inconsistent with other laws or lawfully established code administration and enforcement policies.

748:20-4-7., adopts Chapter 2, entitled "Definitions." Paragraphs (1) through (4) amend and add definitions utilized in the code and do not have any cost impact. Paragraphs (5) through (11) address "Use and Occupancy" and mirror the changes made in Chapter 3 of the IBC® (paragraphs (1) through (6)).

748:20-4-8., adopts Chapter 3, entitled "General Requirements." Paragraphs (1), (3), and (4) are existing rules that have been carried forward with amendments resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (2) is an existing rule made to align with statutory requirements and does not increase the cost of construction.

748:20-4-10., adopts Chapter 5, entitled "Fire Service Features." This is a new rule that extends through paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) and may increase the cost of construction if utilized by the fire code official.

748:20-4-11., adopts Chapter 6, entitled "Building Services and Systems." This amendment covers paragraphs (1) through (5) and offers an option for cost savings when certain conditions are met.

748:20-4-12., adopts Chapter 9, entitled "Fire Protection Systems." The amendment is a new rule that mirrors a change made to Chapter 9 of the IBC® and does increase the cost of construction.

748:20-4-15., adopts Chapter 10, entitled "Means of Egress." All rules in this chapter mirror the rules made to Chapter 10 of the IBC®. Paragraphs (1) through (5) carry forward existing rules resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (6) will increase the cost of construction. Paragraphs (7) and (8) are part of the same amendment and will reduce the costs of construction.

748:20-4-16., adopts Chapter 11, entitled "Construction Requirements for Existing Buildings." Paragraph (1) is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (2) is an existing rule that decreases the cost of construction by removing requirements to an Oklahoma created appendix making them non-mandatory at the state level.

748:20-4-28., adopts Chapter 23, entitled "Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages." Paragraphs (1) through (16) are existing rules that have been carried forward, some with slight modification resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-4-38., adopts Chapter 33, entitled "Fire Safety during Construction and Demolition." The three new rule amendments in this chapter mirror the amendments made in both the IBC® in Chapter 33 and the IEBC® in Chapter 15. Paragraph (1) is a new rule that increases the cost of construction. Paragraphs (2) and (3) are new rules that will allow for options that may decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-4-44., adopts Chapter 39 , entitled "Processing and Extraction Facilities." Paragraphs (1) through (16) are existing rules that have been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-4-58., adopts Chapter 53, entitled "Compressed Gases." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-4-60., adopts Chapter 55, entitled "Cryogenic Fluids." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-4-62., adopts Chapter 57, entitled "Flammable and Combustible Liquids." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-4-66., adopts Chapter 61, entitled "Liquified Petroleum Gases." Paragraphs (1) and (2) are existing rules that have been carried forward and decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-4-85., adopts Chapter 80, entitled "Referenced Standards." Paragraphs (1) through (8) are existing rules that modify referenced standards and clarify the codes adopted by the OUBCC are as amended. The changes themselves do not increase or decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-4-68., adopts Oklahoma created Appendix "P" entitled "Egress Path Markings for Existing Buildings." This Oklahoma created appendix contains the sections removed from the code related to egress path making them non-mandatory at the state level, decreasing the cost of construction.

748:20-4-9., and 748:20-4-17., revoke rules from the adoption of the 2018 IFC® that are no longer needed.

Subchapter 6: Adoption of the 2024 IRC®:

Sections 748:20-6-1., 748:20-6-2., 748:20-6-3., and 748:20-6-4., adopt the IRC® without appendices and establishes the IRC® as the statewide minimum code for residential construction for one- and two-family dwellings and townhomes in the State of Oklahoma.

Section 748:20-6-6., adopts Chapter 1, entitled "Scope and Administration." Paragraphs (1), (2), (4) and (5) are existing rules that adopt Chapter 1 only to the extent its provisions are not inconsistent with other laws or lawfully established code administration and enforcement policies. Paragraph (3) is a new rule created to align the code with statutory and other related state agency requirements that have been made to the IBC® and IFC®. These amendments may increase or decrease the costs of construction.

748:20-6-7., adopts Chapter 2, entitled "Definitions." Paragraphs (1) and (3) are existing definitions that do not increase the cost of construction. Paragraph (2) is a new definition added to the code that has been modified and may decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-6-8., adopts Chapter 3, entitled "Building Planning." Paragraphs (1), (5), (6), (17), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23) and (24) are existing rules that have been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraphs (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (15) and (16) are existing rules that have been carried forward with modifications, as where they were located within the code has changed. No further modifications have been made to the changes resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraphs (2) - which includes paragraphs (3) and (4) in the same rule amendment, - (7) and (14) are new rules that decrease costs for construction. Paragraph (13) is a new rule that will increase the cost of construction if utilized.

748:20-6-9., adopts Chapter 4, entitled "Foundations." Paragraphs (1) through (4) are existing rules that have been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (5) is a new modification that has been renumbered to provide clarity for Paragraph (6) and does not increase the cost of construction. Paragraph (6) is a new modification that if utilized will decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-6-10., adopts Chapter 5, entitled "Floors." The amendment is an existing rule that has been

carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-6-11., adopts Chapter 6, entitled "Wall Construction." Paragraphs (1) through (6) are existing rules that have been carried forward that do not increase the cost of construction more than was already required by the existing rules.

748:20-6-12., adopts Chapter 7, entitled "Wall Covering." Paragraphs (1), (2), (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11) are existing rules that have been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraphs (3) and (6) are new rules that have been added that do not increase or decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-6-13., adopts Chapter 8, entitled "Roof-Ceiling Construction." Paragraphs (1) through (7), and (9) are existing rules that have been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (8) is a new rule that decreases the costs of construction.

748:20-6-14., adopts Chapter 9, entitled "Roof Assemblies." Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) are existing rules that have been carried forward that do not increase the cost of construction more than was already required by the existing rules.

748:20-6-16., adopts Chapter 11, entitled "Energy Efficiency." Paragraphs (1), (8), (12), (13), (15), (19), (20), (21), (26), (27), (31), (32), are existing rules or new rules that have been amended or added specifying they are non-mandatory at the state level, unless specifically adopted by a local jurisdiction having authority, and will decrease construction costs. Paragraphs (2), (3), (23), (24), (25), (28), (29), (34), and (35) have been amended to delete references to sections that have been stricken from the code and do not impact the cost of construction. Paragraphs (4), (5), (7), (11), (14), (16), (30) are existing rules that have been carried forward with modifications to address changes made to them between the 2018 and 2024 codes resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraphs (6), (9), (10), are new modifications that have been added that decrease the cost of construction. Paragraphs (17), (18), (22), (33), (36), (37), (38), (39) and (40) have been add to strike sections from the code and decrease costs for construction.

748:20-6-18., adopts Chapter 13, entitled "General Mechanical System Requirements." Paragraphs (1) and (2) are new rules that neither increase nor decrease the costs for construction.

748:20-6-19., adopts Chapter 14, entitled "Heating and Cooling Equipment and Appliances." Paragraph (1) is a new rule that has been added to align the code with statutory requirements. Paragraph (2) is a new rule that has been added that will decrease the cost of construction. Paragraph (3) is a new requirement that will increase the cost of construction. Paragraph (4) is a new rule that mirrors rules in the Chapter 3 of the IFGC® and IMC® in Paragraph (8), and IPC® Chapter 3, in Paragraph (9) that will decrease the cost for construction. Paragraph (5) is a new rule that will decrease the cost of construction. Paragraph (6) is an resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-6-20., adopts Chapter 15, entitled "Exhaust Systems." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-6-21., adopts Chapter 16, entitled "Duct Systems." Paragraphs (1) and (2) are existing rules that have been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-6-28., adopts Chapter 23, entitled "Solar Thermal Energy Systems." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the

current adopted code.

748:20-6-29., adopts Chapter 24, entitled "Fuel Gas." Paragraph (1) is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (2) is a new rule that has been added and does not increase the cost of construction.

748:20-6-30., adopts Chapter 25, entitled "Plumbing Administration." Paragraphs (1) and (2) are existing rules that have been carried forward that do not increase the cost of construction more than was already required by the existing rules.

748:20-6-31., adopts Chapter 26, entitled "General Plumbing Requirements." Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) are existing rules that have been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-6-33., adopts Chapter 27, entitled "Plumbing Fixtures." Paragraphs (1) and (2) are existing rules that have been amended to address changes between the code language in the 2018 and 2024 editions resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-6-34., adopts Chapter 28, entitled "Water Heaters." Paragraph (1) is a new rule that has been added and will increase the costs of construction. Paragraph (2) is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-6-34., adopts Chapter 29, entitled "Water supply and Distribution." Paragraphs (1) and (2) are existing rules that been carried forward with amendments to address changes between the 2018 and 2024 published code language resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-6-35., adopts Chapter 30, entitled "Sanitary Drainage." Paragraph (1) is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (2) is a new rule that has been added that will decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-6-41., adopts Chapter 36, entitled "Services." This is a new rule that has been added that strikes a requirement from the code which will decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-6-44., adopts Chapter 39, entitled "Power and Lighting Distribution." This is a new rule that has been added that will reduce construction costs.

748:20-6-46., adopts Chapter 41, entitled "Appliance Installation." This is new rule that has been added to correlate with a change made to the adoption of the National Electrical Code® and will provide a decrease in construction costs.

748:20-6-49., adopts Chapter 44, entitled "Referenced Standards." Paragraphs (1) through (13) are existing rules or new rules that amend referenced standards, adds new standards, and clarify the codes adopted by the OUBCC are as amended. The changes themselves do not increase or decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-6-50., adopts Oklahoma created Appendix "BP" entitled "Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems." This Oklahoma created appendix contains the sections removed from the code related to automatic fire sprinkler systems for one- and two-family dwellings making them non-mandatory at the state level, which will reduce construction costs.

748:20-6-51., adopts Oklahoma created Appendix "BO" entitled "Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs." This Oklahoma created appendix contains the language removed from the code requiring compliance with the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code® making it non-mandatory at the state level. If followed, this non-mandatory code would increase costs for construction.

748:20-6-53., adopts Oklahoma created Appendix "BR" entitled "Residential Tornado Provisions." This Oklahoma created appendix contains suggested requirements that exceed those required in the

code, however they are non-mandatory at the state level. The provisions provide guidance for prescriptive based construction of a residential structure meeting or exceeding a 135 mph wind event corresponding to an EF-2 tornado rating. If followed these non-mandatory guidelines would increase the costs for construction.

748:20-6-15., 748:20-6-24., 748:20-6-39, 748:20-6-47., and 748:20-6-52 revoke rules from the adoption of the 2018 IRC® that are no longer needed.

Subchapter 8: Adoption of the 2024 IEBC®:

Sections 748:20-8-1., 748:20-8-2., 748:20-8-3., and 748:20-8-4., adopt the IEBC® without appendices and establishes the IEBC® as the statewide minimum code for commercial existing building construction in the State of Oklahoma.

Section 748:20-8-6., adopts Chapter 1, entitled "Scope and Administration" only to the extent its provisions are not inconsistent with other laws or lawfully established code administration and enforcement policies.

748:20-8-8., adopts Chapter 3, entitled "Provisions for all Compliance Methods." Paragraphs (1) and (2) are new rules that have been added that will reduce costs to construction. Paragraph (3) is new rule that has been added that will increase the costs of construction. Paragraphs (4) and (5) are new rules that have been added that modify the code to provide clarity and will not increase or decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-8-15., adopts Chapter 10, entitled "Change of Occupancy." The amendment is a new rule that has been added that will save costs for construction.

748:20-8-20., adopts Chapter 15, entitled "Construction Safeguards." The three amendments mirror modifications made in Chapter 33 in both the IBC® and IFC®. Paragraph (1) is a new rule that will increase the costs for construction. Paragraphs (2) and (3) are new rules that will allow for options that may decrease the costs for construction.

748:20-8-21., adopts Chapter 16, entitled "Referenced Standards." Paragraphs (1) through (8) are existing rules that clarify the codes adopted by the OUBCC are as amended. The changes themselves do not increase or decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-8-10., 748:20-8-14., and 748:20-8-16, revoke rules from the adoption of the 2018 IEBC® that are no longer needed.

Subchapter 12: Adoption of the 2024 IFGC:

Sections 748:20-12-1., 748:20-12-2., 748:20-12-3., and 748:20-12-4., adopt the IFGC® without appendices and establishes the IFGC® as the statewide minimum code for commercial fuel gas construction in the State of Oklahoma.

Section 748:20-12-6., adopts Chapter 1, entitled "Scope and Administration" only to the extent its provisions are not inconsistent with other laws or lawfully established code administration and enforcement policies.

748:20-12-7., adopts Chapter 2, entitled "Definitions," amending and adding definitions utilized in the code and does not have any cost impact.

748:20-12-8., adopts Chapter 3, entitled "General Regulations." Paragraphs (1) through (5) are existing rules that have been carried forward that mirror changes made in Chapter 10 of the IBC in paragraphs (1) through (5) resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (6) is a new rule that has been added that mirrors changes made to Chapter 3 of the IMC® Paragraph (8), the IPC® Chapter 3, Paragraph (9), and the IRC® in Chapter 14, Paragraph (4) and

will increase the cost of construction. Paragraph (7) is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-12-9., adopts Chapter 4, entitled "Gas Piping Installations." Paragraph (1) is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (2) is an existing rule that has been carried forward that mirrors changes made to the IFC® in Chapter 23 Paragraph (7) and Chapter 61 Paragraph (1) and will decrease the cost of construction. Paragraphs (3) through (8) are existing rules that have been carried forward that mirror changes made to the IFC® in Chapter 23, Paragraphs (8) through (13) and resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-12-13., adopts Chapter 8, entitled "Referenced Standards." Paragraphs (1) through (7) clarify the codes adopted by the OUBCC are as amended. The changes themselves do not increase or decrease the cost of construction.

Subchapter 14: Adoption of the 2024 IMC®:

Sections 748:20-14-1., 748:20-14-2., 748:20-14-3., and 748:20-14-4., adopt the IMC® without appendices and establishes the IMC® as the statewide minimum code for commercial mechanical construction in the State of Oklahoma.

Section 748:20-14-6., adopts Chapter 1, entitled "Scope and Administration" only to the extent its provisions are not inconsistent with other laws or lawfully established code administration and enforcement policies.

748:20-14-7., adopts Chapter 3, entitled "General Regulations." Paragraph (1) is an existing rule that has been carried forward that does not increase the cost of construction. Paragraphs (2) through (5) and (7) are existing rules that mirror changes made in Chapter 10 of the IBC® in Paragraphs (1) through (5) and Chapter 3 of the IFGC® in Paragraphs (1) through (5) and resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (6) is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (8) is a new rule that has been added that mirrors a new rule added to the IFGC® in Chapter 3 Paragraph (6) and will increase the cost of construction. Paragraph (9) is an existing rule that has been brought forward that mirrors changes in the IRC® Chapter 14, Paragraph (4), IFGC® Chapter 3, Paragraph (7) and IPC® Chapter 3, Paragraph (8) and resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (10) is an existing rule that has been carried forward that mirrors changes in the IRC® Chapter 14, Paragraph (5) and IPC® Chapter 3, Paragraph (10) resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-14-10., adopts Chapter 5, entitled "Exhaust Systems." Paragraphs (1) and (2) are existing rules that have been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-14-11., adopts Chapter 6, entitled "Duct Systems." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward that does not increase the cost of construction more than was already required by the existing rule.

748:20-14-16., adopts Chapter 11, entitled "Refrigeration." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-14-20., adopts Chapter 15, entitled "Referenced Standards." This section amends the referenced standards, adds standards, and clarifies the codes adopted by the OUBCC are as amended.

The changes themselves do not increase or decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-14-13., and 748:20-14-19., revoke rules from the adoption of the 2018 IMC® that are no longer needed.

Subchapter 16: Adoption of the 2024 IPC®:

Sections 748:20-16-1., 748:20-16-2., 748:20-16-3., and 748:20-16-4., adopt the IPC® without appendices and establishes the IPC® as the statewide minimum code for commercial plumbing construction in the State of Oklahoma.

Section 748:20-16-6., adopts Chapter 1, entitled "Scope and Administration" only to the extent its provisions are not inconsistent with other laws or lawfully established code administration and enforcement policies.

748:20-16-7., adopts Chapter 2, entitled "Definitions." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward and amends a definition utilized in the code and does not have any cost impact.

748:20-16-8., adopts Chapter 3, entitled "General Regulations." Paragraphs (1) through (7) are existing rules that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (8) is an existing rule that has been carried forward and mirrors rules for the IFGC® in Chapter 3 Paragraph (6) and the IMC® in Chapter 3 Paragraph (8) resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (9) is an existing rule that has been carried forward and mirrors rules in the IMC® Chapter 3 Paragraph (9), IRC® Chapter 14 Paragraph (4), and IFGC® Paragraph (7) resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (10) is an existing rule that has been carried forward and mirrors existing rules to the IMC® in Chapter 3, Paragraph (10), and IRC® Chapter 14, Paragraph (5) resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-16-9., adopts Chapter 4, entitled "Fixtures, Faucets and Fixture Fittings." Paragraph (1) is a new rule that has been added that is expected to reduce the cost of construction where applicable. Paragraphs (2) and (3) are existing rules that have been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (4) is an existing rule that has been carried forward with modifications that is expected to decrease the costs for construction where applicable.

748:20-16-11., adopts Chapter 6, entitled "Water Supply and Distribution." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward that resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-16-12., adopts Chapter 7, entitled "Sanitary Drainage." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward with modification resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-16-14., adopts Chapter 9, entitled "Vents." Paragraph (1) is an existing rule that has been carried forward with modification resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code. Paragraph (2) is a new rule that has been added to address part of the rule from Paragraph (1) that was moved into its own section in the 2024 code. It is not expected to increase the cost of construction more than was required when it was a part of the existing rule in Paragraph (1).

748:20-16-15., adopts Chapter 10, entitled "Traps, Interceptors and Separators." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-16-16., adopts Chapter 11, entitled "Storm Drainage." The amendment is an existing rule

that has been carried forward with modification that is expected to decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-16-18., adopts Chapter 13, entitled "Nonpotable Water Systems." The amendment is an existing rule that has been carried forward resulting in no increase in the cost of construction from the current adopted code.

748:20-16-20., adopts Chapter 15 entitled "Referenced Standards." This section amends the referenced standards to clarify the codes adopted by the OUBCC are as amended. The changes themselves do not increase or decrease the cost of construction.

748:20-16-13., revokes the previously adopted changes to the 2018 IPC® that are no longer needed in Chapter 8.

METHODOLOGY AND ASSUMPTIONS FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The OUBCC finds that while certain provisions may result in measurable cost changes at the project level, the overall statewide economic impact of the adopted codes is largely unquantifiable due to the combined influence of variable design choices, market adaptation, and external economic factors. The OUBCC has determined that the proposed code adoption represents a reasonable balance between safety, resilience, and economic practicality, consistent with the OUBCC's statutory duty to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Oklahoma. The proposed code adoption, re-adopts existing provisions and incorporates selected updates. As a result, the net changes in code requirements and the potential change in construction costs are unquantifiable.

PROBABLE COSTS AND BENEFITS:

The primary duty of the OUBCC is to adopt the minimum residential and commercial construction standards and codes for the State of Oklahoma, 59 O.S. § 1000.23. There is no cost benefit to the agency to fulfill its primary duty. The Act governing the OUBCC gives other state agencies, municipalities or other political subdivisions the ability to enact and enforce requirements containing higher standards and requirements than those adopted by the OUBCC.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

The proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules in Title 748, Chapter 20, Subchapters 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, and 16 will not have an economic impact on any political subdivision in the State of Oklahoma which is greater than any economic impact placed on such entities by the Act itself.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS:

The proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules are reasonably not expected to have a significant economic impact on small businesses. Any changes of small business practices, particularly residential and commercial building construction, commercial existing building construction, residential and commercial fire prevention and fire protection systems construction, commercial fuel gas construction, commercial mechanical construction and commercial plumbing construction, which arise as a result of the adoption of the 2024 Editions of the IBC®, IEBC®, IFC®, IFGC®, IMC®, IPC® and IRC® as modified by the OUBCC and mandated by these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules will be nominal.

MEASURES TAKEN TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS:

The agency utilizes technical review committees made up of expert volunteers in the construction

industries affected by the code(s) to review them. As part of each review, each existing rule was reviewed to determine if it was still necessary. If not, it was stricken from the agency's rules. The public was given notice and the opportunity to submit proposed changes to the code and each change submitted was reviewed by the committee. All proposed changes were presented to the commission for review with a committee recommendation. The commission reviewed each recommendation and determined what should be included in the agency's adoption of each code.

The permanent rules proposed in Title 748, Chapter 20, Subchapters 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, and 16 are not expected to have any provisions which impose upon any person or entity a known cost of compliance and, therefore, there is no less costly or non-regulatory method for achieving the purpose of the proposed rules.

EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULES ON PUBLIC HEALTH:

The modifications to the adoption of the IBC®, IEBC®, IFC®, IFGC®, IMC®, IPC®, and IRC® as modified by the OUBCC establishes minimum standards that ensure buildings are constructed to protect occupants from structural failure, fire, unsanitary conditions, poor indoor air quality, and exposure to environmental hazards. By mandating safe design and construction practices, uniform codes reduce injuries and fatalities associated with building collapse, electrical shock, carbon monoxide, and fire. Uniform codes also promote health living environments by requiring adequate ventilation, moisture control and safe plumbing systems, reducing the prevalence of respiratory illness, mold-related health problems and waterborne disease. Consistent statewide adoption ensures that all Oklahomans, regardless of where they live, benefit from the same level of protection and public health safeguards. Uniform building codes function as a preventative public health measure, protecting citizens before harm occurs, reducing community healthcare burdens, and supporting long-term well-being and resilience.

DETRIMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT ADOPTED:

Failure to adopt these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules poses significant risks to public health and safety, and undermines the fundamental purpose of public safety regulation, leaving citizens vulnerable to preventable harm and eroding the health resilience of communities statewide. Without consistent standards, construction quality can vary widely, leading to unsafe structures that are more prone to collapse, fire, or failure during severe weather events. Inconsistency increases the likelihood of injury and loss of life for both occupants and emergency responders. The lack of statewide consistency creates inequities in public health protection where some Oklahomans benefit from safe, code-compliant housing, while others remain at higher risk simply due to where they live.

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