

1) Adopt 2009 IRC Appendix J Existing Buildings and Structures**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2009
INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE****PROPOSAL SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE NEW
HAMPSHIRE BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION****ADOPT APPENDIX J – EXISTING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

REASON: Currently the only reference available for required modifications to existing structures lies within section R102.7 & R102.7.1. While these sections deal with legally existing structures at the time of code adoption; the scope of application of new code requirements for remodels, rehabs, etc. is vague at best.

Appendix J clearly classifies and defines the different types of modifications that existing structures experience. With these guidelines property owners, contractors and code enforcement personnel will all have at their disposal a common set of parameters by which to apply the current code requirements. It hopefully will settle the so called “50%” issue. This will also add consistency between the IBC, which has Chapter 34 as part of the code, and the IRC.

COST: The inclusion of Appendix J will not increase costs and could potentially reduce costs of projects by preventing changes to the structures when not required.