



CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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Code or Rule Section: MR 1300

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Topic of proposal: Definitions-
Manufactured Structures

Code or rule section to be changed: **1300.0070 Subp. 14. Manufactured Home.**

Intended for Technical Advisory Group ("TAG"):

General Information

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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| B. Is the proposed change required due to climatic conditions of Minnesota? | ☐ | ☒ |
| C. Will the proposed change encourage more uniform enforcement? | ☒ | ☐ |
| D. Will the proposed change remedy a problem? | ☒ | ☐ |
| E. Does the proposal delete a current Minnesota Rule, chapter amendment? | ☐ | ☒ |
| F. Would this proposed change be appropriate through the ICC code development process? | ☐ | ☒ |

Proposed Language

1. The proposed code change is meant to:

☐ change language contained the model code book? If so, list section(s).

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MR 1300.0070, Subp. 14 Manufactured home.

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☒ add new language that is not found in the model code book or in Minnesota Rule.

MR 1300.0070, Subp. 14a. Mobile Home, 14b. Modular Construction, 14c. Prefabricated Building, 14d. Tiny Home.

2. Is this proposed code change required by Minnesota Statute? If so, please provide the citation.
No.
3. Provide *specific* language you would like to see changed. Indicate proposed new words with underlining and ~~striketrough~~ words proposed for deletion. Include the entire code (sub) section or rule subpart that contains your proposed changes.

Subp. 14. **Manufactured home.** “Manufactured home” means has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes 327.31, subdivision ~~3~~ **6**, and for the purpose of determining occupancy separations, is considered a Group IRC-1 occupancy. Manufactured homes shall be constructed per subdivision 3 and follow federal HUD requirements.

Subp. 14a. **Mobile home.** “Mobile home” means a manufactured home built on or before June 15, 1976. Mobile homes shall be considered a Group IRC-1 occupancy. When remodeled, mobile home alterations shall be constructed to Minnesota Rule 1309 and work is required to be performed by a licensed residential contractor.

Subp. 14b. **Industrialized/ modular building.** “Industrialized/ modular building” has the meaning given in Minnesota Rule 1361.0200, subpart 4. Modular buildings shall be classified in accordance with Minnesota Rule 1300.0070 Subpart 12b or Minnesota Rule 1305, Section 301.1. Modular construction shall comply with Minnesota Rule 1361.

Subpart 14c. **Prefabricated Building.** “Prefabricated building” has the meaning given in Minnesota Rule 1360.0200, subpart 15. Prefabricated buildings shall be classified as Group IRC-1, Group IRC-4, or Group U and comply with Minnesota Rule 1360.

Subpart 14d. **Tiny Home.** “Tiny home” means a one-story residential building intended for all-season occupancy with a floor area not exceeding 400 square feet excluding lofts. Tiny homes shall be considered a Group IRC-1 occupancy and may be site-built, prefabricated, or modular construction. Tiny home installation requires a licensed residential contractor.

4. Will this proposed code change impact other sections of a model code book or an amendment in Minnesota Rule? If so, please list the affected sections or rule parts. No.

Need and Reason

1. Why is the proposed code change needed? Please provide a general explanation as well as a specific explanation for any changes to numerical values (heights, area, etc.)

Subpart 14 references the wrong section for definition of Manufactured home in Minnesota Statute 327.31. The first change corrects the error.

The other four definitions are consolidated here for convenience and clarity so that they can be easily compared.

Subpart 14a is added to create a new definition for “mobile homes” to create a class distinction between manufactured homes that pre-date HUD requirements and those whose construction are regulated by HUD.

Subpart 14b is added to create a new definition for “modular construction” to clarify this type of construction as having separate requirements than manufactured homes and regulated by the Interstate Industrialized Building Commission regulations in lieu of HUD or the Minnesota State Building Code.

Subpart 14c is added to create a new definition for “prefabricated buildings” to clarify that this type of construction is limited to installation within Minnesota and is regulated by the Minnesota State Building Code.

Subpart 14d is added to create a new definition for “tiny home” to clarify that the building code applies to this type of construction when it is constructed for year-round occupancy and complies with the Minnesota Residential Code.

2. Why is the proposed code change a reasonable solution?

The definitions will clarify the various types of manufactured structures allowed in Minnesota and the regulations required to be followed for each construction category.

3. What other factors should the TAG consider? None.

Cost/Benefit Analysis

1. Will the proposed code change increase or decrease costs? Please explain and provide estimates if possible.
No cost change. The addition of definitions does not materially change the code or code requirements. The additional definitions merely clarify the requirements of each construction category.

2. If there is an increased cost, will this cost be offset by a safety or other benefit? Please explain. If the benefit is quantifiable (for example energy savings), provide an estimate if possible.

The clarifying definitions have no material change to the code. There is no increased cost.

3. If there is a cost increase, who will bear the costs? This can include government units, businesses, and individuals.

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4. Are there any enforcement or compliance cost increases or decreases with the proposed code change? Please explain.
No. No cost change and no additional enforcement costs.

5. Will the cost of complying with the proposed code change in the first year after the rule takes effect exceed \$25,000 for any one small business or small city ([Minn. Stat. § 14.127](#))? A small business is any business that has less than 50 full-time employees. A small city is any statutory or home rule charter city that has less than ten full-time employees. Please explain.

No.

Regulatory Analysis

1. What parties or segments of industry are affected by this proposed code change?
Manufactured home fabricators, prefabricated building fabricators, modular construction fabricators, Architects, engineers, developers, builders, residential contractors, manufactured home installers, building inspectors.

2. Can you think of other means or methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed code change? What might someone opposed to this code change suggest instead? Please explain what the alternatives are and why your proposed change is the preferred method or means to achieve the desired result.

Open Minnesota Rules 1350, 1360 and 1361 to modify definitions there for clarification.

3. What are the probable costs or consequences of not adopting the code change, including those costs or consequences borne by identifiable categories of affected parties, such as separate classes of government units, businesses, or individuals?

Consequences of not adopting the change will result in continued misinterpretation of code and mis-use of what was intended for rule application, code requirements, and installation requirements.

4. Are you aware of any federal or state regulation or requirement related to this proposed code change? If so, please list the federal or state regulation or requirement and your assessment of any differences between the proposed code change and the federal regulation or requirement.

Yes

CFR 3280 Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards

CFR 3282 Manufactured Home Procedural and Enforcement Regulations

No conflicts

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Topic of proposal: Certification
Prerequisites

Code or rule section to be changed: **1301.0300 A. Education**

Intended for Technical Advisory Group ("TAG"):

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MR 1300.0300, A. Certification prerequisites.

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MR 1300.0300, A. Certification prerequisites.

2. Is this proposed code change required by Minnesota Statute? If so, please provide the citation.
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1301.0300 CERTIFICATION PREREQUISITES.

Subpart 1. **Certified building official prerequisites.** Prior to making application for certification as a certified building official, a person shall accumulate a minimum of 100 points from the categories in ~~items A to C~~ subpart 4.

Subpart 2. **Certified building official-limited prerequisites.** Prior to making application for certification as a certified building official-limited, a person shall accumulate a minimum of 30 points from categories in ~~items A to C~~ subpart 4. Prior to taking the examination for certification as a certified building official-limited, a person shall attend a course specified by the state building official.

Subpart 3. **Accessibility specialist prerequisites** Prior to taking the examination for certification as an accessibility specialist, a person shall attend a course specified by the state building official.

Subpart 4. **Prerequisite experience and education points.** Points shall be awarded to applicants pursuant to ~~items A to D~~ D.

- A. Education: BIT refers to building inspection technology programs offered in the community college system. Points must be awarded as follows for successful completion of the programs or courses listed:
 - (1) ~~BIT AAS degree, 100 points;~~ BIT AAS degree or associates degree in building inspection technology, minimum 60 credits, 100 points;
 - (2) Construction Codes and Inspections Certificate, minimum 30 college credits in building inspections technology, 60 points;
 - (3) ~~(2)~~ BIT certificate, minimum 4 college credits in building inspection technology, 60-32 28 points;
~~(14 college credits)~~
 - (4) ~~(3)~~ BIT code-related courses:
 - (a) ~~field inspection, nonstructural plan review, building department administration, and building codes and standards, 20 points total for all four courses; zero points if any of the courses in this unit have not been successfully completed 8 points each (total of 32 for completing each of the following courses: Foundations of Construction Codes and Inspections, Residential Plan Review and Field Inspections; Commercial Plan Review and Inspections; and Legal and Administrative Aspects of Construction Codes two points per college credit for each of the following courses that are completed: Foundations of Construction Codes and Inspections; Residential Plan Review and Field Inspections; Commercial Plan Review and Inspections; and Legal and Administrative Aspects of Construction Codes;~~
 - (b) upon successful completion of the courses named in unit (a), additional BIT building code courses, building inspections, or building construction technologies related courses, four-2 points per each college credit up to a maximum accumulation of 40 points;
 - (4) 1 point per college credit with a maximum accumulation of 30 points for postsecondary courses in building construction, building construction-oriented architecture or engineering, or public administration, ~~one point each up to a maximum accumulation of 30 points;~~
 - (5) 30 points for completing an associate's degree in building construction, building construction-oriented architecture or engineering, ~~or public administration, 30 points;~~
 - (6) 60 points for completing a bachelor's degree in building construction-oriented architecture or engineering, ~~60 points~~. If points are claimed in this category, additional points may not be claimed in subitem (4) or (5).

B. Certifications: Points must shall be awarded for certifications obtained as follows:

~~(1) Council of American Building Officials building officials examination:~~

~~(a) legal and management module, 50 points;~~

~~(b) technology module, 50 points;~~

~~(1)-(2) International Code Council International Conference of Building Officials examination:~~

~~(a) residential building inspector, 40 20 points;~~

~~(b) residential plans examiner, 60 20 points;~~

~~(c) residential mechanical inspector, 10 points;~~

~~(d) residential energy inspector/plans examiner, 10 points;~~

~~(e) commercial building inspector, 20 points;~~

~~(f) commercial plans examiner, 40 points;~~

~~(g) commercial mechanical inspector, 10 points;~~

~~(h) commercial energy inspector, 5 points;~~

~~(i) commercial energy plans examiner, 5 points;~~

~~(2) International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials Certifications:~~

~~(a) uniform plumbing code residential and commercial plumbing inspector, 15 points;~~

~~(b) uniform plumbing code residential and commercial plumbing plans examiner, 15 points;~~

~~(3) Minnesota Class I certification, 10 points;~~

~~(3) (4) Minnesota certified building official-limited certification, 20 30 points.~~

C. Experience: Points shall be awarded for experience obtained as follows:

~~(1) 5 points for each 3-month period of employment with a maximum accumulation of 80 points for municipal building code inspection or plan review experience under the supervision of a currently certified building official. Twenty points must be awarded for each 12-month period of employment, with a maximum accumulation of 80 points;~~

~~(2) 5 points for each 6-month period of employment with a maximum accumulation of 30 points for experience in the design of buildings or in the construction of buildings with specific skilled participation in the construction of foundations, superstructures, or installation of the building's mechanical, plumbing, electrical, or fire suppression systems. Ten points must be awarded for each 12-month period of employment, with a maximum accumulation of 30 points. §~~

D. Other education, certifications, and experience directly relating to the field of the construction industry that is not enumerated in items A to C must be given credit as determined by the state building official based on comparison with the prerequisites in items A to C.

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Need and Reason

1. Why is the proposed code change needed? Please provide a general explanation as well as a specific explanation for any changes to numerical values (heights, area, etc.)
 - Several programs no longer exist and there are new programs in their place.
 - Cleaning up and clarifying prerequisite points.
 - Tying points to college credits to make them more equitable where possible and readjusting some points to align more closely with the experience and training obtained.
 - Converting exams from ICBO to ICC credentialing exams and reassigning points accordingly.
 - Subdividing the work experience into smaller time measurements so that partial credit may be given for work experience increments less than a year.
2. Why is the proposed code change a reasonable solution?
 - a. Adds clarity by eliminating obsolete language.
 - b. Provides more options for obtaining points
 - c. Realigns points received with training or experience obtained
 - d. Restructuring is more equitable to those with less experience because they can get partial credit for work experience that is less than a year.
3. What other factors should the TAG consider? None.

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