

ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT FORM FOR PROPOSED CODE CHANGES

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Proposed Code Change - Language

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~~**R301.1.4 Automatic sprinkler systems (general).** All IRC 2 and IRC 3 buildings shall be provided with an automatic sprinkler system.~~

~~**Exception:** IRC 2 and IRC 3 buildings less than or equal to 9,250 square feet of floor area. Floor area shall include all floors, basements, and garages.~~

~~**R301.1.4.1 State licensed facilities.** IRC 1, IRC 2, and IRC 3 buildings containing facilities licensed by the state of Minnesota shall be provided with a fire suppression system as required by the applicable licensing provisions or this section, whichever is more restrictive.~~

~~**R301.1.4.2 Installation requirements.** Where an automatic sprinkler system is required in an IRC 2 and IRC 3 building, it shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 13D 2002 edition and the following:~~

~~Attached garages are required to have automatic sprinklers with a minimum of one dry head, located within five lineal feet of each door installed in the common wall separating the dwelling unit and the attached garage.~~

~~Attached covered patios, covered decks, covered porches, and similar structures are required to have automatic sprinklers with a minimum of one dry head for every 20 lineal feet of common wall between the dwelling unit and the covered patios, covered decks, covered porches, and similar structures.~~

~~**Exception:** Attached roofs of covered patios, covered decks, covered porches, and similar structures that do not exceed 40 square feet of floor area.~~

~~For the purposes of this section, fire resistance rated floor, wall, or ceiling assemblies separating dwelling units of IRC 2 and IRC 3 buildings shall not constitute separate buildings.~~

Proposed Code Change – Need and Reason

This is an amendment placed in the current Minnesota Residential Code. Residential sprinkler requirements have now been placed in the main body of the International Residential Code making this language unnecessary. Those new requirements, although they may be later amended, require sprinkler systems in all dwellings regulated by the Minnesota Residential Code. To avoid conflicts in

enforcement and eliminate duplication of rules it is necessary that this language be deleted. It is reasonable to delete this language in favor of the language found in the model code.

Proposed Code Change – Cost/Benefit Analysis

There proposal will result in a reduction in construction costs.

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).

delete language contained in a published code book? If so, list section(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?

No one, this deletion is in response to the same regulation being place in the main body of the model code.

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