

ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT FORM FOR PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

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Proposed Code Change - Language

Please provide your proposed code change in strikeout/underline format. Provide the *specific* language you would like to see changed, with new words underlined and words to be deleted should be ~~stricken~~. Also, state whether the language contained in your proposal is from a code book or from an amendment currently found in Minnesota Rule. (You may provide the language (electronically) on a separate, attached sheet).

1309.0310 SECTION R310, EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE OPENINGS.

IRC Section R310.1 is amended to add Section R310.1.5 and read as follows:

R310.1.5 Replacement windows. Replacement windows installed in buildings meeting the scope of the International Residential Code shall be exempt from the maximum sill height requirements of Sections R310.1 and Sections R310.1.1, R310.1.2, and R310.1.3 if the replacement window meets the following conditions:

1. The replacement window is the manufacturer's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing frame or existing rough opening. The replacement window shall be permitted to be of the same operating style as the existing window or a style that provides for a an equal or greater window opening area than the existing window;

2. The rooms or areas are not used for any Minnesota state licensed purpose requiring an egress window; and

3. The window is not required to be replaced pursuant to a locally adopted rental housing or rental licensing code.

Proposed Code Change – Need and Reason

Please provide a thorough explanation of the need for this change and why this proposed code change is a reasonable change. During the rulemaking process, the Agency must defend the

need and reasonableness of all its proposed changes. The Agency must submit evidence that is has considered all aspects of the proposal. (You may provide the need and reason (electronically) on a separate attached sheet).

The proposal requests a few modifications to the 2007 MSBC text for further clarifications. The first item clarifies that Section R310.1.5 is added to the 2012 IRC Section R310.1 requirements and not replacing Section R310.1. The proposal further defines that the maximum sill height of Section R310.1 is exempt for replacement windows.

Condition 1 has been revised to add language that the replacement window can be of the same style as the existing or a style that provides an equal or greater window opening than the existing window. The current amended text stated "...provides for a greater window opening area than the existing window." Which sometimes created confusion with enforcement by requiring a larger replacement window. It is reasonable to include these revisions to enable more uniform enforcement of the code.

Proposed Code Change – Cost/Benefit Analysis

Please consider whether this proposed code change will increase/decrease costs or indicate that it will not have any cost implications and explain how it will not. If there is an increased cost, will this cost be offset somehow by a life safety or other benefit? If so, please explain. Are there any cost increases/decreases to enforce or comply with this proposed code change? If so, please explain. (You may provide the cost/benefit analysis (electronically) on a separate, attached sheet).

There will be no additional costs related to the approval of the proposed amendment.

Other Factors to Consider Related to Proposed Code Change

1. Is this proposed code change meant to:

change language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(s).

change language contained in an existing amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, list Rule part(s).

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neither; this language will be new language, not found in the code book or in Minnesota Rule.

2. Is this proposed code change required by a Minnesota Statute or new legislation? If so, please provide the citation to the Statute or legislation.

NO

3. Will this proposed code change impact other sections of a published code book or of an amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, please list the affected sections or rule parts.
NO.
4. Will this proposed code change impact other parts of the Minnesota State Building Code? If so, please list the affected parts of the Minnesota State Building Code.
NO.
5. Who are the parties affected or segments of industry affected by this proposed code change?
Parties affected are, building officials, contractors and designers. There are no new requirements created by the proposal.
6. Can you think of other means or methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed code change? If so, please explain what they are and why your proposed change is the preferred method or means to achieve the desired result.
NO
7. Are you aware of any federal requirement or regulation related to this proposed code change? If so, please list the regulation or requirement.
NO