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**PENNSYLVANIA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE
2012 CODE CHANGE RECOMMENDATION FORM**

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ICC Code:	All 2012 I-Codes	
ICC Code Change Number :	All 2012 Code Changes	
Code Section(s):	11	
This is a Recommendation:	<input type="checkbox"/> To Adopt the Change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To Not Adopt the Change
For the Following Reasons: (Provide Details Below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Safety and Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Feasibility
	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic and Financial Impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify Below)

Detailed reasons for your recommendation. Provide relevant data to support your position when possible.

The code changes have not been properly adopted to by Contractors and Inspectors yet from 2009. Every three years is too fast and too expensive. We are way past health and safety. Let our industry get back on their feet!!!

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ICC Code:	2012 International Residential Code		
ICC Code Change Number :	RE4-09/10		
Code Section(s):	Chapter 11		
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Code change RE4 resulted in the energy provisions of the International Residential Code (IRC) being replaced with the residential provisions of the International Energy Conservation Code.

The scope of the IRC is limited to one- and two-family homes and townhouses all of three stories or less. The IECC considers "residential" to include, not only those structures built under IRC, but other R-3, R-2 and R-4 occupancy structures and spaces of three stories or less constructed under the International Building Code.

The Review and Advisory Council has decided to undertake its review of the 2012 Codes through the ICC Code Change Number. Code change RE4 brings to light that changes made to the International Energy Conservation Code affect two different codes.

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RE4-09/10

Chapter 11

Proponent: Guy Tomberlin, Fairfax County, VA, representing Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors/VA Building and Code Officials and ICC Region 7

1. Delete without substitution as follows:

Delete the current text of Chapter 11 in its entirety with the exception of Section N1101.1.

2. Add new text as follows:

N1101.2 Requirements. Buildings shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Chapter 4 of the *International Energy Conservation Code*.

Reason: The process has become far too cumbersome trying to keep these two documents coordinated. There should not be two different sets of rules, that simply goes against the foundation of the energy code. The International Code Council already has a similar situation as this recommended practice set in place and it is working quite well with the International Fuel Gas Code and the International Residential Code Chapter 24 provisions. Maintaining consistency between the commercial and residential provisions should not be a membership function and it is not reasonable for the members to be responsible for this administrative task. It has become extremely time consuming, not to mention nearly impossible, just trying to cover all the changes applicable to both codes and then come back the next code cycle and attempt to coordinate. In the current process one code or the other is behind a complete cycle while proponents work feverishly to try to catch up. Now with the new policies in place, for the code development hearings between print editions, the current system will equal 3 years of inconsistent regulations. The make-up of the IECC Code Development Committee could easily be altered to accommodate all the interested parties. An added benefit to this proposal would be the time savings during the code change process by just by having a single committee hear all the energy proposals.

Cost Impact: The code change proposal will not increase the cost of construction.

Final Result

RE4-09/10..... Approved as Modified

This code change resulted in the replacement of Chapter 11 of the International Residential Code (IRC) with the International Energy Conservation Code Residential Provisions and includes the following note in this new Chapter 11 of the IRC.

Note: The text of the following Sections N1101.2 through N1105 is extracted from the 2012 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code—Residential Provisions and has been editorially revised to conform to the scope and application of this code. The section numbers appearing in parenthesis after each section number are the section numbers of the corresponding text in the International Energy Conservation Code—Residential Provisions.

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THERE ARE NO NEW CODES NECESSARY. THE HOMES WE ARE BUILDING UNDER THE EXISTING CODES ARE SAFE AND EFFICIENT. THEY CAN ALSO BE BARELY AFFORDABLE UNDER THE NEW CODES DEVELOPED IN THE LAST SIX YEARS. ADDING MORE NEW CODES WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND ECONOMICAL SITUATION OF THE STATE. THANK YOU

DAVID V CORAZZA

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ICC Code Change Number :	EC-13	
Code Section(s):	table 401.2 402.1.1 402.4.1.2	
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We had just increased energy standards in 2009, this has already increased prices. The return for the consumers is not that great. Increasing again will have another financial impact with great gain once again.

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ICC Code:			
ICC Code Change Number :	RB-138		
Code Section(s):	R703.8		
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ICC Code Change Number :	RB-43		
Code Section(s):	R310.2.2		
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It should not apply across the board. Only apply if ground requires additional drainage. And all the little items add more cost to homes, and these are difficult times in the industry.

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ICC Code:		
ICC Code Change Number :	P-79	
Code Section(s):	607.2	
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Added cost for little gain

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ICC Code:			
ICC Code Change Number :	RB-122pt.		
Code Section(s):	B1405.13.2		
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Most applications would be 2nd floor bedrooms, 2nd floors ceiling heights 90% of the time are only 96". This change would require us to increase ceiling height by minimally 6"- 12" so that an egress window could fit. This would dramatically increase cost to a home. By the data provided on 1.2% involve window accidents. This is over kill raising it to 24" was good, now we are going overboard.

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ICC Code:		
ICC Code Change Number :	EC-129	
Code Section(s):	IECC 404.1	
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since last code increase 50% in efficiency is greatly improved energy savings now it seems like another 25% is just for the sake of doing it

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ICC Code:			
ICC Code Change Number :	RB-26		
Code Section(s):	R302.5.1		
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All exterior doors have to meet the requirement of a steel door or equivalent already. I haven't seen a new house plan in the last 10 years that has a garage door entering into a sleeping area. As for self closing a garage is unconditioned space, people would close this door for the most part.

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ICC Code Change Number :	EC-27, EC-39, EC-45, EC-50, EC-109		
Code Section(s):	1102.1.3, 1102.1, 402.1.1 402.1.3		
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Same as other energy note we just increased in 2009, another increase is going to further separate people from buying new homes

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Code Section(s):	N1102.4.1.2	
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ICC Code Change Number :	M156 part 1,2,3 IRC,IBC,IMC		
Code Section(s):	M1057.1		
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No one truly knows if fresh air transfer through windows and doors are effecient. just another added cost to increase house pricing

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Time between adoption of codes is not far enough apart to allow the industry to adjust to changes before revisions are again adopted. There must be more distance between the code revisions to better ensure maximum understanding, implementation and enforcement through out the building industry.

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The code should only require the opening to be protected not how that protection is used. The number one life saving feature in new residential construction is early detection, the earlier the emergency is detected the less chance of a fatality and damage to occur. The argument could be made that the garage door actually extends the burn time or the build up of CO gases due to the lack of detection in the garage.

The door is required to provide a barrier to promote longer egress times. If the homeowner chooses to not use the tools made available to them, then the required detectors will still give an early alert of the emergency.

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Shortening the hot water supply lengths will increase the number of water storage heaters which will ultimately increase the number of gallons of water being heated and stored for use. This will adversely effect the overall efficiencies of the structures do to the doubling of equipment not because of the required demand but due to the distance from heating source to fixture location.

This will result in a larger amount of water being heated and stored constantly than what is wasted waiting on hot water or what is lost while stored in the piping system.

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This revision should not be adopted because of the additional costs versus benefits associated to it.

The benefit that is gained by the requirement of mechanical ventilation equipment is out weighted by the continuous increase of building costs. If the building costs continue to rise there will be less available clients that can afford to construct new buildings. This will only cause a lower building replacement rate and ultimately force occupants to continue to occupy building that are most likely not even compliant to the current adopted codes.

There is no benefit to code revisions when the revisions themselves reduce the likely nature of there own application with in the industry.

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ICC Code Change Number :	RB-122(pt.2)	
Code Section(s):	B1405.13.2	
This is a Recommendation:	<input type="checkbox"/> To Adopt the Change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To Not Adopt the Change
For the Following Reasons:	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Safety and Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Feasibility
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The increase of the window sill minimum height will cause an overwhelming cost increase to every home built. Egress windows are 5'-0" high on average and with a 36" minimum sill height there will be no room above the window for a header. This would subsequently require 9' ceilings to allow for proper structural considerations over windows and will increase costs of construction in the following but not limited to the following areas; framing, sheeting, house wrap, exterior finish, insulation, interior wall finish & additional HVAC volume conditioning. When you look at the impact range the costs associated will average \$2,000 approximately.

This proposal is also based on data that was collected prior to even the 24" minimum height requirement. How can we justify the increase of this minimum height if we can not show evidence that the original requirement of 24" is in fact not sufficient.

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This revision would only be redundant to the existing R405 Foundation Drainage section. The window and window well installation is components of the foundation and should then be required to have proper drainage as indicated in section R405. This is an compliance issue and should be monitored through inspections of foundations prior to backfilling.

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